



TERRITORY OF GUAM  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
AGAÑA, GUAM 96910  
U.S.A.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 89-23

"ACTIVATION OF NATIONAL GUARD PERSONNEL"

- WHEREAS, on the 18th day of September, 1989, at approximately 8:30 a.m., a two-man helicopter with one officer of the Guam Police Department and one person attached to the Department of Military Affairs lifted off on an orientation mission; and
- WHEREAS, at approximately 9:30 a.m. on the 18th day of September, 1989, radio contact with the helicopter was lost, while it was traversing the interior of Guam, and no further sighting of it made; and
- WHEREAS, search efforts begun in the evening of the 18th day of September, 1989, involving air and ground resources, had not been successful as of 7:00 a.m. on the 19th day of September, 1989 in locating the helicopter and its crew; and
- WHEREAS, the lives of two persons who are acting on behalf of the Territory of Guam are seriously in jeopardy, a jeopardy which grows more extreme with each passing moment; and
- WHEREAS, in order to safeguard and preserve these lives emergency measures are in order; and
- WHEREAS, the Governor is authorized, pursuant to Section 63500 of 10 GCA in time of any state of emergency, to order the Guam National Guard, or any part thereof, into the active service of the Territory of Guam; and
- WHEREAS, the Government of Guam, if it utilizes federal equipment and/or supplies, must reimburse the federal government for said use and must be responsible for any and all damages to said equipment; and
- WHEREAS, the Governor is authorized, pursuant to Section 6113 of the Government Code as amended by Section 4 of Public Law 15-75, to utilize any part or portions, not to exceed two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) of outstanding appropriations within the General Fund for expenses caused by public safety or health emergencies.



WHEREAS, the Guam Police Department and the Guam Fire Department are assisting in the search and rescue effort by providing personnel and equipment; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FRANK F. BLAS, Acting Governor of the Territory of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam and the laws of Guam, as amended, do hereby direct and order:

1. That there exists an emergency affecting the health, safety and welfare of two citizens of the Territory of Guam as a result of an apparent air disaster, that is the crash of a helicopter on the 18th day of September, 1989.
2. That the crash poses a serious and immediate threat to the health, safety and welfare of the helicopter passengers who have yet to be found.
3. That personnel of the Guam National Guard, not to exceed 50 persons, are hereby ordered to active service of this Territory, effective this date.
4. That the activated personnel are directed to:
  - a. assist the Guam Police Department in the search for, and rescue of, the helicopter passengers. Specifically, they are to search those areas of this island's interior that they are, by virtue of training and equipment, uniquely suited to search. They are directed further to coordinate with the search efforts of U.S. military authorities.
  - b. The Guam National Guard is expected to accomplish the above mission while protecting the life, liberty, safety and health of the effected citizens of Guam and further protect all public and private property within the jurisdiction of the Territory as set out in the mission above.
  - c. Accomplishment of the above stated mission and the command and control of the command units are the sole responsibility of the Guam National Guard Military Commander subject to the statutory control of the Governor as the Commander-in-Chief.
5. The Director, Bureau of Budget and Management Research is authorized to expend the total amount of not more than Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) from outstanding appropriations within the General Fund for use by the Guam National Guard, Guam Police Department and Guam Fire Department for the cost of personnel, equipment and supplies needed to search for and rescue the two men.



6. Funds may be used for all expenses incurred on or after September 18, 1989.
7. The authorization for the certification, approval and expenditure of necessary funds shall be this Executive Order, subject only to the exhaustion of identified funds.
8. Emergency procurement may be resorted to for the purposes of this Order.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Agana, Guam, this 19th day of September, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Nine.

  
FRANK F. BLAS  
Governor of Guam,  
Acting

COUNTERSIGNED:

  
JOE T. SAN AGUSTIN  
Lieutenant Governor of Guam,  
Acting