EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 98-15

RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING THE GUAM POLICE DEPARTMENT NEIGHBORHOOD PATROL

WHEREAS, the Guam Police Department is responsible for the safety of the homes and neighborhoods of Guam and is duly authorized to patrol those public areas and respond to incidents involving theft, vandalism, and bodily harm; and

WHEREAS, the incidents of burglary, vandalism, and car theft have increased dramatically and underscores the need for a greater police presence within the various residential areas of Guam; and

WHEREAS, in order to increase the visibility of police officers within the villages, prevent property crimes, apprehend violators and form a closer relationship with the citizens of Guam in accordance with the Governor's Vision 2001 Community Policing Initiative, the Guam Police Department will establish the Neighborhood Patrol within the various precincts of the Department;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CARL T. C. GUTIERREZ, I Maga'lahen Guahan, Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act do order:

1. The Chief of Police to initiate a Neighborhood Patrol for the various residential areas of Guam and to direct the necessary resources to adequately staff and equip the Patrol; and

2. The Chief of Police shall institute those programs necessary to instruct citizens in crime prevention and organize local Neighborhood Watch programs; and

3. The Chief of Police, in cooperation with the various village mayors, shall identify those sites to construct neighborhood precinct houses to maintain a closer relationship with the people the Guam Police Department serves; and

4. The Neighborhood Watch shall concentrate its efforts in those areas having the highest concentration of reported crime, or other areas as designated by the Chief of Police.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Hagåtña, Guam this 27th day of April, 1998.

CARL T. C. GUTIERREZ
I Maga'lahen Guahan
Governor of Guam

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