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SUBJECT: 2019 National Preparedness Month – Elementary School Poster Contest

ATTN: Administrative Offices
Guam Based Public and Private Elementary Schools

Dear Partners in Preparedness:

Throughout the month of September, Guam will join the nation in celebrating National Preparedness Month (NPM) by promoting the importance of planning and preparing for natural and man-made disasters such as typhoons, earthquakes, tsunamis, and floods. This year's NPM theme is:

THEME – “Prepared, Not Scared. Be Ready for Disasters.”

WHO MAY JOIN - Any elementary student enrolled in any Guam based school.

Categories:

- 1) K-5 and 1st Grade
- 2) 2nd and 3rd Grade
- 3) 4th and 5th Grade

POSTER SPECIFICATIONS

- Overall dimensions shall be no smaller than Legal Size (8.5" x 14") and no larger than Tabloid (11"x17") on paper, poster or illustration board.
- Stenciled, traced, computer generated or commercially manufactured stick-on lettering or graphics are prohibited.
- Posters must incorporate the theme of **“What does your emergency plan look like?”**
 - Posters should have special emphasis on how you and your family can prepare for a disaster (i.e. What do you do before a disaster, how do you communicate before and during a disaster, etc.).
 - Parents/guardians are encouraged to visit [ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) (<http://www.ready.gov/make-a-plan>) for some contributing ideas.
 - Parents/guardians should not complete the poster board for the children, rather, help them formulate ideas.
- Posters will be judged on originality, the focus on the *emergency preparedness* theme, and the creativity of the poster.

IDENTIFICATION – All entries must include the following information: Name, Age, Grade, School, and Art Instructor/Teacher Name (Required information must be placed at the back of poster).

DEADLINE – Entries can be delivered to the Guam Homeland Security Office in Agana Heights or emailed to jenna.g.blas@ghs.guam.gov no later than:

5pm, Friday, September 20, 2019

Any entry submitted after this day will not be considered eligible.

WINNERS – 1st and 2nd place winners will be recognized and presented prizes at the 2019 National Preparedness Month Grand Finale at the Agana Shopping Center scheduled for September 28, 2019. Schools and teachers of the winners will be contacted.

All entries will become property of Guam Homeland Security/Office of Civil Defense and may appear in future public outreach publications.

For more information please contact Jenna Blas at (671) 478-0208 or via email at jenna.g.blas@ghs.guam.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Charles V. Esteves'.

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Cc:

P. Tim Aguon, Homeland Security Advisor, Guam Office of Homeland Security