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### **Annual Tropical Cyclone, Disaster Preparedness & Climate Workshop**

The Offices of Guam Homeland Security and Civil Defense (GHS/OCD), in coordination with the National Weather Service (NWS) Weather Forecast Office Guam, is hosting a two-day Tropical Cyclone, Disaster Preparedness and Climate Workshop from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., June 12 – 13, 2018, location to be determined.

The objective of the workshop is to familiarize decision makers with the numerous natural hazards that threaten Guam, the behavior of those hazards, emergency information and instructions issued by the NWS and its associates, and how to make critical decisions based on provided information.

The workshop examines current knowledge, tropical cyclone characteristics, behavior, and hazards. Participants will learn causes for the weather around Guam, the island's risk and vulnerability to typhoons, earthquakes and tsunamis, climate change issues, implications for rainfall and sea level predictions, and other topics concerning disaster preparedness.

Attendees for the workshop include various Government of Guam agencies, military, federal partners, private, and non-profit organizations that play an active role in GHS/OCD's Emergency Operations Center.

“We cannot control when and how natural disasters impact us but what we can do is prepare through hazard mitigation and taking protective measures,” stated Charles Esteves, Office of Civil Defense Administrator. “Part of that preparedness effort is equipping ourselves with as much knowledge as possible. If all do our part in individual preparedness, we can focus our efforts towards rebuilding the community after a disaster. Finally, we want to thank the subject matter experts at the National Weather Service for their expertise, information sharing, and continued partnership.” Esteves continued.

For registration details, contact GHS/OCD Typhoon Program Manager, Maria Romulo at (671) 475-9600 or [marialoralyn.romulo@ghs.guam.gov](mailto:marialoralyn.romulo@ghs.guam.gov).

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