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Community Invited to Participate in Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience Month

The Offices of Guam Homeland Security and Civil Defense (GHS/OCD) and the Mariana Regional Fusion Center (MRFC) invite the community to participate in Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience Month throughout November. This year's theme is "Critical Infrastructure in a Time of Transformation" in recognition of rapid shifts in how we are using technology and adapting to the COVID environment.

"As the island continues to move towards remote work, distance learning, and telemedicine, the importance of cyber and infrastructure security awareness increases dramatically. Everyone can contribute to the island's security and resilience during this critical time", said Major General (GU) Esther Aguigui, Acting Homeland Security Advisor. "As these threats become more complex, it is up to us to empower individuals to take the right steps at home, in the workplace, and at school. We must coordinate and collaborate across every level of government, private sector, and community organization to ensure we raise awareness and maintain the commitment to keep our island's critical infrastructure secure and resilient."

During the month of November, GHS/OCD and the MRFC would like to challenge the community to refresh their infrastructure security knowledge and spread effective messages in the community and to stakeholders by offering (and following) these tips:

- 1. **Identify and prioritize** the ability of essential workers to work safely while supporting ongoing infrastructure operations across the island;
- 2. **Bring awareness** to misinformation, disinformation, and conspiracy theories appearing online related to COVID-19, 5G, election security, or other critical infrastructure, functions, or threats;
- 3. **Recognize** the transformative challenge of securing infrastructure and responding to disasters during a global pandemic; and
- 4. **Understand** the modernization of critical infrastructure as we "Defend Today, Secure Tomorrow"

To learn more about infrastructure security and resilience, visit:

• https://www.cisa.gov/ismonth

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