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### For Immediate Release

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### Flash Flood Warning Now in Effect; Avoid Flooded Roads

The National Weather Service (NWS) Guam Weather Forecast Office upgraded to a **flash flood warning**, in effect for south central Guam until this 4:45 a.m. morning. A flash flood warning means that flooding is imminent or occurring. Rainfall amounts of 2 to 3 inches has already fallen. Additional rainfall of 2 to 4 inches are expected.

A **flood advisory** remains in effect for Guam until 6:15 a.m. this morning. Urban and small stream flooding caused by excessive rainfall is expected for the southern half of Guam. Between 1 and 1.6 inches of rain has already fallen. Additional rainfall amounts of 2 to 3 inches are expected, resulting in minor flooding.

Some locations that will experience flooding include Mangilao, Ordot-Chalan Pago, Barrigada, Yona, Agana Heights, Talofofo, Mongmong-Toto-Maite, Sinajana, Inarajan, Asan, Merizo, Piti, Santa Rita, and Umatac.

A **flash flood watch** remains in effect for Guam and Rota through late tonight. Flash flooding caused by excessive rainfall is possible. Excessive runoff may result in flooding of rivers, creeks, streams, and other low-lying and flood-prone areas. Rainfall amounts between 3 and 5 inches, with locally heavier amounts in excess of 4 to 6 inches, is possible through late tonight.

Residents and visitors are advised to take the following precautionary actions:

- Clear drainage areas and unblock clogged storm drains in your area;
- Stay up to date with the latest information;
- If driving, be alert for low visibilities and slippery roads in heavy rain;
- Slow down where water is ponding on the road;
- Turn Around, Don't Drown. Avoid walking or driving through flood waters. Just 6 inches of moving water can knock you down, and 2 feet of water can sweep your vehicle away;
- Do not camp, park, or hike along streams, rivers, and creeks during heavy rainfall. These areas can flood quickly and with little warning.

A **marine weather statement** is issued for strong thunderstorms over Guam coastal waters. Thunderstorms capable of producing winds around 30 knots are located along a line extending west of Apra Harbor to northeast of Ipan buoy. Mariners can expect gusty winds around 30 knots, locally higher waves, lightning strikes, and heavy downpours. Boaters should seek safe harbor immediately until these storms pass. Intense lightning is occurring with these storms. If caught on the open water, stay below deck if possible. Keep away from ungrounded metal objects.

A **small craft advisory** remains in effect for the coastal waters of Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan, from 6 a.m. Tuesday through Friday afternoon. Southwest winds of 15 to 25 knots are expected. Inexperienced mariners, especially those operating smaller vessels, should avoid navigating in hazardous conditions.

A **thunderstorm warning** is in effect for the Guam International Airport Authority until 4:45 a.m. this morning. Thunderstorms are occurring within 5 nautical miles of the airport. A **thunderstorm advisory** remains in effect until 6 a.m. this morning. Thunderstorms are possible within 20 nautical miles of the airport. Be alert and take precautions. These storms have been producing occasional lighting.

The Offices of Guam Homeland Security and Civil Defense (GHS/OCD) advise the community to practice caution while traveling in rainy conditions, driving below the speed limit and allowing enough braking distance between vehicles.

Visit the following links for the latest advisory information:

- NWS Website: <https://www.weather.gov/gum/>
- NWS Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NWSGuam/>
- GHS/OCD Website: <https://ghs.guam.gov/>
- GHS/OCD Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/GHSOCD/>

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