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Flood Advisory in effect until 2:30pm

The National Weather Service (NWS) Guam Weather Forecast Office issued a **flood advisory in effect until 2:30pm today** affecting Guam with urban and small stream flooding caused by excessive rainfall.

At 126 PM ChST, Doppler radar and automated rain gauges indicated heavy rain due to slow-moving thunderstorms. This will cause urban and small stream flooding. Rapid stream rises could cause minor flooding. Between 0.8 and 1.4 inches of rain have fallen.

Some locations that will experience flooding include southern and central Guam.

Additional rainfall amounts of 0.8 to 1.4 inches are expected over the area. This additional rain will result in minor flooding.

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

- Turn around, don't drown when encountering flooded roads. Most flood deaths occur in vehicles.
- Be aware of your surroundings and do not drive on flooded roads.
- In hilly terrain there are hundreds of low water crossings which are potentially dangerous in heavy rain. Do not attempt to cross flooded roads. Find an alternate route.
- Flooding is occurring or is imminent. It is important to know where you are relative to streams, rivers, or creeks which can become killers in heavy rains. Hikers especially should avoid streams and creeks.

The Offices of Guam Homeland Security and Civil Defense (GHS/OCD) remind the community to be alert and take precautions as required. Turn around, don't drown when encountering flooded roads. Most flood deaths occur in 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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