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GHS/OCD to Conduct Test of Alert Beacons; No Action Required from Community

The Offices of Guam Homeland Security and Civil Defense (GHS/OCD) will conduct an initial test of twenty-one (21) out of fifty (50) recently installed Alert Beacons on Thursday, December 2, 2021 from 3 p.m. – 4 p.m.

The Alert Beacon serves as an in-building emergency notification system for large facilities such as campuses. The fifty Alert Beacons were procured under GHS/OCD's Emergency Preparedness Grant Program in an effort to expand alerts and warnings capability and improve delivery of actionable guidance in the event of an emergency.

The Alert Beacon test on December 2 will be a visual test only, and will include the following verbiage, which will have a glow on the screen:

“This is a TEST of the Alertus Emergency notification system. NO ACTION IS NEEDED. In a real emergency, this message will contain important alert information.”

There will be no other alerts to the public for this test. GHS/OCD has worked directly with the facility recipients to provide notice of the test. The following is a list of Alert Beacon sites:

1	Adacao Elementary School	18	GHS/OCD	35	Mayor's Council of Guam
2	Agana Heights Elementary School	19	Governor's Office	36	Merizo Mayor's Office
3	Agana Heights Mayor's Office	20	GPA	37	Mongmong-Toto-Maite Mayor's Office
4	Agat Mayor's Office	21	H.S. Truman Elementary School	38	Ocean View Middle School
5	Agueda Johnston Middle School	22	Inarajan Elementary School	39	Okkodo High School
6	Astumbo Elementary School	23	Inarajan Mayor's Office	40	Ordot Chalan Pago Elementary School
7	Astumbo Middle School	24	Inarajan Middle School	41	Simon Sanchez High School
8	B.P. Carbullido Elementary School	25	J. Q. San Miguel Elementary School	42	Sinajana Mayor's Office
9	Barrigada Mayor's Office	26	J.M.Guerrero Elementary School	43	Southern High School
10	C.L. Taitano Elementary School	27	John F. Kennedy High School	44	Tamuning-Tumon-Harmon Mayor's Office
11	Central Success Academy	28	Jose L.G. Rios Middle School	45	Taolofofo Elementary School

12	Chief Brodie Elementary School	29	L.B. Johnson Elementary School	46	Tiyan High School
13	D.L. Perez Elementary School	30	L.P. Untalan Middle School	47	Umatac Mayor's Office
14	Dededo Mayor's Office	31	Liguan Elementary School	48	UOG
15	F.B. Leon Guerrero Middle School	32	M. A. Ulloa Elementary School	49	Vicente Benavente Middle School
16	Finegayan Elementary School	33	Machananao Elementary School	50	Yona Mayor's Office
17	George Washington High School	34	Mangilao Mayor's Office		

Only the Alert Beacons will be utilized for the test on December 2. In the event of a real emergency, GHS/OCD would utilize multiple forms of mass communication to inform the public including the All Hazards Alert Warning System (AHAWS) sirens, the Emergency Alert System (EAS) through television and radio, local media, SMS breaking news alerts through local media and telecommunication companies, mass notification email, social media, website, and various emergency responders. GHS/OCD continues to work toward the enhancement of emergency notification capabilities, to include placement of systems in different locations in the future.

Future tests of the Alert Beacons will be announced at a later date, once a schedule is determined.

To learn more about the Alert Beacon, visit <https://www.alertus.com/alertbeacon>.

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