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Heavy Rain Expected Through Morning; Practice Caution on the Roadways

The National Weather Service (NWS) Guam Weather Forecast Office issued a **short term forecast** for Guam and the coastal waters. Through 11 a.m., scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms will bring locally heavy rain and occasional lightning to Guam as they move northeast across the islands and the adjacent coastal waters. Up to an inch of rain may fall, and winds may gust to 25 mph as the heaviest showers pass.

If driving, be alert for sudden drops in visibility, and brief flooding on the roads. Seek shelter if lightning is seen or thunder is heard.

Locally heavy rain remains possible through the week as Tropical Depression 16W continues to move slowly to the northeast. As it continues northeast, a south to southwesterly monsoon flow will persist across the Marianas over the next few days, with another weak circulation potentially developing Friday near Pagan, which could extend the monsoon flow duration into the weekend.

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

- Stay up to date with the latest information;
- Be alert for watches, warnings, or advisories in the next few days;
- If driving in heavy rain, be alert for low visibilities and slippery roads;
- 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.

The Offices of Guam Homeland Security and Civil Defense (GHS/OCD) advise the community to practice caution while traveling in rainy conditions through the next few days, 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/
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