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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AGAÑA, GUAM 96910
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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2001-32

**RELATIVE TO PROVIDING FOR EMERGENCY
PROCUREMENT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
SPECIAL RESPONSE UNIT.**

WHEREAS, a special response unit was established and operational for the past three weeks in order to respond with proper protocols and procedures to the potential presence of the biological agent anthrax on Guam; and

WHEREAS, the special response unit is composed of trained personnel from the Guam Fire Department's HazMat Team, the Guam Police Department's S.W.A.T. Team, and the Customs law enforcement division, along with the GFD Integrated "E911" Communication Center Program, Department of Public Health and Social Services, and the Guam Memorial Hospital; and

WHEREAS, this special response unit, along with the Office of Civil Defense, has developed an operations plan for the unit, and the unit shall be assisted by other government agencies to perform its tasks;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CARL T.C. GUTIERREZ, I Maga'Lahen Guáhan, Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam, as amended, do order:

- 1. Formation of Special Operations Unit.** Due to the very real threat of the spread of the biological agent anthrax on Guam, a special operations unit is formally created, consisting of the Office of Civil Defense, the Guam Fire Department, the Guam Police Department, the Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency, the GFD Integrated "E911" Communication Center Program, the Department of Public Health and Social Services, and the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority.
- 2. Adoption of Office of Civil Defense Operations Plan for Special Response Unit.** The attached Office of Civil Defense Operations Plan for Special Response Unit is hereby approved and adopted and promulgated for the purpose of guidance to the members of the Special Response Unit and for the purpose of notifying all departments and agencies of the government to assist the Special Response Unit in its duties.
- 3. A state of emergency is declared for the purpose of emergency procurement.** The current national and international situation concerning the spread of the biological agent anthrax necessitates a local response to the potential threat of this agent, and emergency procurement procedures may need to be followed to provide an adequate response, therefore, for purposes of responding to the threat of this agent, a state of emergency for emergency procurement is proclaimed.



4. **Emergency procurement and emergency expenses.** Pursuant to §5215 of Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, authorizing emergency procurement upon executive order, this executive order shall authorize emergency procurement of personnel to operate the 911 emergency system as provided by the Public Utilities Commission.
5. **Legislature is requested to provide emergency appropriations to assist.** This executive order shall serve as an official request to the Legislature to provide appropriations for the continued proper operation of the Special Response Unit as created in this executive order.
6. **Further authorization for emergency procurement unnecessary.** The authorization for the certification, approval, and expenditure of necessary funds pursuant to §5215 of Title 5, Guam Code Annotated shall be this executive order and any identified funds already appropriated and any funds appropriated after the date of this executive order for the same purpose.
7. **Purpose of emergency procurement and expenditure of funds.** Emergency procurement may be used for procurement of any goods and services provided by the Guam Fire Department as the lead agency in the provision of goods and services to operate a proper functioning 911 emergency system; and continuing for Thirty (30) days after the date of this executive order as provided in §5215 of Title 5, Guam Code Annotated.
8. **All departments and agencies to assist the Special Response Unit.** All departments and agencies are requested to assist the Special Response Unit in its tasks and are requested to assist with vehicles and other equipment and supplies as requested by the Unit.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Hagåtña, Guam this 8th day of November, 2001.

CARL T. C. GUTIERREZ
I Maga'Lahen Guåhan
Governor of Guam