



NEWSLETTER

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Regional Resiliency Assessment Program Begins



Welcome Participants
James Cruz, Protective Security Advisor, CISA Region 9

Opening Remarks
Rory Respicio, General Manager, Port Authority of Guam
Dr. David Mussington, Executive Assistant Director (EAD) for Infrastructure Security at the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA)
David Rosado, CISA Region 9 Regional Director (RD)

On Monday, November 14, 2022, Port General Manager Rory J. Respicio delivered opening remarks for the kickoff of the Guam/CNMI Regional Resiliency Assessment Program (RRAP).

The Port has been nominated by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) for Guam and CNMI to receive a comprehensive cyber and physical security assessment of the Port Authority of Guam and the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

CISA leads the national effort to understand, manage, and reduce risk to our cyber and physical infrastructure. The goal of the Guam/CNMI Regional Resiliency Assessment Program (RRAP) is to generate greater understating and action among public and private sector partners to improve the resilience of our region’s critical infrastructure. The program also will resolve infrastructure security and resilience knowledge gaps, will inform risk management decisions, identify resilience-building opportunities and strategies and improve critical partnerships among stakeholders.

The kickoff meeting at the Guam Museum was hosted by the Port Authority of Guam and includes participation from local and federal government agencies, private sector, and NGO partners who will all be involved in the assessment.





Port General Manager Rory J. Respicio spoke November 15, 2022 at the Guam Industry Forum 2022 held at the Dusit Thani Guam Resort.

Respicio was a panelist for the “Ports of Entry and Logistics” panel discussion. Respicio focused on the progress being made at the Port to modernize the island’s only commercial seaport.

“For the next 10 years, we’re going to see almost \$15 billion in military construction, and the Port Authority of Guam is going to be ready to receive all those cargo because we’re not going to wait for the what-ifs. ” Respicio told the crowd during his presentation.

Thank You

AS WE REFLECT OVER THIS PAST YEAR WE HAVE A LOT TO BE THANKFUL FOR.

WE WANT TO TAKE A MOMENT TO GIVE THANKS TO ALL OF OUR PORT STRONG FAMILY MEMBERS FOR KEEPING THE PORT STRONG DURING THIS PAST YEAR.

WE COULD NOT HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Rory, Dominic and Luis



New Gate Booths Build Resiliency at the Port



Progress continues at the Port Authority of Guam as the agency has completed the construction of new concrete gate booths.

The two new state-of-the-art gate booths replace the smaller corroded metal booths and are a part of the Port's efforts to modernize the commercial seaport. The gate booths are the entry and exit points for all inbound and outbound cargo.

"This is a perfect example of hardening our facilities and building resiliency within our yard which aligns with Governor Lou Leon Guerrero and Lt. Governor Josh Tenorio's first priority of the 2018 Transition Report, to modernize port facilities to include upgrading the terminal operating system," said Port General Manager Rory J. Respicio. "Replacing the metal gate booths with concrete structures will better sustain against the harsh environmental conditions associated with operating the island's only commercial seaport."

Each booth has increased in size to improve functionality for operations with the expected lifespan of 20 to 30 years.

The expansion of each gate booth and related adjustments include:

- Lengthening communication lines;
- Electrical wiring and conduit;
- Relocation of hose bib and associated plumbing;
- New lighting fixtures and new air-conditioning systems, 9K BTU mini split unit;
- New CCTV cameras; and
- New aluminum glass door & windows that can withstand a minimum of 170MPH sustained wind velocity.

Construction on a third gate booth is ongoing and is expected to be finished by the end of this month. The total cost to upgrade all three booths was \$159,557.00 and was entirely funded by the Port Authority of Guam. The project was contracted out to Pacific Federal Management, Inc.



GPA Generators Arrive at the Port



Twelve Guam Power Authority (GPA) Module generators arrived to Guam in November and were off-loaded onto the Port Authority of Guam's yard for staging prior to transport to its ultimate destination at the GPA Ukudu project site in Dededo by late January or early February, depending on permitting from the Department of Public Work (DPW).

Coordinated efforts between the Port Authority of Guam and GPA were made to mitigate storage fees due to the Port in the range of \$3.5M-\$4M, particularly by way of assistance from GPA toward integrating the Port's power system.

"I shared the Governor's concern that the storage fees would be passed onto GPA ratepayers with our Board and they agreed to extend the Port's ratefree storage period based on extenuating circumstances," said Port General Manager Rory J. Respicio. "While the goal is to get the equipment out as soon as possible, we

want to ensure it doesn't come at the expense of the community."

A total of twelve (12) separate modules arrived, consisting of four (4) separate types with three (3) counts of each. Of the four module types weighing in between 123.5 and 173.9 tons, a total of 2,302.5 tons were unloaded into the Port yard.

To accomplish the task of unloading this equipment to its staging site within the yard and transporting the generator modules to GPA's Dededo site, Ambyth Shipping brought in a self-propelled modular transporter (SPMT) which hydraulically and electronically links individual transporters into any combination to provide a support platform matched to the characteristics of the load and route. The model RSG4 transport system brought in is an unrivalled method for the safe and effective transport of the largest loads which added an additional 150 tons onto the yard.



Thanksgiving Luncheon



A Thanksgiving luncheon was held on November 22, 2022 to honor the Port employees for their hard work and dedication to the agency and to the community. The challenges of the global pandemic tested the Port's resolve at a time when half of the world had closed its doors due to COVID-19. While other agencies implemented rotating schedules and even suspended business hours, PAG employees continued to push goods and supplies into the community and remained 100% operational throughout the global crisis.

"On behalf of Dominic and Luis, we would like to

thank each employee for your hard work day in and day out to serve our community," said General Manager Rory J. Respicio. "Your willingness to go above and beyond the normal call of duty has helped to make the Port Authority what it is today, a shining example to other government agencies. We wish you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving and blessings throughout this holiday season."

Champaco's Catering prepared the festive lunch buffet and served dinner for the night crew as well, while Matson donated dessert for all to enjoy.





Port Conducts Vaccination Clinic



Employees of the Port and their families were invited to participate in the Port's fourth in-house vaccination clinic which was hosted in conjunction with the Department of Public Health and Social Service and the Guam Army National Guard in the Port Board Room on Tuesday, November 29, 2022.

"We wanted to offer our Port Strong Family the opportunity and convenience of inoculating themselves and their loved ones within the workplace," said Port General Manager Rory J. Respicio. "Throughout the pandemic, the Port never closed its doors and our employees continued to facilitate trade and commerce, maintaining the link between the Western Pacific Region and the rest of the world. Our team remains committed to our Port Strong Family.

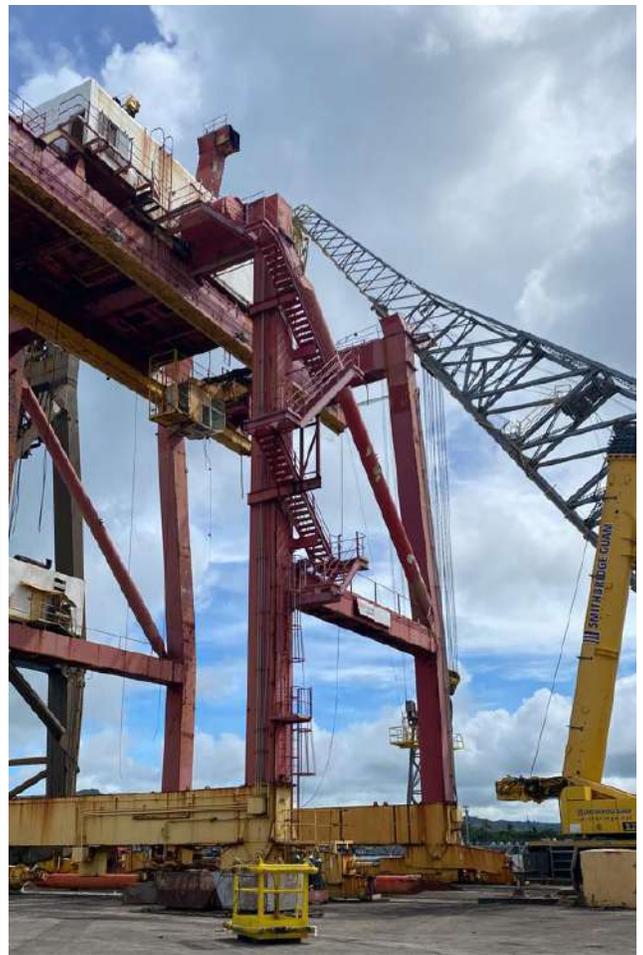
Demolition Project Incident

An incident occurred on Friday November 25, 2022 during the Demolition Project on Gantry 2 being conducted by Guam Shipyard.

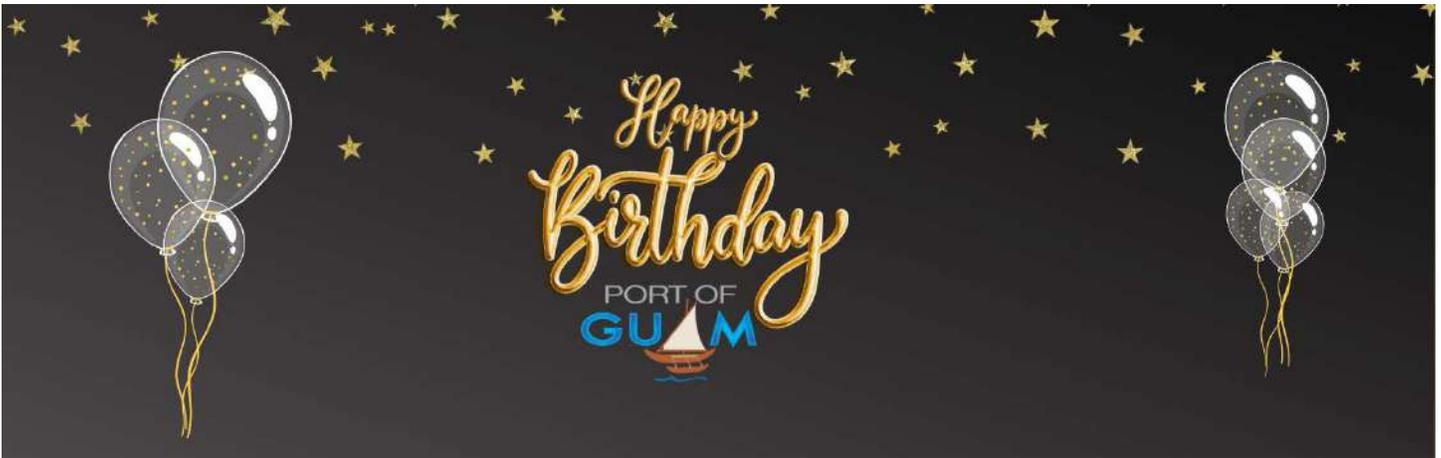
The incident led to the death of one of their employees.

The death and the situation surrounding the event is currently being investigated by federal OSHA.

The Port Authority of Guam sends out our thoughts and prayers to +Anthony Celis and his family.



December Birthdays



Frank B. Santos
 Jesse A. Diego
 Julio D. Yap
 Anthony R. Francisco
 Annie L.G. Sablan
 Ray D. Aromin
 Christina M. Leon Guerrero
 Roley Noel A. Borja
 Jesse C. Mendiola
 Christopher P. Salas
 Richard N. Borja
 Bradley S. Paulino
 Dominic D.A. Taiano
 Sammy Q. Babauta

Pia A. Castro
 Ashley J.C. Emsley
 Jessica R. Quinata
 Ronald A. Ayuyu
 Jacqueline Q. Perez
 Christopher D. Datuin
 Junior B. Camacho
 Johnathon J. Blas
 Alex L. Tithingrad
 Felipe A. Gico
 Jarrett J.Q. Lynch
 Jesse J. Borja
 Alfred J. Manibusan
 Ricky S.N. Smith

Desiree M. Quintanilla
 Amacris V. Legaspi
 Alkenneth Y. Constantino
 Kyler J. Candoleta
 Jesse Joseph Mendiola, Jr.
 Jeremy J. Camacho
 Octavio A. Garcia
 Jessirae J.A. Flores
 Perry T. Guerrero
 Paul J. Untalan, Jr.
 Michael John S.N. Cepeda, Jr.
 Joseph M. Leon Guerrero
 Christian J. Santos
 Jessi J. Santos-Torres

'Tis the Season for Harvest House

Christmas Celebration donation drive

Guam now has over 600 foster children. Please refer to our suggestions below and help us collect Christmas gifts for each of them!

0-4 years:	5-12 years:	13-19 years:
• toys	• toys	• cosmetics
• bottles	• bags	• basketballs
• teething	• Legos	• hats
• blankets	• books	• wallets
• clothing	• games	• bags
• books	• dolls	• hydroflask
• diapers	• sport accessories	• electronic accessories
• wipes		

Accepting donations through:

Wednesday, December 14

For more information:
 671-300-5433 | harvest.house@hbcguam.net

'Tis the season! The Port Authority of Guam Finance team is helping out in a Donation Drive for foster children through the Harvest House organization.

The Donation Drive is being held by the Association of Government Accounts Guam Chapter to provide Christmas cheer to foster children. Many of these children come from difficult backgrounds filled with pain and trauma and have never experienced the true joy that Christmas can bring.

The Harvest House mission is helping children and teens on Guam develop a heart for God by providing a safe haven to help them grow physically, socially, mentally, and spiritually.

Help the Finance Team collect gifts for the 600+ foster children on Guam. They will be accepting donations from now until Wednesday, December 14, 2022.

Please refer to the photo on the left for suggestions on what gifts you would like to donate. Feel free to donate other items not listed.

If you are interested in donating, please see or contact Teresa or Connie of the Finance division.