Guam Homeland Security/Office of Civil Defense is a 100% federally funded agency. Our mission is to coordinate and facilitate all Government of Guam, Military and Federal Liaison Response Agencies and their resources in mitigating, preparing, responding, and recovering from any and all types of emergencies in order to protect the lives, environment, and property of the island.

FY 2010 Highlights

- Establishment of the Task Force on Mass Care and Re-establishment of the Guam Voluntary Organization Active in Disasters (VOAD)
- All Hazards Catastrophic Planning and Hazard Mitigation Planning
- GHS/OCD completed Phase One of the All-Hazard Public Education Campaign. KNOW.HOW.NOW
- GHS/OCD, through the Hazard Mitigation Program 5% Initiative for Public Education completed the Children’s All-Hazard Public Education Campaign—Get Ready Guahan!
- GHS/OCD recognized the need for immediate interagency communications, and interoperability, though the PSIC grant GHS/OCD was able to purchase a 1 million dollar vehicle that facilitates field interoperable communications.
Hereunder are a list of programs, under GHS/OCD funding and the number of personnel GHS/OCD has trained in FY2010;

Community Assisted Policing Efforts (CAPE) - 139
Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) - 350+ Trained

Training and Exercise Accomplishments
With the assistance from the Pacific Regional Disaster Preparedness Center, GHS/OCD provided ICS training in the month of August to over 50 participants for ICS 100,200,300,400,700,800 and ICD Training to Trainer.

School Safety Accomplishments
GHS/OCD and the Guam Department of Education conducted the 1st annual Multi-Hazards Planning for Schools Summer Training Academy. The academy is geared for faculty and staff of Guam public schools to train and educate personnel on potential hazards that may have an effect on our school children and how to prevent, respond, mitigate and recover from any type of man-made or natural disasters.

With the limited funding, Guam Homeland Security/Office of Civil Defense found other avenues to educate the public on preparedness; school presentations, poster contest, safety fairs, free CERT (citizens emergency response team) training, facility TOURS, outreach at malls, public service announcements, and digital media. GHS/OCD also awarded money to non-profit organizations like Salvation Army, Red Cross and many more to help other country who’ve been struck by a disaster.
## How Grants are Utilized

- All-Hazards & hazard specific plan and checklist development and maintenance
- Public education and outreach programs
- Emergency responder equipment acquisition
- Critical infrastructure hardening projects
- Training & exercise opportunities
- Interoperable communications
- Development of volunteer programs to augment public safety organizations (CAPE, Fire Reserve, Medical Reserve...etc.)
Upcoming Project— The Guam Fusion Center

The Guam Homeland Security/Office of Civil Defense is in the process of developing and implementing a Guam Fusion Center. The Guam Fusion Center will aim to provide strategic direction for enhancing regional capability and capacity to: prevent terrorist attacks within Guam, reduce Guam’s vulnerability to terrorism and all other critical hazards, minimize the damage and recover from terrorism and all other critical hazards that affect the safety and economic security of the citizens and residents of Guam.

Challenges Ahead

- **Funding**
  Funding has diminished government wide and caused great impact on homeland security and emergency management programs and operations.

- **Guam Local Procurement Processes**
  This refers to the delays in moving forward with preparedness projects caused by the Guam local procurement processes.

- **Sustainment and Maintenance**
  This refers to the local government’s lack of resources to address the sustainment and maintenance of preparedness programs/projects. Sustainment and maintenance are not eligible costs in most grant programs.

- **Training Opportunities**
  Training Opportunities have diminished government wide. GHS/OCD is currently developing solutions to provide equal opportunity for all stakeholders.