

FEMA Youth Preparedness Council Update

FEMA NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
MEETING

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REGION IX (GUAM) REPRESENTATIVE



Youth Influences Tomorrow

- Can become leaders
- Unique strengths
- Can make a positive impact
- Participation is key
- Build confidence in emergencies and disasters



FEMA Youth Preparedness Council Overview

- Created in 2012
- Complete a self-selected legacy project
- Participate in the Youth Preparedness Council Summit
- Discuss with leadership of national organizations
- Meet with FEMA Community Preparedness staff members



FEMA Youth Preparedness Council Overview

The returning Council members are:

Council Chairperson: Obie Jones (FEMA Region VI, Texas)

Vice Chairperson: Weston Lee (FEMA Region VIII, Utah)

FEMA Region I: Bridget Smith (Connecticut)

FEMA Region II: James Collins (New Jersey)

FEMA Region III: Sahara Duncan (Pennsylvania)

FEMA Region IV: Matthew Mayfield (Alabama)

FEMA Region IV: Jonathan Salazar (Florida)

FEMA Region V: Isaiah Garcia (Michigan)

FEMA Region VII: Austin Witt (Iowa)



FEMA Youth Preparedness Council Overview

The six new members of the Council were selected based on their dedication to public service, community involvement and potential to expand their impact as national advocates for youth preparedness. The members selected in 2015 are:

FEMA Region III: Angelo DeGraff (Maryland)

FEMA Region VI: Ty Zaunbrecher (Louisiana)

FEMA Region IX: Kiahna Lee Espia (Guam)

FEMA Region IX: Divakar Saini (California)

FEMA Region X: Hailey Starr (Washington)

FEMA Region X: Megan Stutzman (Oregon)



Roles and Responsibilities



- Project Planners
- Ambassadors for the youth preparedness movement
- Liaisons to FEMA on the youth perspective



Group Project



- Led by Council Chair Obie Jones
- Online Engagement to Project a Unified Voice for the Youth Preparedness Council



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**APPLY
TODAY!**



FEMA's
Youth Preparedness Council



Involvement Before Council Role

- Being disaster prepared at home
- Established CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) Club in high school
 - Regularly scheduled preparedness meetings
 - Preparedness outreach with middle school students
 - Fire drill, etc.
- Supported CERT and Teen CERT training and activities



Involvement Before Council Role



Meeting with Mr. Michael Kern, FEMA, and Mr. Patrick Leon Guerrero, Guam Homeland Security/Office of Civil Defense

Outreach to Middle School Students



Involvement Before Council Role

- Engaged in various community outreach and public education campaign activities
 - National Preparedness Month
 - 911 Remembering Our Heroes 5k Run/Walk
- Affirmer of National Strategy for Youth Preparedness Education



Involvement Before Council Role

National Preparedness Month 2015



Involvement Before Council Role

- Training: First Aid/CPR with AED; Basic Life Support with AED
- Adopt-a Bus Shelter
- Developed promotional and outreach materials
- Guest on a radio station, spoke about preparedness and volunteerism



Involvement Before Council Role

First Aid/CPR Training (with AED)
with American Heart Association



Guam Seal Bus Stop Project with a visit
from Lieutenant Governor Tenorio



Legacy Project

- Develop and implement the Guam Youth Preparedness Program
- Support enhancement of hazards awareness and disaster preparedness activities in the community
- Establish youth preparedness organizations in various public, private and Department of Defense high schools, villages, private non-profit and sports organizations
- Establish the Guam Youth Preparedness Coalition to enhance preparedness, hazards awareness, and disaster/emergency response planning

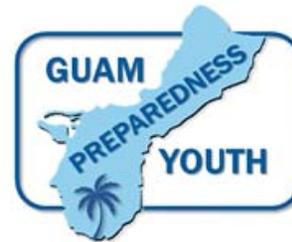


Guam Youth Preparedness Program

- Vision

*“Equipping and empowering the youth of today,
makes a more resilient and better prepared island of Guam tomorrow.”*

- Volunteer Program Coordinator at Guam Homeland Security/Office of Civil Defense
- Local support as well as Federal support



“2015 Guam Volunteers, Youth Preparedness, and Leadership Summit”

- *“It is our goal to help 21st century youth and volunteers utilize all their assets—time, talent, voice and resources—to build strong, vibrant communities around our island.”*
- Workshop with student leaders to develop guiding principles for the Guam Youth Preparedness Program
- Planned for establishment of Guam Youth Preparedness Coalition
- August 29, 2015



“2015 Guam Volunteers, Youth Preparedness, and Leadership Summit”



“2016 Service Learning, and Youth and Community Preparedness Summit”

- *“Sustained actions to engage, educate, and build resilience among the community means a safer and brighter island of Guam. Join us as we support service in our island and collaborate with community partners while empowering civic responsibility and promoting Service Learning opportunities. Help us trigger the path to youth and community preparedness! Get ready to take action!”*
- January 21 -22: Educators and Community Partners
- January 23: Students and Adult Supervisors
- Workshop with student leaders in relation to Service Learning-Disaster Preparedness project development and implementation as well as preparations for the upcoming Youth Preparedness Fair



“2016 Service Learning, and Youth and Community Preparedness Summit”

Part 1: January 21 – 22, 2016



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GYPP Integration into Service Learning

- “...a teaching and learning approach that integrates service to the community with academic study to enrich learning, teach civic responsibility, and strengthen communities” (National Commission on Service Learning, 2001).
- GYPP approved
- Training and technical assistance available to all Guam Department of Education high schools on Saturdays



Future Plans

- Continue delivery and coordination of Teen CERT/ CERT training and exercises to high schools, villages, and private non-profit, faith based and youth sports organizations
- Continue to coordinate and support delivery of independent study/web based training courses relative to hazards, threats, disaster preparedness and response
- Guam Youth Preparedness Coalition Workshop in April 2016
- Youth Preparedness Fair in May 2016
- Youth Preparedness Summer Camp, tentative

