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Nine Drug Detector Dogs Arrive for Duty at CQA, GPD, and DOC

BARRIGADA, Guam – The Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency (CQA), in collaboration with the Office of the Attorney General of Guam (OAG), Guam Police Department (GPD), and Guam Department of Corrections (DOC), presented nine new drug detector dogs today at the Ricardo J. Bordallo Governor's Complex.

Detector Dog (DD) Hangos, DD Evett, DD Lulu, DD Xavi, and DD Hera will remain with CQA, while DD Drako and DD Lobo will be transferred to the GPD, and DD Inga and DD Filip to the DOC.

Each dog was pre-trained to detect methamphetamine, cocaine, heroin, ecstasy, and marijuana. All dogs completed their acclimation period in Guam and will undergo continued training. CQA canine instructors will also imprint the dogs on the odor of fentanyl.

“The presence of drugs affects every corner of our society. This increase in canine teams will strengthen our ability to detect and disrupt the flow of dangerous substances before they can further harm this community. As a result of limited resources, amounts of illicit substances have unfortunately gone undetected and made their way inland. These new dogs are not just an investment in technology or strategy, but an investment in a brighter future for our island,” said CQA Director Ike Peredo.

“These highly-trained canines are a vital addition to our narcotics detection efforts and highlight the strength of collaboration in protecting our community,” said Chief of Police Stephen Ignacio. “Through the combined efforts of Guam Customs and Quarantine and the Office of the Attorney General, together we are making Guam safer for our island and our community. In addition to the efforts, the administration, governor and lieutenant governor, have always and continue to support the efforts of law enforcement. With appreciation, I am humbly thankful.”

DOC Director Fred Bordallo said his agency recognizes the threat of drug contraband that have been smuggled into their facilities.

“These resources serve as a deterrent to these criminal activities. Our goal is to make DOC a drug-free environment, keeping inmates and staff safe. The Department of Corrections personnel and I extend our appreciation for the support of the Office of the Attorney General of Guam, Gov. Leon Guerrero, Lt. Gov. Tenorio, Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency, the Bureau of Statistics and Plans (BSP), and Guam Police Department for the acquisition of drug detection dogs and training assistance provided by the agencies for effective drug enforcement,” stated DOC Director Fred Bordallo Jr.

The detector dogs came from Southern Coast K9 in New Smyrna Beach, Fla. Members of CQA’s Drug Detector Dog Unit traveled there throughout October, each handler escorting a detector dog to Guam within the aircraft cabin. This method of travel resulted in a savings of \$80,000.

This was the first phase of a two-phase plan to bring a total of 18 drug detector dogs to Guam. The first set of nine dogs cost \$112,190 with an additional travel cost of approximately \$39,419.

The dogs and their transport were funded by a contribution of \$249,900 from the OAG and \$90,000 from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant through the BSP.

“The acquisition of these nine of 18 drug canines reflects a team effort to protect each one of us against drug addicts and dealers. Lt. Gov. Joshua Tenorio, Speaker Therese Terlaje, and the judiciary, in coordination with this AG Moylan administration through the Opioid Recovery Advisory Council, will continue developing policies and funding the fight against the poison, which is opioid abuse and meth,” shared Attorney General Douglas Moylan. “Meth kills. Be smart. Don’t start.”

CQA officers have seized 61,989 gross grams of methamphetamine, or approximately 136.7 pounds, this year, so far. This amount is more than double the 49.4 pounds seized in 2023. CQA’s overall seizures of illicit drugs for 2024 have already exceeded last year’s 201.2 pounds by at least 285 pounds.

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