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Six Promoted to Customs and Quarantine Officer III

BARRIGADA, Guam – Our agency promoted six Customs and Quarantine Officer (CQ) IIs to the position of CQ III during a ceremony this afternoon at the Ricardo J. Bordallo Governor's Complex.

Our new CQ IIIs are Officers Sheena Alvarez, MaryAnn Barcinas, Jonathan Calvo, Patrick Gray, Adam Grey, and Czarina Perez.

Each of them has served anywhere from 11 to 21 years in the agency, largely within our Inspection and Control and Special Enforcement divisions, which require direct interaction with the community and demand immediate engagement in various enforcement operations to address incoming threats.

During the ceremony, their loved ones came forward to affix their new ranks to their uniforms. CQA leadership presented their official certificates of promotion, along with certificates of recognition from the Office of the Governor of Guam, Congressman James Moylan, and the 37th Guam Legislature.

“Their promotion is an acknowledgement that the Customs and Quarantine Agency believes in their abilities to perform at the next-highest level. They have immensely worked hard, and I take great pride in recognizing their achievements and commitment,” said CQA Director Ike Peredo.

CQ IIIs are considered subject matter experts, who are capable of working independently. They can assist fellow officers in daily operations, delegate efficiently under their supervisory authority, analyze and handle routine to complex situations, and apply advanced techniques and information while using considerable judgment in the law enforcement activities before them, to include providing leadership and guidance to subordinate officers.

“In their new position, they must be able to apply a wealth of institutional knowledge to make quick and sound decisions, and be adaptable to the many different challenges, environments, and scenarios they'll face. They will be the people that junior officers look to for assurance, protection, and direction,” Peredo added.

These officers join 21 fellow CQ IIIs, who make up approximately 20% of our agency's 136-officer workforce.

The agency's last set of promotions to this position was in November 2022 for 22 CQ III-selects.

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