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ABOUT

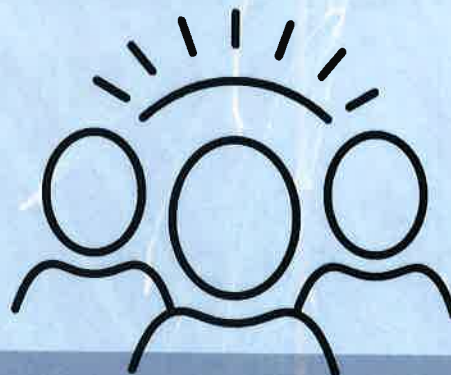
In 2005, Public Law No. 14-63 created and established the Office of Homeland Security under the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Office of the Governor. It was not until 2013, when Public Law No. 18-4 reorganized the Office of Homeland Security and the Office of Emergency Management, unifying them to create the CNMI Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM).

MISSION

Our mission is to protect lives and property by effectively preparing for, preventing, responding to and recovering from all threats, crimes, hazards and emergencies by coordinating the efforts of the first response community to effectively manage incidents, and to collaborate with public, private, and community partnerships.

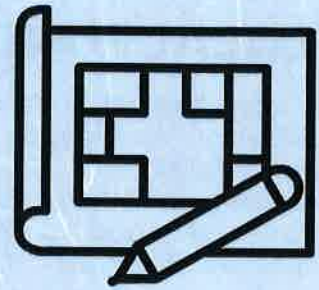
VISION

Through efficacious, collaborative and island-wide partnerships dedicated to securing the islands from the many threats we face, we seek to advance a safer, more prepared CNMI.



PERFORMANCE

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS



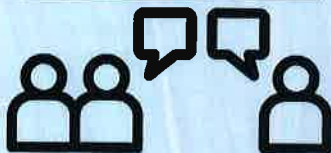
2021 CNMI All-Hazards Emergency Operations Plan (EOP)

- In July 2021, HSEM was able to finalize the 2021 CNMI All-Hazards EOP. The last approved EOP for the CNMI was back in 2000. The updated EOP reflects changes in response procedures and capabilities.



Typhoon Pakyo Workshop Series

- HSEM completed the Typhoon Pakyo Workshop series that tested preparedness and response efforts within a COVID-19 environment. The three workshops focused on Mass Care, Health and Medical, and Operational Coordination and Communications.



Typhoon Pakyo Tabletop Exercise (TTX)

- The agency conducted the Typhoon Pakyo TTX that was the culmination of the Typhoon Pakyo Workshop series. The TTX tested the 2017 CNMI Typhoon Catastrophic Plan to ensure that processes in place according to the plan are still valid or operationally sound.

Tsunami Drill

- HSEM collaborated with other partner agencies and conducted a tsunami drill with Oleai Elementary School on June 3, 2021. The tsunami drill allowed for personnel and students of Oleai Elementary School to exercise their tsunami evacuation plan. The event involved over 200 participants.

Tsunami Siren Project Initiation

- The Tsunami Siren Project has officially been initiated with the completion of the Request for Proposal process. The early warning system/tsunami sirens will be constructed and installed in four (4) different locations on the island of Saipan.

CNMI EOC Security Upgrade

- The CNMI EOC's surveillance system was upgraded. The new surveillance system would replace an obsolete system that was in place since the construction completion of the CNMI EOC. Additional security cameras were installed around the CNMI EOC facility to further enhance situational awareness and security.

Tinian Communications Upgrade Project

- The communications upgrade was completed on the island of Tinian. With the communications upgrade, the first responders on the island of Tinian are able to get more coverage throughout the island especially in former "dead zone" areas.

Law Enforcement and First Responder Support

- HSEM assisted the Department of Public Safety's Rapid Response Team in procuring tactical personal protective equipment (PPE). In addition, the agency assisted the Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services with repairing their boating vessel which is utilized for search and rescue operations and procured several self-contained breathing apparatus to better equip the department for fire and HAZMAT responses.

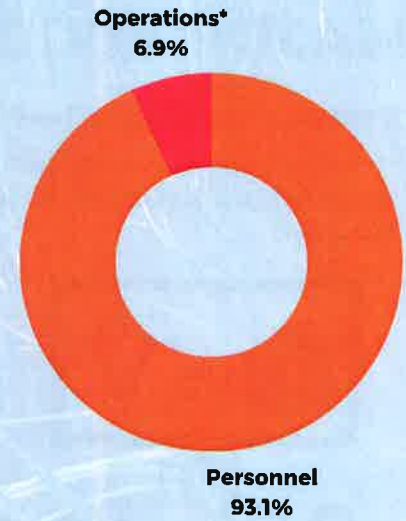


FINANCES

LOCAL FUNDS

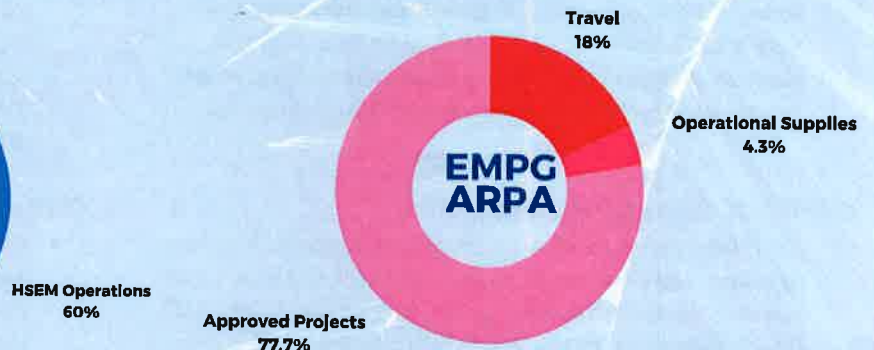
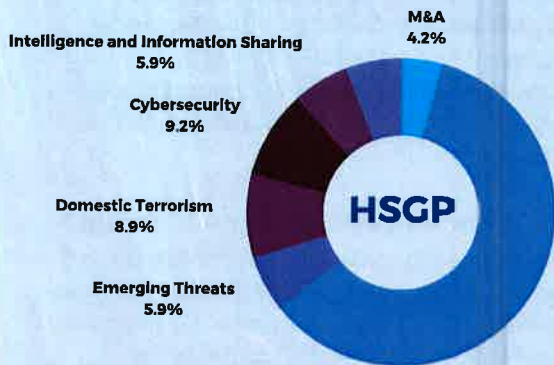
Through House Bill 22-74, HD3, SD1, CCS1 entitled "To make appropriations for the operations and activities of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, its agencies, instrumentalities, and independent programs, and to provide budget authority for the government corporations for Fiscal Year 2022; and for other purposes," which was passed by the Twenty-Second Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature became Public Law 22-08, CNMI HSEM was budgeted a total of \$845,370 in local funding.

Personnel	\$786,896
Operations	\$58,474
Total:	\$845,370



FEDERAL GRANTS

In 2021, CNMI HSEM was awarded over \$2.3 million from the following federal grants: Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG), Emergency Management Performance Grant - ARPA (EMPG-ARPA), Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP), National Tsunami Hazard Mitigation Program (NTHMP), and Nonprofit Security Grant Program.



OUTLOOK

CHALLENGES

COVID-19 Pandemic

The COVID-19 still continues to impact HSEM's priorities, planned events, and training and exercises. A lot of planned preparedness events were cancelled or postponed as a result of the response.

Training Planning and Scheduling

Throughout the duration of the pandemic, HSEM had to postpone or cancel training and exercises because of competing priorities and quarantine measurements in place. Many institutions were not able to make commitments to the CNMI's training and exercise schedule because they were not able to do the additional time in quarantine.

Typhoon Response Planning during COVID-19

Typhoon response planning continues to be a challenge for the agency and its partner agencies involved. Shelter management is still an issue as shelter capacity is still nowhere near what is needed. HSEM and partner agencies are still looking at innovative ways to increase shelter capacities while adhering to the CDC COVID-19 guidelines for congregate shelters.



LOOKING FORWARD

Early Alert Warning System/Tsunami Siren Installation Completion

HSEM will complete the installation of the four (4) early alert warning system/tsunami siren by the end of August 2022. This will increase the CNMI's preparedness and warning capabilities in the event of an emergency.

CNMI EOC Upgrades

The CNMI EOC Operations Floor will undergo a change as a new floor layout will be implemented to make emergency activations more effective and efficient. In addition, the CNMI EOC will also be furnished with audio capacity that will enhance emergency coordination efforts with the federal government and municipalities.

2022 Disaster Financial Management Plan Tabletop Exercise (TTX)

The 2022 Disaster Financial Management Plan TTX will take place in August 2022. The TTX will be designed to test the Nation's first-ever Disaster Financial Management Plan.

CNMI Disaster Financial Management Plan

HSEM is expected to develop and complete the CNMI Disaster Financial Management Plan by September 2022. The plan will be the first of its kind for the entire Nation. The CNMI Disaster Financial Management Plan will establish and implement sound disaster financial management practices.

2022 Typhoon Pakyo Full Scale Exercise (FSE)

The Typhoon Pakyo FSE will examine the capabilities of stakeholders to implement appropriate coordination as well as information sharing, assessing the situation, ensuring interoperable communications, maintaining a common operating picture, and conducting effective public messaging. The result of the FSE will help to update and revise the 2017 CNMI Catastrophic Typhoon Plan.

2022 Konfitma Full Scale Exercise (FSE)

The 2022 Konfitma FSE will take place sometime in summer 2022. The purpose the FSE is to test and validate emergency operating procedures and plans pertaining to man-made disasters.

Tsunami Evacuation Plan and Mapping

The agency is working on the Tsunami Evacuation Plan and Mapping for the islands of Saipan, Tinian and Rota. By completing this plan, the CNMI's emergency manager will be provided with the knowledge and tools necessary to make critical decision-making for tsunami evacuation response/recovery; enhance continued education of public officials, the community; and enabling updates to the CNMI's hazard mitigation and emergency response plans.



We want to hear from you. Do you think there should be more additional information? Please let us know by contacting the Homeland Security and Emergency Management main office.

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