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Senators Prioritize Establishment of Much-Needed GFD Tumon Rescue Base

Legislation seeks to turn 8-year GFD-GVB effort into a reality

Senators Shawn Gumataotao, Sabrina Salas Matanane, Tina Rose Muña-Barnes, Jesse Lujan, and Christopher Dueñas introduced Bill 274 authorizing the Guam Fire Department (GFD) to move forward with the establishment of a Rescue Base in Tumon. If approved, the legislation prioritizes a portion of GFD's unexpended prior years' appropriations moving forward specifically for a Rescue Base located within Matapang Beach Park.

“This measure represents an additional policy put forward through continued collaboration between our Public Safety, Tourism, and Finance Committees and the agencies within our oversight,” said Senator Gumataotao. “This important work has helped strengthen our public safety infrastructure over the last 13 months with properties secured last year for a new police precinct in Yigo and emergency communications center in Barrigada Heights.”

During the January 12, 2026, Oversight Hearing regarding GFD, department officials informed the Public Safety Committee they had approximately \$3 million to \$4 million in unexpended appropriations as of September 30, 2025. In addition to working on updated agency fees and fines, creative funding sources, and procurement reform ideas, GFD identified the appropriation of unallocated funds as a pending action item during the January 2026 Oversight Hearing.

“I appreciate the aggressive push by GFD and GVB and our visitor industry to finally establish rescue services in our tourist district and I am grateful that several of my colleagues including Finance Committee Chair Dueñas and Tourism Committee Chair Lujan have agreed to help push this policy proposal forward,” said Senator Gumataotao. “GVB and GFD have worked over the last 8 years to establish this critical emergency response presence in Tumon and the 38th Guam Legislature through Bill 274 intends to help turn this idea into a reality.”

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