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MEDIA STATEMENT

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Senator Shawn Gumataotao issued the following statement regarding today's Public Hearing for the Guam Fire Department's (GFD) FY 2027 Budget Request:

“The Public Safety Committee recognizes the critical role GFD’s uniformed and civilian personnel serve in protecting our families and this important public service must be supported with ambulances and fire trucks that work.

Through an Oversight Hearing earlier this year, the Public Safety Committee found that GFD requires twelve fire trucks for its stations and three in reserve, but the department at the time had nine in operation and none in reserve. The department requires two aerial fire trucks including one in reserve; however, the department currently lacks aerial capability. GFD requires nine ambulances for its stations and six ambulances in reserve, but the department currently has six in operation and none in reserve. GFD included funding for four new ambulances at \$200,000 each in its FY 2026 Budget Request. The department is requesting \$250,000 in its FY 2027 Budget to purchase one ambulance.

Recognizing that GFD lapsed \$4.8 Million in FY 2025 General Fund appropriations and reported \$19 million of its \$38.5 million General Fund appropriation as available in March 2026 for FY 2027, the Public Safety Committee will use the FY 2027 Budget process to ensure GFD prioritizes taxpayer resources for additional fire trucks, ambulances, and other emergency response vehicles. With 22,196 total calls for service in 2025 requiring a GFD unit response, GFD should not have lost so much money in FY 2025 appropriations. The Public Safety Committee will not allow the department to repeat this mistake with current and future appropriations because it ultimately puts the safety and health of our entire community at risk.”

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