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**NCD CONSORTIUM TOBACCO WORKGROUP SPONSOR'S
TOBACCO ENFORCER'S TRAINING, MAY 4, 2012**

The Department of Public Health and Social Services has received funding from the Secretariat of the Pacific Community to address the issue of Non-communicable Diseases (NCDs) on Guam. This has resulted in the creation of the Guam NCD Consortium, which is comprised of partners from public, private, and non-profit organizations. The consortium is working to decrease NCDs on Guam by addressing alcohol, tobacco, nutrition, physical activity, and obesity; all of which are risk-factors for NCDs.

As part of this effort, the NCD Tobacco Workgroup has focused on the enforcement of tobacco laws and policies such as Public Law 30-63, which prohibits smoking within 20 feet of public places where smoking is prohibited. An individual who is cited and convicted under this law may be fined up to \$500.00. The fines for businesses start at \$1,000.00 and can go up to \$3,000.00.

This was the impetus for the Tobacco Control Enforcer's Training on **Friday, May 4, 2012** intended for Peace Officers and designated Tobacco Control Enforcers from each Government of Guam Department or Agency. The training will include an education on the specifics of PL30-63, a review of completion and filing of citations, learning strategies to prevent or diffuse confrontational situations and be informed of what tobacco cessation services are available on Guam.

Special guest speakers include Ms. Genevieve Leon Guerrero, mother of Natasha Perez who was the inspiration for the Natasha Protection Act of 2006 (Public Law 28-80) and Dr. Annette David who will present the statistics and health impacts of tobacco use on Guam. In addition the training will be conducted by representatives from the Attorney General's Office, the Judiciary – Traffic Violations Bureau, the Guam Police Department and the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse.

For more information on the Tobacco Enforcer's Training please call Ms. Elizabeth Guerrero at 735-7303 or Ms. Alyssa Uncangco at 735-7289. To learn more about the NCD Consortium Workgroup activities, please visit www.livehealthyguam.org.

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