

## Governor Togiola Congratulates Emergency Management Trainees

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(UTULEI) – The Territorial Office of Homeland Security (TOHS) sponsored a three-day training from October 4th – 6th, 2004 at the Emergency Operation Center (EOC) in the Department of Public Safety Tafuna Substation for a recently acquired Emergency Management Software. E-Team Inc., based in Los Angeles, California, is currently the leading provider of crisis management software serving the US military, federal & states agencies, private entities, and non-profit organizations nationwide.

This collaborative software offers comprehensive functionality for the critical tasks of crisis management. This enables users to better prepare for, respond to, and recover from both large-scale emergencies and everyday incidents. Furthermore, E-Team has a robust GIS/GPS capacity as well the capability to generate financial reports related to the overall response effort. It is for these reasons TOHS selected E-Team as the standard software for emergency management in American Samoa. On September 10, 2004 the installation technician from the E-Team was on island to install specialized software into the computer system at the EOC. Mr. Kent Paxton from E-Team was the instructor for the recent Crisis Management Software training.

The first two (2) days of the training was for E-Team Administrators from various departments of the government and the private sector. These departments play a very important role in crisis management. The Administrators are responsible for the input of information and resources from their respective departments and assist with the customization of E-Team software specifically for American Samoa. Administrators are to provide support to the EOC in times of crisis.

The last day of E-Team training focused on User (Introductory) training for EOC Liaison Officers from various departments. The two hour introductory sessions involved hands-on application in the use of E-Team emergency crisis software.

A total of eleven participants were trained as E-Team Administrators. They included personnel from American Samoa Telecommunications Authority (ASTCA), American Samoa Power Authority (ASPA), Department of Public Works (DPW), Department of Commerce (DOC), Blue Sky Communications, Territorial Emergency Management Coordinating Office (TEMCO), and TOHS.

A total of twenty-seven EOC Liaison Officers were trained as E-Team operators. including personnel from DPS-Police, DPS-Fire, DPW, ASTCA, ASPA, Department of Health, Department of Port Administration, Procurement, Department of Education, TEMCO and TOHS.

“I would like to congratulate all the participants in this course and thank them for their efforts in advancing the Territory’s response capability,” said Governor Togiola Tulafono.

“I would also like to extend my appreciation to TOHS and the US Department of Homeland Security for their assistance with this critical emergency management and response development in American Samoa,” concluded Governor Togiola

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