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**FIRST OF SEVERAL COMMUNITY FORUMS ON PUBLIC SAFETY SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY EVENING**

Hagatna - The Office of Senator James C. Moylan will be holding a *Community Forum on Public Safety* on Monday, November 4, 2019 at the Yigo Senior Citizens Center, which is scheduled to be the first of several village town halls to discuss various bills and issues associated with public safety. In coordination with Mayor Rudy Matanane and the Yigo Mayor's Office, this will be an opportunity for the community to express their thoughts on legislation and make recommendations on other means to keep their neighborhoods safe. The forum will begin at 6:00 p.m.

*“Public Safety is a priority of our office, and because we are facing challenges getting public hearings scheduled on many of our bills, we are bringing our bills to the public to hear their voices,”* stated Senator Moylan. *“We encourage the community to continue to be loud, and express, rather demand, that the government focus on pressing issues such as keeping our streets safe and addressing this drug epidemic, versus veering away towards less critical matters, and these forums would be an ideal opportunity for them to share their thoughts,”* added Senator Moylan.

Senator Moylan has stated that what makes these forums different from the public safety town halls that were organized months prior is that these will be more issue specific, with ideas to improve public safety placed on the table. The previous forums were circled around improved enforcement, whereas the upcoming ones will be focused on creating policy. *“We don't want to hold a hearing just to hear what the community has to say. Rather, we want to hold a hearing with the intent of taking back what was heard and transform it into action. Many bills have been introduced, and these forums would help improve these measures and possibly create newer ones,”* stated Senator Moylan.

Senator Moylan has reached out to his colleagues, the Office of the Governor, and the Chief of Police, along with many other stakeholders to attend these town halls. The second Community Forum has been scheduled for November 14<sup>th</sup> at the Piti Social Hall, which is being coordinated with the offices of the Mayors of Piti and Asan.

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