



# GUAM POWER AUTHORITY

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## GUAM POWER AUTHORITY HONORED WITH A NATIONAL SAFETY AWARD OF EXCELLENCE FOR OUTSTANDING SAFETY PRACTICES



(Fadian, Mangilao) – The Guam Power Authority has earned the American Public Power Association’s Safety Award of Excellence for safe operating practices in 2024. The utility earned **Diamond award** in the category for utilities with 250,000 to 999,999 worker-hours of annual worker exposure.

“Safety is and always will be a top priority of GPA’s to ensure that our employees are informed and trained on safety practices so they may return home safely to their families after each work day,” said GPA Safety and Physical Security Manager Kenneth J. Gutierrez, PSP. “This safety award issued by APPA is a significant recognition and achievement of Guam Power Authority as a whole, committed towards delivering safe, reliable, sustainable and affordable electrical services,” added Gutierrez.

More than 200 utilities entered the annual Safety Awards for 2024. The entrants are placed in accordance with their number of worker-hours and ranked based on the most incident-free records and overall state of their safety programs and culture during 2024. The incidence rate is based on the number of work-related reportable injuries or illnesses and the number of worker-hours during 2024, as defined by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

“GPA is proud of its safety record,” said GPA General Manager John M. Benavente, P.E. “This diamond award is a testament to the hard work that goes into ensuring that our team members go home safe to their families every day.” added Benavente.

“Harnessing electricity to keep our communities powered is vital work that can be dangerous, even deadly, if the proper attention isn’t paid to tried-and-true safety practices,” said Jon Beasley, Chair of APPA’s Safety Committee and Vice-President of Electric Cities of GA. “This award honors utilities that hold fast to these practices and – in doing so – put the safety of their personnel and their customers above all else.”

APPA has conducted the Safety Awards annually for more than sixty-six years. APPA is the voice of not-for-profit, community-owned utilities that power 2,000 towns and cities nationwide. #Safety #APPASafetyAwards #PublicPower

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**Group Photo Caption:** (Left to right) Jarred C. Alerta, GPA Safety Inspector II; Richard C. Masnayan, GPA Safety Inspector Supervisor; Eddie Nick Q. Camacho, GPA Safety Inspector III; Jacqueline San Nicolas, GPA Safety Administrative Officer; Gerald T. Smith, GPA Safety Inspector III; Kenneth J. Gutierrez, PSP, GPA Safety and Physical Security Manager.