

Pohnpei State: On June 22, 2018, the Pohnpei Office of the Public Auditor (POPA) conducted a fraud awareness workshop for the 2018 FSM Police Academy participants at their camp site, the Saladak Elementary School in U. The event was conducted as part of POPA's Community Outreach Program in promoting public awareness of fraud and corruption in the public sector and how they can be prevented. In the past four years, POPA has received and investigated thirty-six (36) cases involving abuse, fraud, misuse, mismanagement, mishandling and misappropriation of public resources. Eleven (11) of the 36 cases received and investigated are now filed for prosecution in the Pohnpei Supreme Court. Some were referred to the appropriate management for administrative action, including but not limited to suspension, termination or restitution of monies and related resource gone missing. Other complaints received were unfounded. The Fraud Awareness Workshop was delivered by Ms. Sophia Pretrick, Investigative Advisor, Ms. Alice Etse, Audit Manager, and Iso Ihlen K. Joseph, Pohnpei State Auditor.

