

Republic of the Philippines
Department of the Interior and Local Government
NATIONAL POLICE COMMISSION
Quezon City

RESOLUTION NO. 2615 - 342

RESOLUTION TO EMPOWER THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP) TO PERFORM ITS ROLE AS A COMMUNITY AND SERVICE-ORIENTED AGENCY THROUGH THE ADOPTION OF THE COMMUNITY AND SERVICE-ORIENTED POLICING (CSOP) SYSTEM INVOLVING THE LOCAL EXECUTIVES, THE PNP AND THE COMMUNITY, AS MANDATED UNDER SECTION 2 OF R.A. 6975, AS AMENDED BY R.A. 8551

WHEREAS, Section 6, Article XVI of the 1987 Constitution specifically declares that "The State shall establish and maintain one police force, which shall be national in scope and civilian in character, to be administered and controlled by a national police commission. The authority of local executives over the police units in their jurisdiction shall be provided by law;"

WHEREAS, pursuant to its civilian character, Republic Act No. 6975, as amended by Republic Act No. 8551, placed the Philippine National Police (PNP) under the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) together with the National Police Commission (NAPOLCOM), the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) and the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP). The enabling laws further prescribed that the PNP's civilian character shall be paramount (Section 2, R.A. No. 6975) and that it "x x x shall be a community and service oriented agency" (Section 2, R.A. No. 8551);

WHEREAS, as a bureau of the DILG, the PNP is called upon to support the mandate of the DILG to promote and strengthen local autonomy and rural development and ensure public order and safety. Accordingly, the PNP's core mandate, which is to promote peace and order and ensure public safety is complemented by a third mandate, i.e. "x x x further strengthen local government capability aimed towards the effective delivery of the basic services to the citizenry." Section 2 of R.A. 6975, as amended, states:

"Section 2. Declaration of Policy. - It is hereby declared to be the policy of the State to promote peace and order, ensure public safety and further strengthen local government capability aimed towards the effective delivery of the basic services to the citizenry through the establishment of a highly efficient and competent police force that is national in scope and civilian in character. Towards this end, the State shall bolster a system of coordination and cooperation among the citizenry, local executives and the integrated law enforcement and public safety agencies created under this Act.

The police force shall be organized, trained and equipped primarily for the performance of police functions. Its national scope and civilian character shall be paramount. No element of the police force shall be military nor shall any position thereof be occupied by active members of the Armed Forces of the Philippines."
(underscoring supplied)

WHEREAS, to accomplish the above mandates of the PNP, the enabling law R.A. 6975, as amended, empowers the DILG to establish and bolster a system of coordination and cooperation among the citizenry, local executives and the integrated law enforcement and public safety agencies created therein;

WHEREAS, to bolster a system of coordination and cooperation, the local executives, the citizenry and the abovementioned law enforcement agencies shall work together through the complementation of their respective community and service-oriented policing programs and projects and through sharing of their respective funds, personnel and logistics;

WHEREAS, building on the past initiatives on community-oriented policing strategy, as outlined in NAPOLCOM Resolution No. 2000-157, dated October 31, 2000, and the Community-Oriented Policing System (COPS) Operations Manual for the PNP published in 2000 and other relevant issuances of the PNP, the Community and Service-Oriented Policing (CSOP) System is intended to enable the PNP to perform its mandate, particularly the mandate to support the strengthening of local government capability for the effective delivery of the basic services to the citizenry;

WHEREAS, the faithful compliance by the PNP with its third mandate will bring it closer to the community and will be regarded by the people as a partner in community development;

WHEREAS, the CSOP System shall bolster community and service-oriented activities in the locality and thereby gain the trust and support of the local government and the community towards better cooperation and coordination for local development;


WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 64 of R.A. 8551 and consistent with the CSOP System, the LCEs, as deputies of NAPOLCOM, shall formulate and adopt a mechanism for the collaboration and cooperation involving the local executives, citizenry and law enforcement agencies created under R.A. 6975, as amended, as well as other agencies existing and operating in the locality;

WHEREAS, consistent with the above objective, the DILG, with support from the European Union (EU) under the EU-Philippines Justice Support Programme II (EPJUST II Programme), has adopted the said Programme to develop and pilot test the general framework of the enhanced community policing strategy, through Department Order No. 2014-1164, dated September 30, 2014, creating the interagency Technical Working Group (TWG) on COPS with the following as members: DILG, NAPOLCOM, PNP, Philippine Public Safety College (PPSC), National Commission of Muslim Filipinos (NCMF), Commission on Human Rights (CHR), Foundation for Crime Prevention (FCP), and the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP);

NOW THEREFORE, the Commission, pursuant to its constitutional and statutory mandates, **HEREBY RESOLVES TO ADOPT, AS IT HEREBY ADOPTS**, the CSOP System as the foundation of community-oriented policing and crime prevention strategy in the country. The CSOP System refers to the promotion of peace and order and public safety and the strengthening of local government capability aimed towards the effective delivery of basic services to the citizenry. It shall be undertaken through collaboration and cooperation of the local executives, the citizenry, and the integrated law enforcement agencies by way of program or project complementation and sharing of funds, personnel and logistics.


RESOLVED, FURTHER, that the PNP's Directorate for Community Affairs and Development (DCAD) and its subordinate offices/units shall be restructured to effectively comply with the requirements of the CSOP System, and shall be given priority in the PNP's annual appropriation to ensure sufficient funding for personal services, maintenance and other operating expenses and capital expenditures.

APPROVED this 21st day of July, in Quezon City, Metro Manila, Philippines.


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