

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-072

APPROVING THE ACTIVATION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS DESKS AT THE DIFFERENT LEVELS OF COMMAND IN THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE

WHEREAS, the Philippine National Police (PNP) submitted for consideration of the Commission NHQ-PNP General Orders Number DPL 07-20 which provides for the activation of the Human Rights Desks at the different levels of command in the PNP;

WHEREAS, the Human Rights Desks shall have no investigative function but shall monitor and maintain files/records of PNP personnel involved in human rights violations for analysis and subsequent formulation and implementation of necessary interventions;

WHEREAS, the designated Human Rights Desks Officers shall be under the office/unit head (Regional Directors, Provincial Directors, District Directors, Chiefs of Police and National Operational Support Unit Directors) who shall serve as the focal points on all aspects of human rights relevant to the police within their respective jurisdiction and shall perform the following functions:

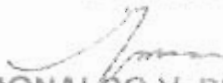
- 1) Serve as advocate of human rights within their respective areas;
- 2) Initiate various human rights projects and activities in line with the PNP Human Rights Development Program or "PAMANA" in coordination with concerned PNP offices;
- 3) Monitor and maintain records/files of cases involving violations of human rights allegedly committed by the police, as reported by different groups and individuals, through any means (news reports, walk-in complaints, electronic communications, etc.) within their areas of responsibilities;
- 4) Receive reports/complaints on violation of human rights allegedly committed by PNP personnel and assist in the referral of complaints to appropriate investigating offices/bodies;
- 5) Enhance partnerships and cooperation with concerned government entities, local community organizations, NGOs and private civic oriented groups, towards advancing the cause of human rights;
- 6) Make proper representation of the PNP in dialogues, meetings, conferences, consultations and the like, on human rights concerns;
- 7) Establish direct communication lines with HRAO and other HR Desk Officers, as may be appropriate on matters of mutual interest concerning human rights; and
- 8) Perform other tasks as maybe directed by the NHQ,PNP through the HRAO on human rights protection and promotion.

WHEREAS, after review of the subject proposal, the Commission finds the same to be in order.

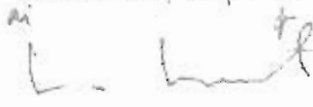
NOW THEREFORE, the Commission, pursuant to its constitutional mandate to administer and control the PNP, **HEREBY RESOLVE, AS IT HEREBY RESOLVE'S**, to approve the activation of the Human Rights Desks at the different levels of command in the PNP;

BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER, that the PNP shall ensure that police officers who shall be designated as Human Rights Desk Officers are educated and trained in the field of human rights.


APPROVED this 16th of FEBRUARY 2009.


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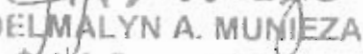



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