



P N P News Release

Authority : Philippine National Police
Public Information Office, Camp Crame, Quezon City
Tel: +6327253179 Fax: +6327255115
Date : 30 September 2000

LACSON ISSUES NEW GUIDELINES FOR PROTECTIVE SECURITY DETAIL

The Philippine National Police today reminded all personnel of existing policies the detail of policemen as personal security for government VIPs and other private individuals.

PNP Chief, Director General Panfilo M Lacson reiterated that as a matter of policy, no uniformed personnel of the PNP shall be detailed as protective security except in extreme cases.

As provided for under Republic Act 6975, the PNP, thru the Police Security and Protection Office (PSPO) is mandated to "provide security for government officials, visiting dignitaries and private individuals authorized to be given protection."

In a memorandum to all Regional Directors and Directors of National Support Units, Director Reynaldo M Acop, PNP Director for Personnel said the PNP policy on the detail of policemen as protective security requires a thorough evaluation and threat assessment on the life of the person requesting for police protective security.

Acop said the Chief PNP may authorize the detail of police personnel to a threatened individual provided that the person is under actual threat of death or physical harm, and that the threat is assessed to be imminent or highly possible.

He, however, explained that the security detail may be withdrawn anytime when the demands of the PNP so require, when the threat is no longer present, or when conditions of the detail have been violated.

The Chief of the PNP or his representative may authorize a protective security detail for a period not exceeding one month.

Security details exceeding one month but not more than six months require prior authority from the Chairman of the National Police Commission upon the recommendation of the Chief PNP.

Protective security detail for local government executives requires authority from the Chief PNP upon the recommendation of the concerned PNP Provincial or Regional Directors. The number of policemen assigned to protective security duties for local elective officials should not exceed five percent (5%) of the total strength of the local police unit concerned.

For his part, PSPO Director, Chief Superintendent Danilo Flores emphasized that the duties of detailed policemen are strictly for protective functions only.

As such, Flores said, they are not supposed to perform the tasks of employees, security guards, gatekeeper, family driver or utility men; and are prohibited from traveling abroad with the VIPs they are securing.

They are also required to report to their mother unit every 15 days for accounting, mission re-orientation, and inspection of equipment; and must submit a monthly threat assessment and evaluation report, Flores said.