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### **MENDOZA WARNS TRIGGER-HAPPY GUNHOLDERS**

PNP Chief, Director General Leandro R Mendoza has issued a stern warning to all firearm holders against firing their guns during the Christmas and New Year's Day revelry.

"The PNP will strictly enforce the law against indiscriminate firing of guns regardless of who the violators are, be they civilians, public officials, soldiers or policemen," Mendoza said.

"The PNP will make sure that these trigger-happy gun holders will learn their lessons," he said.

At the same time, the PNP Chief also urged the public to immediately report incidents of indiscriminate firing of guns and use of dangerous firecrackers.

"All PNP units nationwide are on maximum alert to respond to calls for public assistance and react to reports of unlawful activities such as indiscriminate firing of guns, burning of tires, use of dangerous firecrackers, and unruly merry-making," he said.

In Metro Manila, all five Police Districts will field mobile patrol and SWAT units in potential trouble spots where previous cases of violations commonplace based on police records.

PNP Spokesman, Chief Superintendent Crescencio L Maralit announced that the Complaints and Referral Action Center (CRAC) in Camp Crame will be on alert to receive phone-in complaints thru hotlines 722-0650 and 724-8766.

The public may also seek police assistance through Streetwatch 117 for immediate response to police emergencies.

Maralit advised the public to immediately report any incident of indiscriminate firing of guns, taking note of the identifies of the suspects, and the exact time and location of the incident.

If possible, all pieces of evidence such as empty shells and recovered bullets must be turned over to police authorities for proper documentation and safe-keeping.