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PNP MOVES TO ABOLISH NCR POLICE DISTRICTS

The Philippine National Police high command has asked the National Police Commission (NAPOLCOM) for the reorganization of police units in Metro Manila and the abolition of the five Police District offices under the National Capital Region Police Office (NCRPO).

Once effected, the streamlining will result in the availability of some 3,400 more personnel for deployment in the different Police Stations of Metro Manila.

PNP Chief, Director General Hermogenes E Ebdane Jr. has formally endorsed to the NAPOLCOM this official position based on a comprehensive study and consultations made by the PNP.

The move to abolish the five Police Districts is part of the PNP Reorganization Plan as provided under Republic Act 8551 or the PNP Reform and Reorganization Act of 1998.

According to PNP Spokesman, Senior Superintendent Leopoldo Bataoil, the reorganization is "based on the concept that the levels of the organization should be kept to the minimum."

This is necessary, Bataoil said, in order to "keep the line of communication from the top to the lowest position as short as possible, and the point of decision as close as possible to the point of action."

The PNP Spokesman explained that the abolition of the NCR Police District offices will "in effect remove an intervening layer between the Regional Director and the City or Municipal Chief of Police."

The personnel and resources in these Police District offices may then be realigned to the Police Station where they are needed most, Bataoil said.

Moreover, under the proposed reorganization, local government units will have better footing in exercising supervision and control over the Police Stations.