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### **BATAOIL IS NEW PNP SPOKESMAN**

PNP Chief, Deputy Director General Hermogenes E Ebdane Jr., has designated Senior Superintendent Leopoldo N Bataoil as PNP Spokesman and Chief of the PNP Public Information Office.

Bataoil replaced Senior Superintendent Leonardo A Espina as the official spokesman and chief publicist of the National Police.

Espina served as PNP Spokesman for four months and is projected to assume an equally important position in the PNP.

Before his assumption to the new post, Bataoil was Deputy Director for Operations of the Central Police District in Quezon City.

As PNP Spokesman, Bataoil the instructions to communicate to the public the current operational thrusts of the PNP particularly on organizational reform and community team-building as contained in the "ONE PNP" community-based program of action.

Meanwhile, the PNP Press Corps, Inc., an organization of journalists covering the PNP National Headquarters welcomed the designation of Bataoil as PNP Spokesman.

"The PNP Press Corps welcomes the designation of Senior Superintendent Leopoldo Bataoil as PNP Spokesman. We in the media look forward to a harmonious and professional working relationship with the new PNP Spokesman," Liwanag said.

Bataoil has served various command and staff positions upon graduation from the Philippine Military Academy in 1976.

As a junior officer in the defunct Philippine Constabulary, he was Company Commander to three Philippine Constabulary Companies stationed in Northern Luzon.

In 1989 Bataoil was designated Senior Tactical Officer, then later as Assistant Commandant of the Philippine Military Academy.

Upon the creation of the PNP in 1991, Bataoil was named Commandant of Cadets of the Philippine National Police Academy until 1992 when he was designated Battalion Commander of the 2nd Special Action Battalion of the PNP Special Action Force.

Among the major field assignments previously held by Bataoil were as City Police Director of Cotabato City from 1993 to 1995, Provincial Director of Negros Occidental from 1995 to 1997, and as Provincial Director of Pangasinan from July 2000 to September 2001.

Bataoil also served staff assignments as Regional Operations Officer for Western Visayas, and as Chief of Directorial Staff of the Ilocos-Pangasinan Region.