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### **FILIPINO POLICE OFFICERS UNDERGO U.S COUNTER-TERROR TRAINING**

Thirty-one more PNP officers will undergo foreign training courses on anti-terrorism under the auspices of the US State Department.

"These foreign training programs are in line with the ONE PNP program of action of PNP Chief, Director General Hermogenes E Ebdane Jr. on education and training of police personnel to enhance the capability to respond to threats of crime and terrorism," according to Acting PNP Spokesman, Superintendent Cirpiano Querol Jr..

A five-week course on Crisis Response Team Training for junior and senior officers opened today at the Louisiana State Police Academy in Baton Rouge, Louisiana attended by 20 Filipino policemen selected from different operating units of the PNP.

The course is designed for tactical officers, tactical supervisors and special operations commanders who would normally respond as a team to an ongoing or anticipated terrorist or criminal incidents.

Of the 20 participants in the course, seven are from the Special Action Force, the PNP's mobile strike force. The rest are from the different SWAT units of the Regional and District Police Offices.

The course runs until September 6, 2002.

A separate group of 11 PNP personnel is scheduled to fly to the US next week to attend the Firearms Instructor's Course from August 5 to 23, 2002 in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

The course is designed for police, security and public safety officers, managers and instructors responsible for developing, administering and overseeing agency firearms training.

The participants, mostly junior officers and four Police Non-Commissioned Officers, come from different tactical units of the PNP.

According to Querol, both training courses were offered by the US State Department under its Anti-Terrorism Program.

Querol clarified that no PNP funds are involved in the foreign training and that all travel-related expenses including round-trip air fare and accommodations are shouldered by the US government.

Two other groups composed of 18 Filipino police officers recently completed foreign training courses in the United Kingdom.

Over the weekend, 14 senior PNP officers led by Police Directors Florencio Fianza, Ricardo De Leon and Luca Managuelod completed the Counter-Terrorism Crisis Management Seminar at the Emergency Planning College at The Hawkhills in Easingwold, York held from July 21 to 26, 2002.

Another group of four PNP officers attended a training course for the computer-aided **Hydra/Minerva Critical Management Information Technology System** at the Metropolitan Police Training Center in **Hendon, England** from July 21 to 27.