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PROBERS RE-ENACT PASAY HOSTAGE CRISIS

Police probers investigating the Pasay City hostage crisis staged a re-enactment of the incident at the Philtranco bus terminal shortly after midnight this morning.

PNP Chief, Director General Leandro R Mendoza and some members of the PNP Command Group and Directorial Staff were at the scene to get a first hand review and ocular inspection of the site.

Mendoza was also able to personally interview some key witnesses and members of the Pasay City Police Station who figured in the hostage rescue operation.

According to PNP Spokesman, Senior Superintendent Leonardo Espina, the re-enactment will aid crime investigators in establishing the relative positions at the scene of the parties involved.

Probers from the Directorate for Investigation and Detective Management (DIDM) and the Internal Affairs Service (IAS) were also able to get a "good appreciation" of how the responding members of the Pasay City police individually reacted to the situation.

The PNP is conducting separate criminal and administrative investigations of the incident to determine whether operational lapses or violation of police procedures had been committed.

An investigation is also being conducted by the IAS to find out if the PNP personnel involved should be held administrative liable.

Yesterday, Mendoza ordered the relief of the entire 341-strong Pasay City Police Station for re-training. A replacement force from the

National Capital Region Police Office has been organized to takeover within the week.

Part of the re-training will include a module on crisis management specifically on hostage situations, which the PNP intends to adapt as a basic training requirement for PNP personnel.

The PNP Spokesman explained that the PNP is in the process of crafting a standard Program of Instruction on the subject.

Similar re-training will be conducted initially for all Police Stations of Metro Manila and later in all police units nationwide, Espina said.