

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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October 2, 2009

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. ____2009-157

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ALL PROVINCIAL DIRECTORS, CITY MAYORS, MUNICIPAL MAYORS, LOCAL SANNGUNIAN MEMBERS AT ALL LEVELS, DILG REGIONAL DIRECTORS PARTICULARLY FOR REGIONS I-V, CAR, AND NCR, AND OTHERS

CONCERNED

SUBJECT:

"ZERO CASUALTY" DURING CALAMITIES

Amid the devastation brought about by typhoon "Ondoy", we have received information that another typhoon is expected to make a landfall on Saturday afternoon, October 3, 2009.

According to the Philippine Atmospheric Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration, typhoon "Pepeng" is forecasted to bring more rains and very strong winds in Northern Luzon once it makes landfall and has the possibility of becoming a super typhoon, with maximum sustained winds of 175 kph near the center. The expected typhoon path is as follows:

Friday (October 2, 2009)

220 kms East of Virac, Catanduanes

Saturday (October 3, 2009)

80 kms of Casiguran, Aurora

Or

160 kms Southeast of Tuguegarao City

Sunday (October 4, 2009)

60 kms Northwest of Laoag City

The National Disaster Coordinating Council (NDCC) in its Directive No. 24, s. 2003 entitled "Zero Casualty" During Calamities, has called attention to action and to be fully prepared to address the potential impacts of this forthcoming calamity.

Relative to this, Local Chief Executives are enjoined to:

- 1. Effectively mobilize the Local Disaster Coordinating Council;
- 2. Cause community-wide warning and see to it that such warnings reach all households;
- 3. Take the lead in the formulation of pre-emptive evacuation measures or actions;
- 4. Designate evacuation center(s) complete with water supply, power, and health and sanitation facilities, and communicate the location(s) of such center(s) to all households;
- 5. Implement extended relief assistance and other services in consideration of the effects of typhoon Ondoy and the potential risks of typhoon Pepeng; and
- 6. Cause the preparation of the Local Government Rehabilitation Plan/ and Reconstruction Plan

All DILG Regional Directors and Field Officers are hereby directed to provide the necessary assistance to effectively implement this Memorandum Circular, and to submit periodic reports, with the first report to reach the Office of the Secretary, through the Bureau of Local Government Supervision, before but not later than October 2, 2009, through email at dilg_blgs@yahoo.com or through Telefax No. (02) 928-9181.

For strict compliance.

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