



DILG MANILA BAY REHABILITATION SECURITY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT CLUSTER

Memorandum Circular No. 2019-57
April 15, 2019

1.0 Background

Pursuant to the Department Order No. 2019-82 with subject: Establishment of the DILG Manila Bay Rehabilitation Task Force in response to the Presidential Directive to rehabilitate Manila Bay, the Department has created the DILG Manila Bay Rehabilitation Task Force. The task force is composed of five (5) task groups, one of which is the Law Enforcement and Security Task Force headed by the Undersecretary for Peace and Order.

Administrative Order No. 16, "Expediting the Rehabilitation and Restoration of the Coastal and Marine Ecosystem of the Manila Bay and Creating the Manila Bay Task Force" signed by President Rodrigo R. Duterte last February 19, 2019.

2.0 Purpose

This Memorandum Circular is issued to direct all concerned law enforcement units to perform their assigned tasks necessary for the rehabilitation of Manila Bay and to provide guidelines for the Law Enforcement and Security Task Group in order to promote administrative efficiency in the performance or delivery of departmental functions and services.

3.0 Scope/Coverage

The PNP in coordination with the concerned LGUs and other government instrumentalities are covered by this memorandum circular in enforcing the environmental protection laws and pertinent ordinances to protect Manila Bay from further degradation.

4.0 Policy Content and Guidelines

4.1 Roles of the security and law enforcement units

4.1.1 Secretariat

- 4.1.1.1 Organization of the Law Enforcement and Security Task Group/Identification of offices and units;
- 4.1.1.2 Conduct of meetings/conferences with the agencies and LGUs involved;

- 4.1.1.3 Conduct of Area Inspection; and
- 4.1.1.4 Conduct of Assessment/evaluation of security tasking

4.1.2 PNP

- 4.1.2.1 Supervision, guidance and directives to the PNP-Maritime Group (MG), National Capital Region Police Office (NCRPO), Police Community Affairs Division Group (PCADG), Police Regional Office 3, and Police Regional Office 4A (CALABARZON); and
- 4.1.2.2 Other tasks as directed.

4.1.3 NCRPO, REGION 3 and PRO 4-A

- 4.1.3.1 Conduct of law enforcement operations in the implementation of laws relating to environmental protection (Violators during the closure, clean-up and relocation activities);
- 4.1.3.2 Conduct of security measures and operations;
- 4.1.3.3 Coordination and collaboration with other government and other law enforcement agencies;
- 4.1.3.4 Provision of security personnel during the conduct of closure operations, clean-up activities and relocation of informal settlers;
- 4.1.3.5 Community and media relations particularly in the promotion of tourist friendly police;
- 4.1.3.6 Information dissemination regarding the rehabilitation of Manila Bay;
- 4.1.3.7 Conduct of visibility patrols along the coastal areas and tourist destinations;
- 4.1.3.8 Linkages and networking with concerned NGAs, NGOs and private institutions involved in environmental protection and in raising public awareness;
- 4.1.3.9 Conduct of clean-up drive in coordination with LGUs;
- 4.1.3.10 Assistance in the filing of cases against violators of ISFS;
- 4.1.3.11 Submission of accomplishment reports to the Task Force Head; and
- 4.1.3.12 Other tasks as directed.

4.1.4 PCADG

- 4.1.4.1 Conduct of meetings/conferences with the agencies and LGUs involved;
- 4.1.4.2 Conduct of clean-up drives, education and awareness program; and
- 4.1.4.3 Other tasks as directed.

4.1.5 PNP-MG

- 4.1.5.1 Conduct of regular patrolling of coastlines and bodies in the Manila Bay Region to document any increase of informal settlements.

- 4.1.5.2 Apprehension of violators of PD No. 979 or the "Marine Pollution Decree" as amended, and RA No. 8550 or the "Philippine Fisheries Code", and other existing laws and regulations designed to prevent marine pollution in the Manila Bay;
- 4.1.5.3 Conduct and assistance in the enforcement of all fishery laws, rules and regulations in coordination with Philippine Coast Guard, and the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources;
- 4.1.5.4 Conduct and assistance in the investigation and filing of criminal and/or administrative charges against violators of fishery laws, rules and regulations;
- 4.1.5.5 Assistance to the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources on information dissemination against all forms of illegal fishing;
- 4.1.5.6 Submission of accomplishment reports to the Task Force Head; and
- 4.1.5.7 Other tasks as directed.

5.0 References

- 5.1 RA 7160 "Local Government Code of 1991;
- 5.2 Supreme Court Decision and Resolution (G.R. No. 171947-48); and
- 5.3 Department Order No. 2019-82 "Establishment of the DILG Manila Bay Rehabilitation Task Force"

6.0 Repealing Clause

All DILG Memorandum Circulars inconsistent herewith in part or full, are hereby modified, revoked, or repealed accordingly.

7.0 Effectivity

This memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.

8.0 Approving Authority



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9.0 Feedback

For related queries, kindly contact the Office of the Undersecretary/Assistant Secretary for Peace and Order through Telephone Nos. 723-0401/10 local 3341 or 3331 or email address at ouspo2018.dilg@gmail.com.