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PUNONG BARANGAY JENNIFER F. ALIT

Barangay Central Bicutan
Taguig City

Dear PB Alit:

This has reference to your letter dated 03 June 2011 requesting Clearance from this Department allowing Barangay Tanods in your barangay to carry firearms during their tour of duty.

At the outset, please be informed that under Section 389 of the Local Government Code of 1991 (RA 7160), in the performance of their peace and order functions, Punong Barangays are allowed to possess and carry the necessary firearms within their territorial jurisdiction, subject to appropriate rules and regulations.

Meanwhile, five (5) years ago or on 14 July 2006, Executive Order No. 546 was issued authorizing the Philippine National Police (PNP) to deputize the barangay tanods as force multipliers in the implementation of the peace and order plan, subject to the concurrence of the appropriate Local Chief Executive through the Local Peace and Order Council (LPOC).

The National Police Commission (NAPOLCOM) issued its Memorandum Circular No. 2008-013, prescribing Guidelines and Procedures Governing the deputation of Barangay Tanods as members of Police Auxiliary Units (PAUs) and authorizing the deployment of PNP Uniformed Personnel to act as Supervisor of PAU Members.


Based on the aforesaid EO and NAPOLCOM issuance, barangay tanods as members of PAU shall be allowed to carry firearms only when they are in proper uniform and subject to existing rules and regulations.

Let it be stressed however that the training and thus deputation of barangay tanods as members of PAU have not materialized. Accordingly, there are no existing PAU members who are authorized to carry firearms.

While barangay tanods are very useful in assisting the local authorities in the maintenance of peace and order, we regret to inform you that under existing regulations, barangay tanods cannot be armed with guns.

We hope we have guided you accordingly.

Very truly yours,


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