

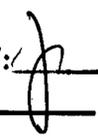
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**RESOLUTION**

**URGING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE TO MAINTAIN AND OPERATE AN IMPROVED 24/7 DEDICATED DIRECT NATIONAL EMERGENCY HOTLINE TO ADDRESS CRIME SITUATIONS AND ASSISTANCE, AN AVENUE FOR CITIZENS' PREDICAMENTS AND SIMILAR OTHER PEACE AND ORDER ISSUES ON A REAL TIME, PRO-ACTIVE ENGAGEMENT**

Whereas, the State in the exercise of its *Parens Patriae*, is mandated with the constitutional duty of providing, "the maintenance of peace and order, the protection of life, liberty, and property, promotion of the general welfare" as these are "essential for the enjoyment by all the people of the blessings of democracy"<sup>1</sup>;

Whereas, the Philippine National Police (PNP) is one of the protectors of the people, along with the Armed Forces of the Philippines;

Whereas, crime is a significant concern in urban and rural areas of the Philippines, as manifested in the following statistics<sup>2</sup>:

- Typical criminal acts include pick-pocketing, confidence schemes, acquaintance scams, and, in some cases, credit card fraud. Carjacking, kidnappings, robberies, and violent assaults sporadically occur<sup>3</sup>
- A quick browse of the PNP's crime statistics shows that there is an increase in the total number of reported crimes. In 2014, the total number of reported crimes is at around 1.2 million, while 2013 data is only at around 1 million. In 2012, only 217,812 crimes were reported.
- There is likewise a noticeable spike in the number of index crimes (crimes against persons and properties). From around 129,000 in 2012, index crimes dramatically increased to 458,000 in 2013 and a slight increase in the following year at around 493,000. Incidents of serious crimes rose by a total of 300% in these years.
- There is a slight decrease in crime rate (the number of crime incidents reported per 100,000 population). In 2014, the crime rate was 1,004 – a bit less than the 1,053 rate in 2013.

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<sup>1</sup> The 1987 Philippine Constitution, Article II, Section 5

<sup>2</sup> Rappler, PNP crime statistics, January 5, 2016

<sup>3</sup> Philippines 2013 Crime and Safety Report, February 2013

- In 2011-2012, the data are as follows: according to the Philippine National Police Directorate for Investigation and Detective Management, the Total Crime Volume (TCV) in 2012 was 217,812 as compared to 2011 with 241,988 – a decrease of 24,176. Of the total 217,812 crime incidents, the National Capital Regional Police Office (NCRPO) registered the highest with 56,978 followed by Regions 3 (Bulacan, Bataan, Pampanga, Nueva Ecija, Zambales, Tarlac, Aurora) and 7 (Cebu, Bohol, Negros Oriental, Siquijor) with 22,498 and 20,466 reported incidents respectively. Theft (43,606 incidents), physical assault (34,825 incidents), and robbery (26,988 incidents) are the top three commonly committed crimes according to the TCV.

Whereas, in the past, and as pointed out in last year's budget (GAA) deliberations, the PNP must continue to have a dedicated direct emergency line to accept calls on crime situation assistance; a venue for people and citizens to inform of their concerns and other peace and order issues on a real time, pro-active engagement;

Whereas, the DILG-PNP has been using 117 (voice calls only and no text messaging application) but in some days, it is intermittently operational while the number 09178475757 is a dedicated hotline established for threatened journalists;

Whereas, very recently, the Philippine National Police has joined Twitter, through its Directorate for Police Community Relations with the account handle @PNPHotline;

Whereas, operating a dedicated direct emergency hotline will result as a point of contact for the citizens' to report their predicaments and expectedly, a timely help from the police: Now, therefore be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, that the Philippine National Police be urged to maintain and operate an improved 24/7 dedicated direct national emergency hotline to address crime situations and assistance, a venue for citizens' predicaments and other peace and order issues on a real time, pro-active engagement. Provided, that relevant and massive information campaign on the hotline be made so that the people can be apprised of this public service.

Adopted,

  
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