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OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES ON THE INTEGRATION OF COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS

1. REFERENCES:

- a. PNP ICT Master Plan (Secured, Mobile, Artificial Intelligence-Driven, Real Time Technology) Policing; and
- b. Approved Memorandum by Chief, PNP dated October 20, 2016 regarding the Proposed Adoption of Digital Mobile Radio (DMR) Standard for PNP Nationwide Digital Radio System.

2. RATIONALE:

The Philippine National Police (PNP) has various types of communications system established for specific purpose and application. In law enforcement functions, PNP units use the Ultra High Frequency (UHF) radios to establish communications contact between operating units, mobile and beat patrols. In Internal Security Operations (ISO) and anti-terrorism campaign, PNP units utilize the High Frequency (HF) and low band Very High Frequency (VHF) for tactical operations usually conducted at areas not covered by VHF/UHF radio network and even cellular service. Local telephony for the National Headquarters and Police Regional Offices is also given importance to support inter-office communications that enhances coordination and prompt delivery of frontline services to the community.

Commercial telecommunications is likewise utilized by the PNP such as landline telephone, cellular and satellite phones that serve as alternate and redundant communications network. These silos of communications network shall be integrated to link different types and standards to enhance communications coordination, command and control.

The existing PNP communications or Radio and Telephony Systems operate separately with limited functionality for integration. Tactical Operations Centers (TOC) of the PNP have various types of radio communications equipment and telephony devices and the communications link can only contact the same of its type and standard. Information and instructions have to be relayed by radio operators/communicators when the calling party does not have the same radio equipment as the units to be called. PNP commanders and officers who desire to directly give instructions should go to the TOC. This is also the scenario in

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establishing Multi-Agency Coordinating Center and Advance Command Post during communications security coverages on national and international events.

3. GUIDELINES:

a. General Guidelines:

- 1) PNP-owned radios (HF, VHF, UHF) as well as loaned radios shall use Communication System Integrator (CSI) and will not employ encryption during disaster response
- 2) During normal police operation, special events like international and national events, CSI shall be used with appropriate encryption.
- 3) During ISO, the duty personnel at the Regional TOC (RTOC) shall stand by on allotted frequency so that the operating troops can call thru radio anytime. CSI shall be used with appropriate encryption.
- 4) Only personnel with training/seminar on CSI operation shall be authorized to operate the CSI.
- 5) No CSI operator shall integrate two networks without a request of a calling party.
- 6) Acquisition of Internet Protocol (IP)-based communications systems shall be considered to ensure integration readiness with the existing IP-based systems
- 7) PNP Command Center and RTOC shall be installed with CSI to integrate telephony and radio communications systems.
- 8) Radio operator shall patch the CSI upon request during police operation.
- 9) A rapid deployment CSI shall be utilized during disaster rescue and special events.

b. Responsibilities:

- 1) **DICTM**
 - a) OPR for the implementation of this MC;
 - b) Review and update this MC to ensure that its provisions are relevant to the needs of the organization; and
 - c) Perform other tasks as directed.
- 2) **CES**
 - a) Provide training and technical support to PNP units for the installation and periodic maintenance of their CSI;

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- b) Direct and supervise the Regional Communications and Electronics Units in the implementation of this MC;
 - c) Provide technical assistance to the Communications Chiefs of National Support Units and Provincial Police Offices/City Police Offices/ Municipal Police Stations in the implementation of this MC; and
 - d) Perform other tasks as directed.
- 3) **RD, PROs and D, NSUs**
- a) Ensure adherence of their respective concerned units and offices in the implementation of this MC; and
 - b) Perform other tasks as directed.

4. PENALTY CLAUSE:


PNP personnel who violate any of the provisions of this MC shall be held administratively liable under NAPOLCOM MC No. 2016-002 as amended by NAPOLCOM MC No. 2019-005 or 2017 Rules on Administrative Cases in the Civil Service, whichever is applicable.

5. REPEALING CLAUSE:

Any MC and other existing guidelines and issuances inconsistent with this MC are hereby rescinded or modified accordingly.

6. EFFECTIVITY:

This MC shall take effect after 15 days from the filing of a copy thereof at the University of the Philippines Law Center in consonance with Section 3 Chapter 2, Book VII of Executive Order No. 292, otherwise known as the "Revised Administrative Code of 1987", as amended.



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