

## **CY 2011 MAJOR PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS**

### **FIRE SUPPRESSION CAPABILITY BUILD-UP**

The Bureau prescribes that there must be one operational firetruck for every 28,000 population. At the projected population for CY2011 of 95.89 million, the BFP should have been provided with 3,425 serviceable units of firetruck. Presently, the Bureau has in its fleet of firetruck a total of 1,887 units inclusive of the 193 units owned by the LGUs, of which only 1,526 units or 80.8% are operational. As such, there is an outright shortfall of 1,899 serviceable units to meet the standard firetruck-to-population ratio.

Similarly, under the enabling law of the BFP, R.A. 6975, the Bureau is mandated to establish at least one fire station in each Local Government Unit (LGU) with sufficient equipage and personnel. Presently, of the total 1,496 municipalities nationwide, there are still 46.25% or 692 municipalities that do not have fire protection services. As a matter of top priority, therefore, one of our program thrust for this year is to narrow down the gap between the ideal requirement for firetruck and what we have on hand.

### **FIRE SUPPRESSION CAPABILITY BUILD-UP**

Mandate Under R.A. 6975:

- Establish at least one (1) fire station with personnel and equipage
- 1,496 Total Number of Municipalities
- 46.25% or 692 municipalities with no Fire Protection Services



We intend to fill up the deficiency in firetrucks and firefighting accessories by intensifying our revenue earnings capability to raise sufficient funds for the acquisition of the needed equipage. With the passage of the amended Fire Code in 2008, the BFP has trained and fielded out Fire Code revenue collection officers initially in LGUs with fire stations. Support infrastructure such as web-based and manual data-base systems will be established in all Regional Offices to closely monitor the collection system thereby ensuring that funds collected are duly remitted to the Special Account assigned for the purpose. The data-base system will also allow the BFP to detect in real-time the establishments which are recalcitrant in the

payment of fire code fees, as well as allow the BFP management to project fire code revenue collections for purposes of planning and budgeting.

## **Fire Suppression . . .**

### **Intensify Revenue Earning Capability Under Amended Fire Code of 2008**

- Deployment of Fire Code Revenue Collection Officers
- Establishment of Web-Based and Manual Data Base System in all ROs



The BFP is also vigilant in the identification of possible Official Development Assistance and Bilateral Funding sources that may be tapped for availment of soft loans for multi-year supply and deliveries of firefighting, EMS and rescue equipment. Presently, there are on-going negotiations with the Austrian government for the supply of seventy-six (76) units of firetrucks and computer-based emergency dispatch and communication system.

## **Fire Suppression . . .**

### **Intensify Revenue Earning Capability Under Amended Fire Code of 2008**

- Close monitoring of Remittance of Collection
- Close monitoring of Violators
- Improved Planning and Budgeting System



Our existing policy on solicitation for donation of equipment and facilities from LGUs and non-government organizations will continue to be pursued with vigor. LGUs will be provided with technical assistance by our

field units for them to avail of the soft loan being offered by Land Bank for the acquisition of firefighting, rescue and EMS equipage.

Likewise, strong representations with Congressmen and Senators will be intensified to allow acquisition of fire fighting equipment utilizing their Priority Development Assistance Fund (PDAF), commonly known as pork barrel. We are pleased to inform the body that through the sustained lobbying activities of the BFP leadership, a group of Congressmen contributed their PDAF for CY2009 and 2010 for the acquisition of firetruck in the total amount of ₱ 400 million.

### **Fire Suppression . . .**

- Tapping ODA and Bilateral Funding for Soft Loan
- Solicitation of Donations from LGUs and NGOs
- Technical Assistance to LGUs for Loan Availments from LBP
- Use of Priority Development Assistance Fund of Senators and Congressmen for Acquisition of Equipage



### **FIRE PREVENTION PROGRAMS**

The major thrust of the fire prevention efforts of the BFP for CY2011 is to undertake a massive and sustained information campaign to institutionalize and ensure proper implementation of the safety provisions of the amended Fire Code. The Bureau will also professionalize the enforcement of the Fire Code by fielding out safety inspectors who have the necessary educational background in engineering, architecture and other related fields of studies.

## **FIRE PREVENTION PROGRAMS**

- Massive and Sustained Information Campaign on the Fire Code
- Professionalize Fire Safety Enforcement through Properly Trained Fire Safety Inspectors



The BFP will continue to pursue cooperative endeavors with existing professional group such as the United Architects of the Philippines (UAP), Philippine Institute of Civil Engineers (PICE), Safety Organization of the Philippines Inc. (SOPI) and the Liquefied Petroleum Gas Marketers Association (LPGMA), to enjoin all their members to advocate strict adherence and enforcement of the safety provisions of the Fire Code.

Efforts are also exerted in the lateral coordination with other national government agencies such as ATO, LTO, PPA and DENR to serve as conduit agencies in the enforcement of fire safety measures in their respective areas of responsibilities.

A Fire Summit is likewise scheduled in CY2011 wherein all concerned government agencies and private institutions and professional organizations will be gathered in one place to deliberate and draw up strategic and short-term actions plans for the orderly and intensified implementation of the amended Fire Code.

Existing fire prevention programs will be mainstreamed with more emphasis, to include among others: the Kiddie and Junior Fire Marshal Project which aims to integrate fire safety and prevention in the curricula in the Pre-school, elementary and secondary levels of education; the use of pre-numbered and standardized checklist for fire safety inspection of establishments to avoid anomalous inspections; organization and training fire volunteer brigades in barangays, high-rise buildings and industrial zones to serve as frontline fire prevention officers in the communities and places of work; and the strengthened fire prevention information campaigns through barangay ugnayan, distribution of printed fire safety information kits, press releases and appearances in radio and television programs.

## **FIRE PREVENTION PROGRAMS**

- Cooperative Endeavors with Professional Groups
- Lateral Coordination with other Government Agencies
- Fire Summit



## **FIRE INVESTIGATION AND INTELLIGENCE PROGRAMS**

The Bureau will exert extra effort to transfer to the newly constructed BFP-NHQ building within this year which co-locates the fire laboratory. Procurement of laboratory equipment will be included in the list of projects to be funded by the Fire Code revenues for this year. A continuing program for acquisition of laboratory equipment will be integrated in the CY2012 budget proposal.

In the meantime, the BFP shall sustain its existing cooperative working arrangements with other government law enforcement agencies such as the NBI and the PNP for the storage, handling and examination of arson evidence as well as the apprehension of suspected arsonist at the Regional levels.

## **FIRE INVESTIGATION AND INTELLIGENCE PROGRAMS**

- Transfer to New BFP-NHQ Office Co-locating the Fire Laboratory
- Continuing Program For Acquisition of Laboratory Equipment
- Cooperative Working Arrangement with PNP and NBI For Evidence Handling and Apprehension of Arsonist



Earlier guidelines and standard operating procedures on fire investigation and intelligence works will be updated to integrate modern techniques as well as encourage the intensive use of information technology.

To ensure sufficient number of properly trained investigators, a higher training quota will be requested from the Philippine Public Safety College (PPSC). Extra efforts will also be exerted to source out scholarships, exchange student program and similar foreign trainings of investigators. Needless to say, properly trained and well equipped fire investigators will result in the timely identification of the cause and origin of fires as well as lead to the early apprehension of suspected arsonists.

## **Fire Investigation and Intelligence . . .**

- Updating of SOPs and Guidelines
- Higher Training Quota for Investigation
- Foreign Training and Scholarship for Investigation



## **EMS AND RESCUE PROGRAMS**

Continued training of emergency medical technicians and rescuers will be pursued to include trainings in dealing with the effects of weapons of mass destruction, hazardous material exposure, and environmental/climate changes. The BFP will continue to strengthen its coordination with Patrol 117 and other private pre-hospital providers and rescue groups to improve its capability and response time during incidents.

Likewise, the BFP shall pursue a continuing build-up of its rescue and EMS capability through the procurement of additional rescue tenders, all terrain-vehicles, rescue boats and ambulances in addition to its existing fleet of 98 ambulances, 50 rubber boats and 13 rescue trucks.

In keeping with the President's thrust and all-out campaign against drug abuse and addiction, the BFP will strengthen its drug testing program among its rank and file. The Program aims to ensure that BFP personnel are free from using illicit drugs which could significantly diminish the

efficiency and effectiveness in the discharge of their duties and responsibilities.

### **EMS AND RESCUE PROGRAMS**

- Continued Training of EMTs and Rescuers
- Strengthened Coordination with Patrol 117 and Private Pre-Hospital Providers
- Procurement of Additional EMS and Rescue Equipment
- Campaign Against Drug Abuse



### **ADMINISTRATION AND GOVERNANCE PROGRAMS**

The BFP has successfully lobbied for the passage of R.A 9592 which allows the extension for five (5) years the reglamentary period for complying with the minimum educational qualification and appropriate eligibility in the appointment to the BFP. The same Law will also exempt BFP personnel from the required educational and eligibility requirement if they have rendered fifteen (15) years of service.

### **ADMINISTRATION AND GOVERNANCE PROGRAMS**

- Full implementation of R.A. 9592
- Expand Coverage of Website Capability to the Provincial Office
- Implementation of Public Safety Information System (PSIS)



To improve availability of critical decision-making inputs from the field units, the Bureau will expand the coverage of the existing website and install internet capability up to the Provincial Office level. The same website capability will also be utilized for posting the periodic BFP financial and procurement information in keeping with the requirement of DILG for transparency.

In addition, the BFP, in coordination with DILG, will implement the Public Safety Information System to operationalize a comprehensive database capability for its mission-critical functions of fire suppression, prevention, investigation and EMS and rescue.

To cope up with the shortage of operations personnel at the station level, streamlining of personnel and reorganization will be instituted at the BFP-NHQ, Regional and Provincial offices.

Educational intervention programs will also be implemented to address the requirement of personnel with educational deficiencies without drastically affecting the performance of their duties. Among others, the initiatives will include Distance Learning Program; Customized Educational Curriculum Study Programs in coordination with the Civil Service Commission; and in-house review class programs.

## **Administrative and Governance . . .**

### **Streamlining and Re-organization**

- Distance Learning Program
- Customized Educational Curriculum Study Program
- In-House Review Class

