

OPERATIONAL CONTINGENCY PLAN

ACTION PLAN

Reference:

- a. Region VIII Map (drawn to scale)
- b. Memo from the Fire Chief dated 7 January 2003
- c. Sec. 52 of RA 6975
- d. PD 1185

1. SITUATION:

- a. General

Fire may occur whenever given a chance to strike by one's carelessness or negligence. Threat of fire on lives and properties is enormous that we should be ever vigilant and conscientious in preventing its occurrence.

It can be recalled that fire had strike every city/municipality of the country with its intense that causes a large amount of money being lost and the worse is death. It doesn't show mercy whether the structure is made of concrete or light material or whether it is owned by kings or president or of lowly individual. But, the worse is that sometimes it serves as a hindrance to economic development.

Fire Prevention Month is celebrated not only designed to instill to the public fire safety consciousness for a particular time but to inculcate to the public fire safety consciousness as a way of life. Innovations from year's to year's celebration were being made so as to better serve the

public in terms of information dissemination. Fire prone areas were being identified to make sure that contingency plan is aimed in providing basic fire services such as fire safety education and UGNAYAN.

As such, to avoid the occurrence of conflagration, and keeping with the bureau's mission and objectives to ensure public safety regionwide, several activities such as a series of fire drills and information drive thru the tri-media are being planned and manifested to highlight this year's celebration.

b. Enemy Forces:

1. Violator of the PD 1185
2. Arsonist
3. Looters/Expectators
4. Natural disasters or causes

c. Friendly Forces:

1. Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)
2. Local Government Units (LGUs)
3. Philippine National Police (PNP)
4. Department of the Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)
5. Public Information Agency (PIA)
6. Philippine National Red Cross (PNRC)
7. Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD)
8. Department of Health (DOH)

9. Volunteer Fire Brigades (VFBs)
10. Non-Government Organizations (NGOs)
11. KABALIKAT CIVICOM
12. MEDIA

d) Attachment and Detachment:

e) Assumption:

1. Adequate personnel
2. Knowledge of fires and their causes
3. Knowledge in rescue and retrieval operation
4. Trained firemen for fire prevention activities
5. Good advanced planning for prevention
6. Trained firemen for rescue and evacuation
7. Available budgetary requirement

2. MISSION

The Bureau of Fire Protection Region 8 will provide for the protection of the community and its properties in order to minimize injury, loss of life, and damage resulting from any kind of disaster. At the same time the administration of the Bureau of Fire Protection will provide for continuity of management function, damage assessment – public and private – and immediate attention to the re-establishment of the normal operations so as to support the bureau's mission.

3. OBJECTIVES:

1. To inculcate fire safety awareness and fire prevention involvement to our citizenry particularly at an early age.
2. To establish policies and procedures which will assure maximum and efficient utilization of all resources of the Bureau of Fire Protection.
3. To minimize the loss of life and/or injury to the community.
4. To effect a meaningful reduction in fire occurrences through fire safety propagation and fire prevention education/campaign.
5. To encourage involvement or full cooperation from NGOs, LGUs , Volunteer Fire Brigades and all sectors of society in the promulgation of fire safety consciousness.

4. EXECUTION/IMPLEMENTATION:

The Bureau of Fire Protection, Regional Office no. 8 shall prepare for all conceivable contingencies making use of all available resources including those from the private sector. The plan was a consolidation of plans/IMPLANs submitted by the provincial offices, City Fire Stations and Municipal Fire Stations. Hence, the plan shall be executed in three (3) phases:

a. Pre-Activity Phase:

1. Pre Fire Planning
2. Conducting public training and education programs to assure a continuing capability to accomplish disaster response objectives.
3. Barangay Ugnayan and Berong Bumbero's visibility, image-building campaign
4. Fire Drills
5. Organization of Fire Disaster Control Brigade in every barangay
6. Lectures, seminars and training for both BFP personnel and volunteers
7. Continuous TV, radio and newsprint exposures
8. Continuous distribution of fire prevention materials

b. Emergency Response:

For Structural Fires:

1. The firefighting units of City and Municipality Fire Station (on red alert status) together with the volunteer fire brigades shall immediately response and shall be considered as fire safety emergency response units to all fire calls.

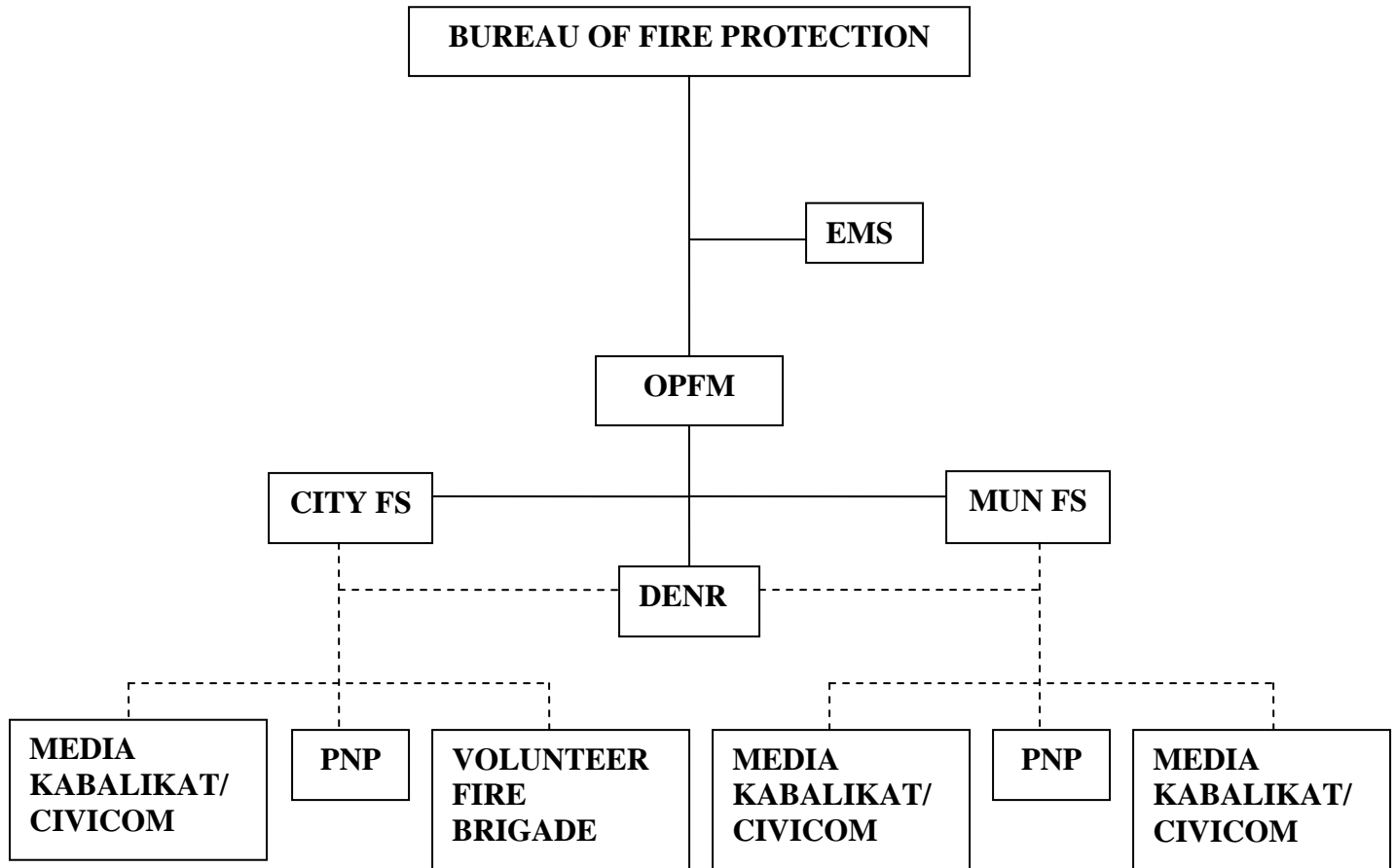
2. The EMS shall extend medical assistance to other allied agencies on life threatening situations and shall be on red alert status.
3. Police should cordon/guard the fire scene and prevent the entry of unauthorized persons to the involved building or area.
4. Conduct of evacuation (to the identified evacuation sites) and conduct of search and rescue operation if necessary.
5. In cases wherein the fire is large enough to suppress that the local fire service can no longer contain, a request for backup from other firefighting units should be immediately done using the existing running card system.

c) Disaster Recovery and Long Term Mitigation Activities:

For both structural and forest fires:

1. Continue with the investigation and gathering of evidence;
2. Developing research and development program;
3. Conduct of evaluation/critique of operation and,
4. Final investigation report and if necessary take the appropriate action.

4. ORGANIZATION



5. TASKING:

Over-all emergency operations will be directed from the Regional Director or the ARDO. The emergency field operations will be directed from an established command post staffed by the Provincial Fire Marshal, City Fire Marshal or the City Fire Marshal concerned.

The Firefighting units in every city and municipal fire stations together with the volunteer fire brigade and EMS shall have the following functions:

- a) Immediate response to all fire calls and other emergencies
- b) Conduct of rescue and evacuation operation if necessary
- c) Coordinate with concerned agencies in rendering medical assistance.

6. SERVICE SUPPORT

- a) Administrative:

- 1. Current administrative policies and procedures shall apply.

- b) Logistic:

- 1. Provide own logistical requirements for short-term operation through the utilization of existing firefighting equipment and apparatus.

- 2. Additional logistic or funding shall be provided by the friendly forces.

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