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BFP XI OPERATION CONTINGENCY PLAN
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I. REFERENCE:

- a. BFP Operational Map
- b. Organizational Chart
- c. Memo from the Fire Chief dated 23 July 2008 re-Operational Contingency Plan

II. GENERAL SITUATION:

Region XI comprises of (4) provinces, (6) cities and (43) municipalities and (1,508) Barangays. It has a total land area of 1,907,065 hectares with a total population of 4,581,199 nationwide.

BFP Region XI has seventy three firefighting apparatus. With this number, six (6) are service vehicle, 63 are fire trucks distributed to the different fire stations nationwide consisting of 41 pumper fire trucks, two (2) ambulance van, one (1) rescue van, two (2) rescue truck, three (3) break squirt ladders fire truck, one (1) snorkel ladder trucks and a light truck. There are four (4) fire trucks beyond economical repair (BER). To supplement the lack of fire truck, there are 19 portable fire pumps distributed to municipalities without fire station and fire trucks and one Fire rescue Boat stationed at Digos City. With regard to the Ugnayan Program of BFP XI, the various volunteer fire brigades of three provinces and cities continued their support to BFP using their modern fire fighting equipment and apparatus.

The BFP XI has a total of 716 personnel.

Enemy forces and other misguided elements within the area of responsibility of BFP Region XI, might institute dual sabotage operation by means of fire disarray and other occurrence through intentional and accidental fires.

A. Enemy Forces

1. CPP-NPA
2. Arsonist
3. Pyro-outlaws
4. MILF
5. Other misguided elements

B. Support Units

1. Department of Public Works and Highways
2. Toril Turbo Volunteer Fire Brigade
3. Filipino-Chinese Firefighters
4. Davao Volunteer Fire Brigade/Federation of Filipino Chinese
5. Kabalikat radio Communication Association
6. Digos Filipino-Chinese Fire Volunteer Foundation Inc.
7. Darong Volunteer Fire Brigade
8. Tagum Rescue Unit and Emergency Team
9. Tagum Knighthawk Foundation, Inc.

10. Interco Volunteer Fire Brigade (Mati)
11. Boy Scout of the Philippines Emergency Corps
12. Stanfilco Panabo Wharf Fire Volunteer Brigade
13. 166 Davao Volunteer Rescuers and Monitoring Inc.
14. REACT
15. PNR
16. DART

C. Coordinating Units

1. Department of the Interior and Local Government
2. Regional Disaster Coordinating Council
3. Provincial or/Municipal Disaster Coordinating Council
4. Office of the Governors
5. Office of the City/Municipal Mayors
6. Philippine National Police
7. Nearest Military Installation within AOR
8. Davao City Disaster Coordinating Council

D. Assumptions

Minor or major conflagration brought by fire or any natural/man-made calamities that will hit any business establishments, government buildings, residential buildings and other forestall area within the area of responsibility of BFP Region XI.

III. MISSION:

The Bureau of Fire Protection was created by virtue of RA 6975, primarily to perform the following functions:

1. Be responsible for the prevention and suppression of all kinds of destructive fire on:
 - a. Buildings, houses and other structures.
 - b. Forest
 - c. Land Transportation vehicles and equipment
 - d. Ships/vessels docked at pier/wharves or anchored in major seaports.
 - e. Petroleum installations
 - f. Plane crashes and
 - g. Other similar incidents
2. Be responsible for the enforcement of the Fire Code of the Philippines (PD 1185) and other related laws. (Sec. 54)
3. Shall have the power to investigate all causes of fires and if necessary, file the proper complaint with the city or provincial prosecutor who has jurisdiction over the case.
4. In time of national emergency, all elements of BFP shall upon the direction of the President, assist the AFP in meeting the national emergency.
5. Shall ensure public safety through the prevention and suppression of all kinds or any natural/man-made calamities with active support of the community, enforce fire code and investigate all causes of fire and if necessary, file the proper complaints with appropriate agency.

IV. OBJECTIVES:

A. General Objectives

To enlist the direct involvement and active participation of the civilian populace and private sectors through the help of the local government and administration in the promotion of fire safety, establishments and maintenance of a well-equipped and well-manned Bureau of Fire Protection and to inculcate Fire Safety Awareness of the citizenry.

B. Specific Objectives

1. Uncompromising enforcement of the Fire Code of the Philippines (PD 1185).
2. To intensify the fire prevention education program to gain support for public consciousness on safety programs through continuous “UGNAYAN”.
3. To conduct a rigid safety inspection of all houses, structures, building and the like to reduce fire incident and occurrences.
4. To conduct public fire safety programs to minimize if not eliminate casualties, injuries or damage in case of fire.
5. To extend medical assistance on life threatening emergencies such as acute heart attack, hepatitis infection, hypertensive attacks, vehicular accidents, traumatic injuries and other emergencies caused by fires.
6. To establish an emergency medical team at the major cemeteries/memorials a day before the all saints/souls day particularly at Davao City Memorials where influx of people expected.

V. EXECUTION:

A. Concept of Operation

Utilization of all fire stations, personnel and equipment, volunteer fire brigade, support and coordinating units.

B. Maneuver

Davao City, Davao del Sur, Davao del Norte, Comval Province and Davao Oriental Fire Stations, personnel and equipment, volunteer fire brigades from other municipalities without fire stations, support and coordinating units, respectively. Their duties to respond in occurrence of fire or any calamities.

However, in case of general conflagrations, the highest ranking BFP Officer will act as the overall commander and the support and coordinating units are mandated to follow the chain of command.

C. Fire Fighting Operation

Will be manned by well-trained personnel of the Bureau of Fire Protection and Volunteer Fire Brigades with or without fire trucks from different barangays, municipalities and cities within the AOR of Region XI.

D. Rescue and Salvage Operation

Will be manned by personnel of Regional Emergency Medical Services, Provincial/Municipal emergency services unit and other medical volunteers that hold the responsibility in rescuing the lives, properties and deliver the victims to a place of safety.

E. Coordinating Instructions

1. The personnel that receive any fire calls should immediately set the siren for alarm.
2. Communication/signal personnel should immediately flash messages to the office of the Regional Fire Marshal, Provincial Fire Marshals, City/Municipal Fire Marshal, support and coordinating units, which is nearest to the fire incident or within their area of responsibility.
3. Uphold the rule of law and observe the BFP Rules of Engagement in effecting firefighting operations, arrest/capture of suspected arsonists and other lawless elements. The rights of the people must be respected at all times.
4. Maximum utilization of PNP/CVO's and other concerned citizens is highly encouraged in order to prevent looters.
5. Submit situational report during fire fighting operations.
6. This contingency plan on OPLAN KALULUWA will take effect immediately.

VI. TASKING:

1. BFP personnel of operating units of different city/municipal fire stations with or without fire trucks and volunteer fire brigades and equipment are responsible in firefighting, rescues and salvage operation.
2. DPWH, Volunteer Fire Brigades, Personnel and equipment, civilian volunteer organization of different area concern will be activated as support units.
3. PNP and other civic organization will be responsible in security and cordon measure.
4. Regional/Provincial Emergency Medical Services Unit and PNRC personnel and equipment will be responsible in first aid and rescue operation activities.
5. City/Provincial/Municipal Electric Company and Water Districts will be activated as support units.

VII. SERVICE SUPPORT:

Source of Water Supply

1. Reservoir of BFP
2. River
3. Sea
4. Local Water Fire Hydrant
5. Privately-owned water hydrant
6. Davao City Water Districts
7. Swimming pools

VIII. COMMAND AND SIGNAL:

1. Continuous sound of siren of fire trucks towards the fire scene.
2. Provincial/Municipal Fire Marshal and Fire Safety Inspectors/Investigator will be Fire Ground Commander in their respective AOR.
3. In case of major conflagrations, the ranking officer shall assume as overall commander.
4. All communications/signal should be immediately flash messages to support and coordinating units.
5. Command post shall be at the fire scene.

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