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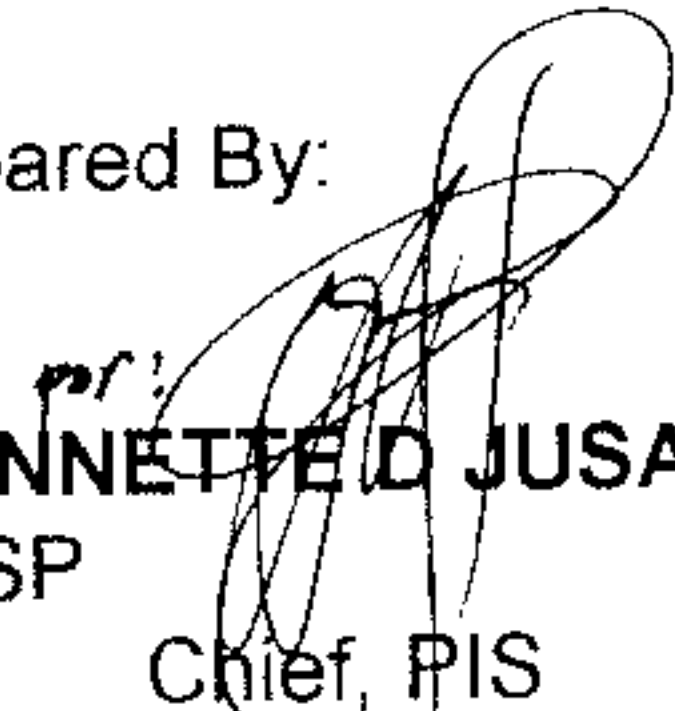
BFP Intensifies Inspection of Dorms and Boarding Houses

With school opening only a few days away, Secretary Ronaldo V. Puno of the Interior and Local Government to issued a directive through the Undersecretary for Public Safety Marius P. Corpus to the Acting Chief, BFP CSUPT ROLANDO M BANDILLA JR to conduct re-inspection of schools and commercial establishments and make them comply strictly to fire safety regulations and standards. This is to ensure the safety of all student dormers in their second home away from home.

In response to the directive, the **Acting Chief, BFP ROLANDO M BANDILLA JR** through the Director for Fire Safety and Prevention CSUPT ROLANDO ABRAZALDO then issued an order to all Regional Directors to intensify their campaign in preventing fires by conducting inspections/assessments of dormitories and boarding houses to include the schools in their respective AOR to ensure the welfare of the students considering that classes are fast approaching.

The following are the common violations and deficiencies of establishments: no secondary exit at the projection room; no wet stand pipe system; no standard fire exit or fire doors are not provided with self-closing mechanism; no extension of fire escape to ground floor, corridors, walls, ceiling and openings are of light wooden materials; defective manual fire alarm; no smoke and heat detector; inadequate battery operated emergency light. Any structure or establishment that is found to be operating without mandatory fire safety requirements and in clear violation of the Fire Code of the Philippines must be reported and will be charged in proper court and if necessary, recommended for closure if found hazardous for occupancy.###

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