

Level of Compliance on Operation Plan Sita in Golden Acres Subdivision Annex, Talon Uno Las Piñas City

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Abstract:- Operation Plan Sita in Golden Acres Subdivision Annex, Talon Uno, Las Piñas City. In the determination of Level of Compliance of Operation Plan Sita in Golden Acres Subdivision Annex, Talon Uno Las Piñas City, it was divided into three (3) indicators: Oplan Sita Guidelines, Basic equipment needed at Oplan Sita and Oplan Sita Team. First, Oplan Sita Guidelines got a general weighted mean of 3.25 interpreted as Complied, PNP Personnel complies with the standards set by the Revised Philippine National Police Operational Procedures 2013, in terms of Oplan Sita Guidelines as perceived by the respondents of this study. Second, Basic equipment needed at Oplan Sita got a general weighted mean of 3.69 interpreted as Very Much Complied, it implies that PNP Personnel completely comply with the standards set by the Revised Philippine National Police Operational Procedures 2013, in terms of Basic equipment needed as perceived by the respondents of this study. Third, Oplan Sita Team got a general weighted mean of 3.42 interpreted as Very Much Complied which implies that PNP Personnel was Very much Complied in accordance with the standards set by the Revised Philippine National Police Operational Procedures 2013, in terms of Oplan Sita Team as perceived by the respondents of this study.

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I. INTRODUCTION

The government is facing with various social problems and concerns and one of these problems is criminality, which affects every aspect of community life. The campaign against crime is a continuing concern of Philippine National Police and in doing this, effective crime prevention and strategies must be developed to suppress this primary problem of the community.

The rise of crimes is particularly those carried out by motorcycle-riding criminals, seems unabated not only in Metro Manila but also in another region. Crimes involving riding in tandem are reportedly increasing in number nationwide. This situation is further aggravated by the

apparent poorly visible policemen on the streets, especially in crime prone areas and the laissez-faire attitude of some PNP members in performing their duties.

It is necessary to strengthen efforts of law enforcement and anti-criminality operations to curb this alarming situation. To improve crime prevention, the Philippine National Police is set to implement a plan to crack down on motorcycle-riding criminals and to increase police visibility to lessen than incidents of killing by riding- in-tandem gunmen. This also aims to reduce street crimes and other crimes committed through the use of firearms.

Oplan Sita is an operation which is conducted purposely for crime prevention, possible apprehension of law violators and persons with standing warrant of arrest. Criminals are mostly using motorcycle, that's why they intensified the inspection on vehicle. Oplan Sita will put a stop to the increasing number of criminal incidents involving motorbikes and riding-in-tandem groups. Common violations encountered in Oplan Sita were driving without license, carrying firearms without permit documents and using motorcycles or any type of public vehicles without plate numbers, this also nabbed identified suspects carrying or transporting illegal drugs. This is something that will help to combat crimes (Philippine National Police Executive Summary, 2014)

Motivated by these concerns, the researchers choose this study of PNP Oplan Sita because it is one of a solution to lessen the crime and to make our country safe and peace. Oplan Sita really help us a lot in preventing street crimes and nabbing the violators in the city. There is already a big percentage of violators that were apprehended since the implementation of this operation.

In line with these, we conducted our research in Golden Acres Subdivision Annex, Talon Uno Las Piñas City because Oplan Sita is daily conducted by the PNP in the choke point of Cavite and Las Piñas City. It will also help to address and strengthen the activity of the PNP for the safety and peace of our country.

Then, it will give information to the Philippine National Police to identify the strength and weakness of their programs in maintenance of peace and order to further improve and develop their strong points and make up for their weaknesses.

II. METHODOLOGY

The research used Descriptive analytics is a statistical method that is used to search and summarize historical data in order to identify patterns or meaning and relationships Andreev (2019). Which is appropriate in determining the level of implementation of Oplan Sita in Golden Acres, Subdivision Annex Talon Uno Las Piñas City.

The researcher found out that this method is applicable with the use of survey questionnaire and the result will organize, tallied and tabulated. It will be easy for them to determine the level of implementation of Oplan Sita.

III. DISCUSSION

The result below reveals the compliance on Operational Plan Sita in Golden Acres Subdivision Annex, Talon Uno Las Piñas City as assessed by the Drivers, Barangay Tanod and PNP.

A. The Level of Compliance on Operational plan Sita in Golden Acres Subdivision Annex, Talon Uno Las Piñas City

➤ Oplan Sita Guidelines

The Level of Compliance of Oplan Sita in Golden Acres Subdivision Annex, Talon Uno Las Piñas City is Complied with the general weighted mean of 3.25 for the Oplan Sita Guidelines as perceived by the Drivers, Barangay Tanod and PNP.

As assessed by the respondents, the result indicates that the PNP personnel were commendable in doing their duties and functions, especially during field operation under the Philippine National Police Manual of 2010. Under the function of Philippine National Police, the lowest rating is indicator number 4 when it comes to Police officer must be confine in their question as to identity, place of residence and other inquiries necessary to resolve police officer's suspicion got weighted mean of 3.11 Complied in its verbal interpretation means that Police officer determine comprehensive approach as to their question. The highest rating is indicator number 2 when it comes to the police officer not in uniform, police officer must announce his identity and displaying official identification card/and or badge got a weighted mean of 3.38 Very much Complied in its verbal interpretation, it means that the Police officer shall be courteous at all times and appear presentable in front of the public.

One of our respondents namely PO1 Jualo said that when it comes in questioning or asking the motorist, to avoid discrimination all their acts should be within the human rights policy and to resolve the suspicious thinking

of an officer. In contrast to the statement below, PO3 Casangkapan when it comes to the basic guidelines of Oplan Sita it is based on Philippine National Police Manual of 2010 that they must introduce their self specially when they are not in uniform.

B. Basic Equipment Needed at Oplan Sita

The Level of Compliance on Oplan Sita in Golden Acres Subdivision Annex, Talon Uno Las Piñas City is Very much Complied with the general weighted mean 3.69 for the Basic Equipments Needed at Oplan Sita as perceived by the Drivers, Barangay Tanod and PNP.

The result above reveals that the organization is well provide their equipment and it is a sign that they are serious in fighting criminality. Under the function of the PNP, the lowest rating is indicator number 3 when it comes to hand held radios and vehicle base radios should not be too loud to avoid confusing the drivers and got a weighted mean of 3.40 Complied in its verbal interpretation, it implies that the Police Officer are good in making drivers feel comfortable and without making them feel intimidated while in the operation of Oplan Sita. The highest rating is indicator number 2 when it comes to firearms with basic load of ammunition should be used if necessary, got a weighted mean of 3.85, Very much Complied in its verbal interpretation implies that Police Officer are more responsible in using their firearm and its only limited in loading of ammunition.

One of our respondents Mr. Juanico Tamayo says that he rated strongly complied because he said "Mga guidelines lang naman yan. pwedeng gawin, pwedeng hindi. Pero maayos yung pagsasagawa nila ng Oplan Sita kasi minsan nga naman kung masyadong malakas yung radio nila nakakadistract sa mga kagaya naming drivers, nakakakaba". (It is just only a guideline. But in conducting Oplan Sita, the radio should not be too loud to avoid distraction for our motorist).

In contrary to what the respondent stated, Captain Miling Ramos says that 'it's okay for a PNP Officer to have a firearm to be able to use if it is necessary gaya ng kapag lumaban yung mga suspect, or hindi kaya yung riding in tandem na usually mga may baril sila, basta gagamitin lamang nila yung baril kapag kaylangan na talaga". (It is okay for a PNP Officer to have a firearm to be able to use if it is necessary like if the suspect resist or like riding in tandem that usually have gun but they can only use it as a last resort).

According to PO3 Casangkapan of the PNP stated that they want a strict implementation of Oplan Sita in accordance with their established guidelines and protocols, in using firearms they only use it as a last resort if it is necessary and especially according to Philippine National Police Manual of 2010".

C. Oplan Sita Team

The Level of compliance on Oplan Sita in Golden Acres Subdivision Annex, Talon Uno, Las Piñas City is Very much Complied with the general weighted mean 3.42

for the Oplan Sita Team as perceived by the Drivers, Barangay Tanod, and PNP.

They promote a vital role to the community because of the presence of PNP personnel in the streets. Under the function of the PNP the lowest rating indicator number 1 when it comes to the spotter have keen to point/profile suspicious vehicle and got a weighted mean of 3.24. Complied in its verbal interpretation, it implies that the spotter is properly trained and knowledgeable on identifying suspicious vehicle while conducting Oplan Sita. The highest rating indicator number 5 when it comes to the Team Leader shall take responsibility for the actions and behavior of his personnel in conducting Oplan Sita got weighted mean of 3.72. Very much Complied in its verbal interpretation stated that the Team Leader have a good mentorship and leadership skills through his subordinates.

One of our respondents Mr. John Carlo Dionco stated that 'Kailangan sa pagsasagawa ng Oplan na yan, malakas yung pakiramdam mo sa mga driver nadadaan kasi ganon yung spotter dito, isang beses nga malayo pa lang ung nakamotor tinatawag na agad kasi mukhang liliko na yung driver para umiwas sa oplan sita'. (In conducting Oplan Sita, it should necessary that the spotter should be more observable and more skillfull in spotting suspicious vehicle).

In contrary to the statement below, PO3 Casangkapan stated all the command that should be taken in conducting Oplan Sita is from the team leader. In PNP Manual of 2010 stated also that in every conduct of Oplan Sita there should be a Team Leader according to their Rank to take charge of the responsibility.

Degree of seriousness of the problems encounter in addressing Oplan Sita in Golden Acres Subdivision Annex, Talon Uno Las Piñas City

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A. Oplan Sita Guidelines

In determination the degree of seriousness of the problems encounter in addressing Oplan Sita in Golden Acres Subdivision Annex, Talon Uno Las Piñas City is Very Serious with the general weighted mean 3.50 for the Oplan Sita Guidelines as perceived by the Drivers, Barangay Tanod and PNP.

As assessed by respondents, it implies that some of the PNP personel are does not conduct in accordance with existing polices, standard and procedures. Under the function of the PNP the lowest rating is indicator number 3 when it comes to overbearing manner of police officer while conducting Oplan Sita and got a weighted mean of 3.30. Very Serious in its verbal interpretation, it means that arrogant manner and unpleasant behavior of police officer while conducting Oplan Sita are factors affecting the discrimination of drivers. And the highest rating number 5 when it comes to the Police Officer invoke the right of the

person in questioning a manner that is reasonably to provoke an incriminating statement got a weighted mean of 3.82. Very Serious in its verbal interpretation it means that the police officer conducting the Oplan Sita is implying a crime to the drivers and they are violating the Article 3, Section 12 of the Constitution.

The statement by PO3 Casangkapan said that "kailangan kasi talaga istrikto ang pagpapatupad namin sa batas kung nami-missinterpret nila yung ginagawa namin sa pagsita naming yun ay dahil sa gusto lang namin ng maayos na pamayanan sa Las Piñas at saka lahat ng ginagawa namin kahit ang pag approach sa kanila ay nasa guidelines namin sa manual don kami nag babase at ini-emphasize namin ang Human Rights Policy (It is only needed for strict implementation, if there's some misunderstanding it is only for the benefit of our community to be for protection and safekeeping).

According to the Police Operation Planning COP Manual, all Police Operational Planning is the act of determining policies and guidelines for police activities and operations and providing controls and safeguards for such activities and operations in the department. It may also be the process of formulating coordinated sequence of methodical activities and allocation of resources to the line units of the police organization for the attainment of the mandated objectives or goals. They also emphasize strictly implementation of Oplan Sita which is according to the guidelines of PNP Manual of 2010.

B. Basic Equipment Needed at Oplan Sita

The degree of seriousness of the problems encounter in addressing Oplan Sita in Golden Acres Subdivision Annex, Talon Uno Las Piñas City is Very Serious with the general weighted mean 3.28 for the Basic Equipment Needed at Oplan Sita as perceived by the Drivers, Barangay Tanod and PNP.

The result indicates that the PNP organization was affected in its performance due to lack of logistics support from the government agencies. Under the function of the PNP the lowest rating is indicator number 2 when it comes to insufficient service firearm for each member of police officer and got a weighted mean of 3.04. Serious in its verbal interpretation it implies the lack of sufficient budget of the government to avail the necessary firearm for each member of the PNP. The highest rating is indicator number 5 when it comes to the Warning Sign and Information Sign use in Oplan Sita is not visible got a weighted mean of 3.52. Very Serious in its verbal interpretation, it means that police officer conducting Oplan Sita regarding the use of Warning Sign and Information Sign are not illuminated, overlook and tamped by the police officers while conducting Oplan Sita.

This result is supported by PO1 Casangkapan stated "depende sa pondo ng gobyerno kung paano nila kami bibigyan isa-isa ng baril dahil minsan talaga sa pag conduct naman ng Oplan Sita hindi dapat sa baril tayo nakatuon ng pansin kasi hindi naman namin yan ginagamit pag hindi kailangan. (It depends on the government budget in issuing

as a firearm. Actually, we should not focus ourselves in firearms, we should only use it if necessary).

C. Oplan Sita Team

According to Table 6 the degree of seriousness of the problems encounter in addressing Oplan Sita in Golden Acres Subdivision Annex, Talon Uno, Las Piñas City is Very Serious with the general weighted mean 3.50 for the Oplan Sita Team as perceived by the Drivers, Barangay Tanod and PNP.

As assessed by the respondents, it shows that conducting Oplan Sita is community-oriented policing with due regard to the human rights. Under the function of the PNP the lowest rating indicator number (5) when it comes to lack of leadership and management skills of the team leader and got a weighted mean of 3.20 Serious in its verbal interpretation stated that the team leader is not properly trained to lead and manage his subordinates and it may result to a unsuccessful operation of the team. The highest rating is number (1) when it comes to lack of knowledge on how to identify suspicious vehicles and got a weighted mean of 3.87 Very Serious in its verbal interpretation it implies that a somePolice officer are not capable in identifying the suspicious vehicle and lack of experience and skills in conducting Oplan Sita. According to Captain Miling Ramos stated isa sa mga dahilan na aking nakikita ay sa sobrang dami ng motorcycle na sinisita sa isang araw nagkakaran na ng conflict kasama na dito yung sabay na sabay napag inspection sa document, sa license ng motor at ng tao" (I think one of the reasons is the rapid increase of motor vehicles to be inspect in one day, while theres only few Police Officer assigned in an area to conduct Oplan Sita). PO2 Camero member of PNP and become a Team Leader of Oplan Sita in 2nd week of December 2018, said nung naging team leader ako ng Oplan Sita ang daming pwedeng isaalang-alang hindi lang dapat tayo ang mag didikta sa mga gagawin nila kundi dapat tumulong din ako lalo na kapag madami na yung motorist na sinisita namin dapat mag conduct din ako ng inspection. At saka kulang yung team namin minsan sa pag conduct ng Oplan Sita kaya as a Team leader hindi lang dapat ako mag uutos kundi kaylangan ko din gumawa (When I was a Team Leader of Oplan Sita, there's lot of consequences i should be focus onto. Being a Team Leader is not only for instructing your team what they should do, i should only act as one of the members because imagined we only have few members of Oplan Sita while theres a thousand of motorist to be inspect).

According to the PNP Memorandum Circular No. 2014-017 PNP Field Training Officer Development Program for the Police Officer that will add opportunity to compulsorily develop their level of competency, enhance their mentorship and leadership skills. It will also establish the selection, training, and a program that involves actual training experience and assignment in patrol, traffic and investigation works.

IV. CONCLUSION

On the above findings, the following conclusions were drawn:

- The assessment of the respondents on the level of compliance of Oplan Sita in Golden Acres Subdivision Annex, Talon Uno Las piñas City is Complied in terms of Oplan Sita Guidelines and got a general weighted mean of 3.25. While in Basic Equipment Needed in Oplan Sita is Very much Complied and got a general weighted mean of 3.69. And in Oplan Sita Team is Very much Complied and got a general weighted mean of 3.42.
- The degree of seriousness of problems encountered by the Level of Compliance on Oplan Sita in terms of Oplan Sita Guidelines is Very Serious and got a general weighted mean of 3.25 while in Basic Equipment Needed in Oplan Sita is Very Serious and got a general weighted mean of 3.69, and in Oplan Sita Team is Very Serious and got a general weighted mean of 3.50.

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