



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
OFFICE OF THE CITY MAYOR
City of Naga



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2016-008-A

AMENDING SECTION 1 OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2016-008, CREATING THE CITY ANTI-DRUG ABUSE TASK FORCE (CATFORCE) AND JOINT COMMAND OPERATIONS CENTER IN NAGA CITY AND DEFINING ITS FUNCTIONS AND COMPOSITION:

WHEREAS, there is a need to rationalize, coordinate, and effectively supervise antidrug abuse enforcement operations to ensure effectiveness;

WHEREAS, the City Government of Naga, spearheaded by the Naga City Dangerous Drugs Board (NCDDDB), has been implementing programs, projects, and activities to curb drug sale and abuse for several years already;

WHEREAS, in order to address the aforementioned concerns of the city government, Executive Order No. 2016-008 created the CATFORCE and joint command operations center;

WHEREAS, the official mandate of the City Prosecution Office under the Department of Justice is to maintain and exercise impartiality at all times in assessing criminal complaints filed with their office;

WHEREAS, if the City Prosecution Office was to be involved in the CATFORCE and joint command operations center, all respondents in every criminal complaint filed before them arising out of the anti-drug operation spearheaded by the said Task Force can validly question their fairness to conduct inquest or preliminary investigation proceedings of complaints on the sole ground that having been a part of the Task Force that caught them, their impartiality is compromised;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN G. BONGAT, City Mayor of Naga, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the following:

Section 1, as amended, shall now read thus "Section 1. CREATION. In order to address the aforementioned concerns, the City Antidrug Abuse Task Force (CATFORCE) and its Joint Command Operations Center are hereby created with the following composition:

The JCOC shall be comprised of the following:

Chairman	:	City Mayor
Co-Chairman	:	City Councilor, Chairman of Peace and Order Committee



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Members:

- Provincial Director, CIDG
- City Director, NCPO;
- Special Agent, NBI;
- Provincial Director, PDEA;
- Counsel, City Legal Office;
- Executive Director, ADAO-NCDDDB

The JCOC shall meet once every two (2) months.

Section 2. Functions of the JCOC. The JCOC shall have the following functions:

1. To create and operate an enforcement task force against drug abuse in Naga City;
2. To enable the local chief executive to effectively coordinate, support, and implement anti-drug abuse operations and programs in Naga City.

Section 3. The CATFORCE Members shall be comprised of the following:

1. The PNP City Director as Task Force Commander;
2. Team leader and personnel from the PNP duly approved by the City Mayor;
3. One (1) Legal Officer;
4. Whenever needed, reinforcement personnel from the PDEA, the CIDG, and the NBI duly designated by their respective commanding officers.

Section 4. Functions of the CATFORCE. The CATFORCE shall have the following functions:

1. To gather intelligence information about drug dealers and syndicates in the city;
2. To launch raids against identified targets;
3. To serve search warrants against wanted drug personalities;
4. To arrest identified drug peddlers.

Section 5. Budgetary Requirements. Funding for the operation of the JCOC and the CATFORCE shall be sourced initially from existing appropriations for peace and order, and subsequently from the NCDDDB budget.


This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Issued this 29th day of April 2016 in Naga City, Philippines.



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JOHN G. BONGAT
City Mayor

Attested by:


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