

# [ **PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 482, June 13, 1974** ]

## **INTEGRATION OF POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND JAILS IN CERTAIN PROVINCES**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 12, Article XV of the Constitution of the Philippines, a proposed Presidential Decree for the establishment of an Integrated National Police Force, with the Philippine Constabulary as the nucleus, is under consideration;

**WHEREAS**, in view of the over-all importance of the establishment of such Integrated National Police Force upon the peace and order condition of the nation, there is need to test its viability and efficacy to attain its goal of having an efficient, responsive police service by eliminating the causes of irritants and jealousies among independent police and other law-enforcement agencies, such a conflicts in political/jurisdictional boundaries, lack of coordination and duplication of functions;

**WHEREAS**, the constitution of the city/municipal police and fire departments and jails in the Greater Manila Area into the Metropolitan Police Force pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 421, dated March 21, 1974 is a step toward the establishment of such Integrated National Police Force;

**WHEREAS**, in order to have a country-wide yardstick for assessing the benefits that can be generated by an Integrated National Police Force and for determining possible defects of such system and eliminating the same, it is necessary that pilot projects similar to the Metropolitan Police Force in the Greater Manila Area be established in urban areas/centers of population within each Philippine Constabulary Zone;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS**, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, and pursuant to Proclamation No. 1081, dated September 21, 1972 and No. 1104, dated January 17, 1973 and General Order No. 1, dated September 22, 1972, do hereby order and decree to be part of the law of the land, the following:

**SECTION 1.** *Integration of city/municipal-police and fire departments and jails in certain provinces.*—All laws to the contrary notwithstanding, the city/municipal police and fire departments and jails in the following provinces, as they are presently constituted and organized, are hereby integrated into law enforcement units to be known as indicated:

- a. All municipalities of the Province of Bulacan, except the Municipality of Valenzuela, to be known as the Bulacan Integrated Police Force;
- b. All municipalities of the Province of Pampanga, including the City of Angeles, to be known as the Pampanga Integrated Police Force;
- c. All municipalities of the Province of Nueva Ecija, including the Cities of Cabanatuan, Palayan and San Jose, to be known as the Nueva Ecija Integrated Police Force;
- d. All municipalities of the Province of Laguna, including the City of San Pablo, to be known as the Laguna Integrated Police Force;
- e. All municipalities of the Province of Cebu, including the Cities of Cebu, Danao, Lapu-Lapu, Mandaue and Toledo, to be known as the Cebu Integrated Police Force; and

- f. All municipalities of the Province of Misamis Oriental, including the Cities of Cagayan de Oro and Gingoog, to be known as the Misamis Oriental Integrated Police Force.

**SEC. 2. *Head of the Integrated Police Forces.***—The heads of the Bulacan Integrated Police Force, the Pampanga Integrated Police Force, the Nueva Ecija Integrated Police Force, the Laguna Integrated Police Force, the Cebu Integrated Police Force and the Misamis Oriental Integrated Police Force shall be designated by the Chief of Constabulary from among the officers of the Philippine Constabulary.

**SEC. 3. *Jurisdiction of the Integrated Police Forces.***— The Integrated Police Forces constituted pursuant to Section 1 hereof shall be responsible for the public safety and discharge the functions of enforcement of the laws and maintenance of peace and order within the territorial limits of each of the above-mentioned provinces and the cities therein. These Integrated Police Forces shall have the power to prevent crimes, take necessary measures for public safety, effect arrest of criminal offenders, investigate the commission of all crimes and offenses in their respective jurisdictions and bring the offenders to justice.

**SEC. 4. *Operational control and direction over the Integrated Police Forces.***—The Philippine Constabulary shall exercise operational control, direction and supervision over the Integrated Police Forces herein constituted. For this purpose, the Chief of Constabulary shall integrate the above-mentioned Integrated Police Forces into the organizational and operational set-up of the Philippine Constabulary and exercise control, direction and supervision through the Head of each of the said Integrated Police Forces: *Provided*, That such Integrated Police Forces shall not form part of the Philippine Constabulary as a military organization and a Major Service of the Armed Forces of the Philippines but as civilian components thereof, except as may be directed by the President in time of emergency.

**SEC. 5. *Extent of control and direction.***—The power of control and direction over each of the Integrated Police Forces shall include the power to control and direct the tactical, strategic movements, deployments, placements and/or utilization of the Integrated Police Forces concerned, or any of its components, elements, equipment, facilities, and all other resources, within its territorial jurisdiction; the training of the members thereof; and such other powers that may be necessary to make such control and direction real and effective.

**SEC. 6. *Power of administrative control and supervision.***—Administrative control and supervision over the several police and fire departments and jails composing each of the Integrated Police Forces herein constituted shall, prior to the transfer provided for in Section 7 hereof, remain with the offices, agencies and officials in which said power is vested in accordance with existing laws: *Provided*, That such power shall not be exercised in a manner that will adversely affect the integrity, capability and operational efficiency of said Integrated Police Forces or any of their components/elements. Accordingly, administrative matters, such as appointment, promotion, suspension, separation and other administrative disciplinary action; grant/payment of salary and/or allowances, compensation, leave, and other benefits, logistical support, and such other matters pertaining to personnel administration, which are currently vested in and exercised by other officials pursuant to existing laws, rules and regulations shall remain with said officials: *Provided, further*, That the appointment, promotion, suspension and separation of, and other disciplinary action upon, any member of the Integrated Police Forces