

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 120, February 16, 1968]

CREATING THE METROPOLITAN AREA COMMAND

WHEREAS, the incidence of criminality and the threats of supervision and insurgency in the Greater Manila Area and the rampancy of smuggling, piracy and illegal fishing in the Manila Bay Area require a more vigorous enforcement of law and maintenance of peace and order, over and above the capabilities of local police forces; and

WHEREAS, there is an imperative need for coordinated and sustained effort to counteract the above-mentioned malefactions and to insure maximum employment of all available law enforcement resources and powers of Government;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

1. The Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces of the Philippines shall organize a Metropolitan Area Command, a joint task force type unit, to be composed of the present PC Metropolitan Command, created by Executive Order No. 76 dated 14 July 1967, and such other necessary components from the Philippine Army, Philippine Constabulary, Philippine Air Force and Philippine Navy. The Chief of Staff, AFP shall provide all the necessary personnel and equipment of this Command.
2. For purposes of this order, the area of operations of the Metropolitan Area Command shall comprise the Greater Manila, Manila Bay and coastal municipalities thereof and in such other suburban municipalities as the Chief of Staff, AFP may determine. The Metropolitan Area Command shall operate therein to combat criminality, subversion, insurgency, smuggling, piracy and illegal fishing.
3. Provincial Governors, City and Municipal Mayors and Heads of national governmental agencies concerned shall extend their full support and assistance to the Metropolitan Area Command and shall take immediate steps to carry out the purposes of this Order.
4. The Police Commission shall require all Chiefs of Police concerned to exert maximum effort in the enforcement of law and maintenance of peace and order in their respective jurisdiction and to render every possible assistance to the Metropolitan Area Command in the furtherance of its mission.

The PC Metropolitan Command created under Executive Order No. 76 dated July 14, 1967 is hereby fused into the Metropolitan Area Command.