

**[PNP MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 2009-004,
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**DEFINING THE FUNCTIONAL RELATIONSHIP AND
RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DIRECTORS FOR INTEGRATED
POLICE OPERATIONS IN NORTHERN LUZON AND SOUTHERN
LUZON, OTHER MEMBERS OF THE DIRECTORIAL STAFF,
REGIONAL DIRECTORS OF THE POLICE REGIONAL OFFICES AND
DIRECTORS OF THE NATIONAL SUPPORT UNITS**

I. REFERENCES:

- a. Executive Order No. 546, series of 2006;
- b. NHQ-PNP General Orders No. DPL-09-06 dated ;_____and
- c. 2009 PNP Action Plan on Integrated Transformation Program

2. PURPOSE:

This Circular prescribes the operational guidelines, procedures and responsibilities implementing NHQ-PNP General Orders Number DPL-09-06 dated_____providing for the Directorates for Integrated Police Operations in Northern Luzon and Southern Luzon.

3. OBJECTIVES:

- a) To enhance the span of control being exercised by the Chief, PNP in the administration, operation, and control of the PNP;
- b) To further strengthen the efficient and effective working relationship among the Command Group, Directorial Staff including the Directorates for Integrated Police Operations (DIPOs), Regional Police Offices, and National Support Units; and
- c) To lay down procedures on how intelligence, operations, investigation, hot pursuit operations and arrest of suspects involved in transregional crimes shall be carried out.

4. DEFINITIONS OF TERMS:

a.) *Control* - is the power to regulate the actions of a subordinate to ensure that the objectives and policies of the organization are carried out. It includes the authority to modify, amend or rescind decisions of subordinates.

b) *Operational Control* - the authority delegated to a commander to direct forces provided to him so that he shall accomplish specific missions or tasks that are usually limited by function, time, or location; and to deploy the necessary units and retain or assign tactical control of those

units. It does not of itself include administrative or logistic responsibility, discipline, internal organization, or unit training.

c) *Direct and Supervise* - the authority to act directly whenever a specific function is entrusted by law or regulation to subordinate; direct the performance of duty; restrain the commission of acts; review, approve, reverse or modify acts and decisions of subordinate officials or units; determine priorities in the execution of plans and programs; and prescribe standards, guidelines, plans and programs.

d) *Command* - is the authority that a Director/Head of Office lawfully exercises over subordinates by virtue of designation.

e) *Responsibility* - is the obligation to carry out an assigned task to a successful conclusion and goes with the authority to direct and take the necessary action to ensure success.

f) *Functional authority* - is the power delegated by the Chief, PNP to the Directorial Staff to control specified processes, practices, and other matters of the NSUs as they relate to specific staff responsibilities.

g) *Directing Functional Authority* - the power of the members of the Directorial Staff to draw up and transmit orders and instructions to the Directors of the PROs and NSU on matters falling under their respective areas of expertise, within the framework of existing policies and command guidance.

h) *Supervisory Authority* - is the delegated authority which is neither line nor staff which enables the delegate to oversee some specified responsibilities.

i) *Supervision* - the power to direct and oversee the actions of a subordinate towards the accomplishment of the objectives of the organization.

j) *Inter-Operability* - as used in this circular, shall mean the conduct of police operations or joint PNP/AFP movement against lawless elements in addressing issues and concerns affecting peace and order situation such as insurgency, criminality and terrorists attacks involving or affecting two (2) or more Police Regional Offices under a DIPO.

5. POLICY GUIDELINES:

a. General Guidelines

To provide for a clearer delineation of authority relationship between the PNP Command Group, Directorial Staff and Directorates for Integrated Police Operations, the following guidelines shall be adopted:

1) The Deputy Chief for Administration (TDCA), through The Chief of the Directorial Staff (TCDS), shall have supervisory authority over the following members of the Directorial Staff: The Director for Personnel and Records Management (TDPRM); The Director for Logistics (TDL); The Director for

Human Resource and Doctrine Development (TDHRDD); The Director for Research and Development (TDRD); and The Director for Comptrollership (TDC).

2) The Deputy Chief for Operations (TDCO), through The Chief of Directorial Staff (TCDS), shall have supervisory authority over the following members of the D-Staff: The Director for Intelligence (TDI); The Director for Operations (TDO); The Director for Plans (TDPL); The Director for Police Community Relations (TDRCP); The Director for Investigation and Detective Management (DIDM); and The Directors for Integrated Police Operations (DIPO).

b. Functional Relationship of the Director for Operations and the Directors for Integrated Police Operations in Northern Luzon and Southern Luzon

1) Directors for Integrated Police Operations in Northern Luzon and Southern Luzon

a) The Directors for Integrated Police Operations in Northern Luzon and Southern Luzon shall formulate and implement operational plans/policies/directives/SOPs in accordance with the PNP Master/General plans/policies/directives/SOPs and applicable to the environmental peculiarities in respective AOR.

b) Formulate and oversee the peace and order implementation of policing plans and programs peculiar to the AOR in support to socio-economic development.

2) Director for Operations

a) The Directorate for Operations shall continue to assist the Chief, PNP in the exercise of command, control, direction, coordination and supervision of all activities concerning operations, employment and deployment of the PNP.

b) Formulation and implementation of PNP Master Plans, general policies/ issuances/directives and standard operating procedures on internal security operations, anti-criminality campaign, law enforcement and counter terrorism shall be the responsibility of the Directorate for Operations.

c. Functional Relationship of DIPO-Northern Luzon, DIPO-Southern Luzon and Other Members of the Directorial Staff

All members of the Directorial Staff including the newly activated DIPOs shall sustain coordinating relationship which shall mean, but not limited to, advising, planning, synchronizing and harmonizing actions on matters falling their respective areas of concern.