

Republic of the Philippines Province of Oriental Mindoro MUNICIPALITY OF PINAMALAYAN

OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL MAYOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 043-2016

AN ORDER CREATING THE MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM OF PINAMALAYAN, ORIENTAL MINDORO, DEFINING ITS FUNCTIONS AND OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, RA No. 10121, also known as the Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010, in Section 12 states that "The LDRRMO and the BDRRMO shall organize, train and directly supervise the local emergency response teams and the ACDVS" (accredited community disaster volunteers);

WHEREAS, it is clearly imperative for an LGU to maintain its own competent pool of personnel that can act as a local team that can perform rescue and retrieval operation at any given time;

WHEREAS, as clearly observed in the recently conducted Earthquake and Fire Simulation Drill at the Municipal Compound, the municipality is blessed for having several volunteer emergency response teams actively operating in the area, but, the LGU lacks its own counterpart team to act immediately on such crisis situations:

NOW THEREFORE, I, ARISTEO A. BALDOS, JR., Municipal Mayor by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. PURPOSE. The Executive Order hereby creates the Municipal Emergency Response Team (MERT) selected from among the local personnel of the LGU purposely to act as the quick response arm of the municipal government during times of crisis and emergencies. The team shall undergo proper trainings and orientation relevant to its roles and purpose.

SECTION 2. COMPOSITION OF THE MERT. The composition of the special team shall be as follows:

TEAM LEADER: Ricardo A. Lim

MEMBERS :

Engr. Erick Sta. Romana

Richard Garcia

Gerry De Guzman

Arman Jamilla

Manny dela Cruz

Nolie Manhic

Rodel Lingon

Reynald Bonifacio

Herman Mojado

less Vitto

Rico Mendez

Russel Sadiwa

Val Agbay

Jun Dacian

Demet Ondoy

Randy Reynoso

Albert Carandang

Janmar Vargas

Bryan Magyaya

Engr. Pedro Mendoza

Nelson Manao

Rafael Jumpay

Diomes Garcia

Zaldy Mantaring

Ariel Cudiamat

Rodel Halos

Rexner Rioveros

Ely Christian Benitez

Jayson Villavicencio

Francisco Morales

Noriel Armamento

Rolando Labay, Jr.

Falconeri Balacana



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SECTION 3. ROLES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE MERT. The team is tasked to perform the following functions:

- (1) Attend and participate relevant trainings, capability building activities, and physical fitness programs to prepare themselves in responding to disasters and crisis situations;
- (2) Maintain trustworthy character and reputable image from amongst the constituents;
- (3) Regularly coordinate with other existing local emergency response groups to establish camaraderie and share skills and experiences;
- (4) Be on alert and readily available whenever there are signs and warnings of an impending disasters such as typhoons, floods, storm surges etc.;
- (5) Lead and participate on force evacuations, search and rescue operations, relief distribution, monitoring and other related tasks;
- (6) Learn how to properly use/operate DRRM tools, devices and equipment to be assigned to them, and, be responsible for the safekeeping and inventory of said tools;
- (7) Attend emergency meetings whenever necessary to prepare for potential threats of disasters;
- (8) Be part of disaster preparedness, climate change adaptation programs, education campaign, and other related programs and activities;
- (9) Conduct regular monitoring and report any unusual structures, activity, or phenomenon that could affect the natural environment i.e. clogging of waterways, massive burning, illegal fishing and logging, mining, etc.
- (10) Perform other related tasks that may arise;

SECTION 4. BENEFITS AND PROTECTION OF MEMBERS. The members of the team shall be entitled to certain benefits and protection consistent with the provisions of RA 10121 and other applicable laws. Any member who incurs death or injury while engaged in official response or operation shall be entitled to compensatory benefits and individual personnel accident insurance as may be defined under the guidelines. Payment of overtime pay during official emergency operations occurring on holidays or non-working days and extra hours shall also be provided at the discretion of the Local Chief Executive (LCE).

SECTION 5. REPEALING CLAUSE. All other laws, and executive issuances which are inconsistent with or contrary to the provision of this Executive Order are hereby amended or repealed accordingly.

SECTION 6. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any provision of this Act shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not otherwise affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVITY. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the Municipality of Pinamalayan, Oriental Mindoro this 3rd day of October 2016.

Municipal Mayor/MDRRMC Chairman