

Police Community Relations Program in the Selected Barangay of Tabuk City

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ABSTRACT

The Philippine National Police as an organization is a part of the community it serves. For the police, Community represent a source of both support and complaints and most importantly, Community is the final measure of the quality of Police service and the effectiveness of the Police department. The concept of community relations, is not simple matter of dialogue and agreement on some issues. Instead, it consists of a carefully structured program involving both community and criminal justice system participation. There is a need for good community relations, but the responsibility for its success cannot rest solely upon the police or any other single agency of criminal justice system. This research seeks to attain the following objectives; a. To determine the level of implementation of Police Community Relation Programs in Barangay Agbannawag and Bulo of Tabuk City; and b. To determine the level of effectiveness of the Police Community Relation Program in Barangay Agbannawag and Bulo of Tabuk City. The community assistance and development Program are highly implemented. This implies that the PNP-PCR personnel make themselves available to the public in giving assistance to ensure public awareness. Crime prevention programs and Information Dissemination are highly implemented. This implies that the PNP-PCR personnel are very effective on their Police Community Programs. There may be an equal distribution on the implementation of PCR programs in each Barangay within the City as to be all aware on the said Police Community Relation Programs. The PNP-PCR may continue promoting their program for more improvement of every Barangay

Keywords

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Introduction

The Philippine National Police as an organization is a part of the community it serves. Every police officer shall concern him on maintaining a meaningful relation with the community. In his daily activities, he is guided constantly by strong sense of responsibility, courtesy and sincerity. Good service is often a matter of how a person presents himself to the public. Courtesy however must be coupled with firmness in order to command respect.

For the police, the community represent a source of both support and complaints and most importantly, the community is the final measure of the quality of police service and the effectiveness of the police department. Every police agency should have recognized the importance of bilateral communications with the public and should constantly seek to improve its ability to determine the needs and expectations of the public, to act upon those needs and to improve the public of resulting policies developed to improve delivery of police service.

Community relation is the sum total of activities by which the criminal justice can become a part of the community it has been sworn to serve, rather than being solely a punitive regulatory agency that is imposed upon the public. The term implies that human relation is the most important element in the community relations concept when human relation does not adequately succeed, the concept of community interaction attempts to establish programs that are designed to enhanced interaction between people of the community and the agents of the criminal justice system. Today, community relation implies that to reduce crime in a community, it is necessary for both the citizen components

of the criminal justice system to cooperate and support one another. This support will not come about unless there is an understanding between the two mutual trust, cooperation, and support can only be brought about by a number of complex processes.

Crime and culture impact each other. The concept of community relations is not simply matter of dialogue and agreement on some issues. Instead, it consists of a carefully structured program involving both community and criminal justice system participation.

There is a need for good community relations, but the responsibility for its success cannot rest solely upon the police or any other single agency of criminal justice system. The entire system (and, more importantly the public) must respond positively if there will ever be any resolution of the normal tensions that are generated in the community. Law inherent interaction is often incompatible. Discretion, therefore, becomes the main tool for agents of the system. These agents are caught up in discretionary decision making roles that call for integration of human emotion and complex legal concepts. The agents are often overwhelmed by this pressure, and their decision is often manifested in odd or illegal behavior. The presence of danger and the inappropriate use of authority are factors that tend to show up in illogical actions. These actions often fail to resolve a situation that could respond to human interaction rather than “hard-nosed” legal confrontation. The right of the government to exercise power is constantly being challenged by the individuals.

Objectives

Determine the following:

1. Determine the level of implementation of Police Community Relation Programs in Barangay Agbannawag and Barangay Bulo of Tabuk City, and to
2. Determine the level of effectiveness of the Police Community Relation Program in Barangays.

Methodology

Research Design

The researcher made use of the descriptive type of research method. The descriptive survey method is applicable in this study because it attempt to gather information that describe the implementation and effectiveness of the Police Community Relations Program in the Barangay Agbannawag and Barangay Bulo Tabuk City.

Population and Locale

This study was conducted in the Barangays of Agbannawag and Bulo, Tabuk City, Kalinga for the school year 2018-2019.

There were two groups of respondents. The first group were the 20 Barangay officials, from the two Barangay which compose of the Punong Barangay, treasurer, secretary, and the seven (7) barangay councils. The second group were selected people in the community.

The combined number of the population of the study is 40. The respondents are shown

Research Instrument

Questionnaire was the main instrument in gathering the data. The questionnaire elicited answers to the level of implementation of the Police Community Relation Programs in Barangay Agbannawag and Bulo of Tabuk City and assess the level of effectiveness of the Police Community Relation Programs in the selected Barangay of Tabuk City.

Treatment of Data

The information gathered from the retrieval questionnaire was collated and tabulated for statistical treatment. In the analysis of the responses in the Police Community Relation, the questionnaire, three-point scale was utilized with corresponding statistical unit.

The data was treated by using the Weighted Mean. This was used to determine the statistical equivalent of the responses.

Results and Discussion

Level of Implementation of the Police Community Relation Programs

As perceived by the Community, the Police Community Relations Program in Agbannawag and Bulo are highly

implemented as proven by its total average weighted mean of 2.62.

The Police community relations manual attested that the community is an element of the police organizational environment. For the working police officer, the community generates police activity either law violations and calls of service activity and provide the setting within which police work must be performed. For the police, the community represents a source of both support and complaints and most importantly, is the final arbiter of the quality of police services and the effectiveness of the police department.

Level of Implementation of Police Community Relation Programs in Barangays Agbannawag and Bulo, Tabuk City as perceived by the Barangay Officials

As perceived by the Barangay Official, the Police Community Relations Program in Agbannawag and Bulo are highly implemented as proven by its total average weighted mean of 2.35.

Community assistance and development Program is the highest rank with a mean of 2.50 0 which is described as highly implemented. Environmental Protection Activities is the lowest rank with a mean of 2.0, the reason for this is helping the Bureau of Fire Protection in giving tips on how they prevent fire are responsibility of the Bureau of Fire Protection.

Implementing Environmental Laws such as illegal Logging, and environmental protection activities like Conduct tree planting in the Barangay and Enforce the environmental Laws like anti-illegal logging has a weighted mean of 1.60, 1.70 and 1.75 which is less implemented meaning to say there are other programs wherein the barangays are not yet aware on its implementation.

And as to other result of interview, Mrs. Josie Palchan, a Barangay Kagawad of Agbannawag said that Police community relation Programs includes giving medical assistance in coordination with the members of medical mission of the government. Other officials said that the member of the PNP is willing to provide their support, manpower if they need personnel to help in their Barangay Activities.

Level of effectiveness of the Police Community Relation Programs

As perceived by the Community, the Police Community Relations Program in Agbannawag and Bulo are highly effective as proven by its total average weighted mean of 2.42.

Information Dissemination Activities Programs has the highest mean of 2.60 which is highly effective. BertoSolimen, 54 years old a purok Leader of Agbannawag Tabuk City said that the Police Community Relations Program is always conducted at the Barangay Hall of the said Barangay for information dissemination regarding crimes being and criminals. He also said that the Police Personnel under PCR discuss violence against women, Drugs and others. It can be seen that the implemented programs within the community are effective as perceived by the Community of the said two Barangay.

On the other hand, programs under the Crime Prevention Activities obtained the lowest weighted mean of 2.21 which is described as "moderately effective". According to some individuals at Barangay Bulo, lack of cooperation from the

community is one reason why some crimes are not avoided. This is because of undisciplined individual.

Level of effectiveness of the Police Community Relation Program Barangay Agbannawag and Bulo Tabuk City as perceived by the Barangay Officials

As perceived by the Barangay Officials, the Police Community Relations Program in Agbannawag and Bulo is highly effective as proven by its total weighted mean of 2.36. Program under crime prevention activities obtained the highest weighted mean of 2.51 which is described as "highly effective" while Community assistance and development Program obtained the lowest weighted mean of 2.10 which means "moderately effective". This is because the PNP-PCR does not have enough budget for community assistance, only to sustain development program to the said Barangays.

San Diego attested that no amount of publicity can cover up inefficiency or poor public service of the police. The requirements for good community relations are sincerity in serving the public, full knowledge of the job, deep conviction in the mobility of his work as a necessary service to promote individual or national welfare, sound police ethics and high standard of management and operation.

Conclusion

Through effective police community relations, the citizens can learn about their roles in crime prevention and what to expect from the police. In the same way, the police can better understand the people they serve and execute strategies to better address peace and order issues.

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