

## **PNP HUMAN RIGHTS ADVISORY ON THE DEPLOYMENT OF POLICE PERSONNEL AT THE VOTING PRECINCTS AND OTHER ELECTION-RELATED DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES**

The PNP must **respect, protect, and promote human rights**. This task lies at the very core of maintaining peace and order, ensuring public safety, and upholding the rule of law, in the country. Thus, all deployed PNP personnel must:

1. **Strictly adhere to pertinent COMELEC rules, regulations, and guidelines** in the conduct of law enforcement functions during elections.
2. **Exercise impartiality, neutrality, and professionalism.**
3. **Observe proper coordination with AFP units and other law enforcement agencies/government security forces** before, during and after deployment, especially in so-called Election Watchlist Areas (EWAs), including conflict-affected areas. More importantly, police personnel must wear **complete uniform**, including nameplate/cloth and PNP I.D. card and shall not be under the influence of liquor or any toxic substance.
4. **Refrain from engaging in the physical handling of any election paraphernalia/equipment.**
5. **Stay beyond the fifty (50) meter radius** outside of the voting center they are securing, except when there is an actual disturbance of the peace and order therein, without need of a written authority from the **Election Board (EB)**. However, the **EB**, upon majority vote, if it deems necessary, **may write directly to the chief of police requesting for the detail of security personnel for their protection** or for the protection of election documents or paraphernalia. In this case, **the said personnel can stay WITHIN a radius of thirty (30) meters unless otherwise requested to be nearer, except right at the door of the voting center, enough to be easily called by the EB at any time.** In no case shall the said security personnel hold any conversation with any voter, or disturb, prevent, or obstruct, in any manner, the free access of the voters to the polling place.
6. **Secure clearance from the Municipal Joint Security Control Center (MJSCC), before the election day, to act on any disturbance or incidents that may transpire while staying outside the voting center but near enough to be called by the EB at the voting center.** A *pro forma* application form for the said clearance can be obtained from the MJSCC.
7. **Help the Election Officer determine the secure condition of the Precinct Count Optical Scanner (PCOS)/Voters Counting Machine (VCM) and their accessories in the voting center**, or where they were tested or stored in one (1) or more rooms within the same voting center.
8. Have the **Chief of police or Unit Commander** responsible for the **provision of pre-deployment & human rights orientation** over personnel under their command and operational supervision.
9. Designate member/s of the troops to take photo/video coverage for the documentation of the election-related duties and functions and for whatever legal purposes it may serve..
10. **Report all human rights-related incidents** via call or text to respective RPHROs or to Chief, HRAO via cell phone numbers 0917-817-7777 or 0949-170-8274.