Republic of the Philippines
PROVINCE OF ISABELA
City of Ilagan

Office of the Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 03

ADOPTING THE PROPOSED RULES OF ENGAGEMENT (ROE), PROCEDURES OR GUIDELINES IN THE USE OF DEADLY FORCE CONTINUUM FOR THE PROVINCIAL SECURITY GROUP (PSG) AS A POLICY OF THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF ISABELA

Whereas, it is the duty of the Provincial Government of Isabela, as provided for in Republic Act 7160 or the Local Government Code, to carry out security measures necessary for the protection of all assets owned by the local government as well as lives in the vicinity of all its installations from a variety of hazards by using preventive measures;

Whereas, the Provincial Security Group (PSG), an agency under the Isabela Provincial General Services Office is in charge of carrying out guard duties for the protection of life, property and security in the Provincial Capitol Compound and all facilities owned by the Provincial Government of Isabela;

Whereas, the mandate of the PSG can be best carried out if a rationalize standard operating procedure is in place such as rules of engagement and appropriate procedures/guidelines on the extent of force to be applied when a clear threat arises;

Whereas, that the proposed ROE and the Use of Deadly Force Continuum for the Provincial Security Group has all the fundamental procedures and guidelines that will govern their action in the exercise of their duties whenever a clear threat is imminent and evident within the Provincial Capitol Building and its compound;

Whereas, the ROE and procedures/guidelines in the use of force is in consonance with the pertinent laws of the land, particularly Article 11 paragraph 1 of the Revised Penal Code and in reference to the basic principles on the Use of Force and Firearms as adapted by the 8th UN Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders;

Whereas, a threat to the life and safety of this security personnel must be seen as a threat to the stability and security of the Provincial Government as a whole;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FAUSTINO G. DY III, Governor of the Province of Isabela, by virtue of the powers vested in me by Law, and in view of the foregoing, do hereby decree the adoption of the Proposed Rules of Engagement, Procedures or Guidelines in the use of Deadly Force Continuum for the Provincial Security Group as a policy of the Provincial Government of Isabela, to wit:

The General Rules set forth below must be respected and strictly performed by all personnel of the Provincial Security Group at all times;

a. Under all circumstances, the use of force is justifiable only by virtue of the Doctrine of Self- Defense and Defense of a Stranger as defined under Article 11, paragraph 1 of RA 3815 or the Revised Penal Code of the Philippines;

b. The use of force shall not be resorted to except when strictly necessary for the maintenance of security and order, or when the security personnel, other persons, employees, visitors or clients' safety is threatened and compromised.

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c. The use of force shall not be resorted to except in self- defense or in the defense of other persons, employees, visitors or clients against grave and imminent threat of death or serious injury;

d. As far as practicable, non-violent means must be exhausted prior to the use of deadly force;

e. Whenever the lawful use of force and firearms is unavoidable, security personnel officers shall always:

e.1. Exercise maximum restraint in such use and act in proportion to the seriousness of the offense and the legitimate objective to be achieved;

e.2. Minimize damage and injury, and respect human rights; and

e.3. Ensure that assistance and medical aid are rendered to the injured as soon as possible.

f. Where injury or death is cause by the use of force and firearms, the security officer, shall immediately call the Police and render a detailed narrative report on the incident.

g. Security personnel shall be trained on the use of force and firearms.

h. If necessary, stress counselling should be provided to security personnel who had been directly involved in incidents where the use of force and or firearms were used.

All Orders, circulars, memoranda, rules, regulations, and other issuances or parts thereof that are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly,

If any part or provision of this Executive Order is held invalid or unconstitutional, other provisions not affected thereof shall remain in full force and effect.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Let all department heads of the Provincial Government of Isabela and concerned personnel be furnished copies of the operating procedure and this Executive Order.

Done in the City of Ilagan, Isabela, January 29, 2018.

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