

Performance of Barangay Police Security Officer (BPSO) or Tanod in Maintaining Peace and Order

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Abstract— The objective of this study was to explore the performance of duties and responsibilities of barangay security police officers. Barangay officials, barangay police or tanod and other constituents participated in the study. Data collected by means of respondents' demographic profile, performance question assessed by their duties and responsibilities. Employing a descriptive-correlated design, significant difference was being explored. Interviews with experienced law enforcers like police personnel and people with reputation were conducted to support and validate findings. Recommendations on enhance training programs for them to efficiently discharge their duties and responsibilities and amendments to honorarium was proposed to compensate the risk and sacrifices of barangay tanods in their service. This study was anchored on the duties and responsibilities that are provided under the Memorandum Circular 2003-42 with the subject "Guidelines on Professionalizing the Barangay Tanod". The researcher tested the hypothesis, "there is no significant difference between the constituents (including tanod) and barangay officials (including barangay councilor and staff) in the perception of the performance of Barangay Police Security Officers or Tanod's duties and responsibilities. The descriptive method of research was used in the conduct of this study, and the use of questionnaire checklist. The statistical used were frequency, percentage distribution mean and t-test. The level of significance was established at 0.05 level.

Keywords— *Barangay Police Security Officer, Tanod, Peace and Order, Barangay, Duties and Responsibilities.*

I. INTRODUCTION

Peace and order is an essential ingredient in maintaining economic development, social order and political stability (Bayan, 2011). According to the Local Government Code of 1991, Republic Act No. 7160, the role of the Barangay in assures the peace and order in the barangay level. Pursuant to DILG Memorandum Circular 2003-42, professionalizing these BPSOs ensures that peace and order and public reference to public safety. As the basic political unit, the creation of the Barangay Police Security Officers/ BPSOs, otherwise commonly known as "Barangay Tanods," security are sustained as the key factor in Barangay's growth. Provided in the DILG's trainers guidebook, the barangay tanod's duties and responsibilities include: assisting barangay officials in crime prevention and promoting public safety through patrolling/"ronda", reporting to the offices concerned of any disruptions or unjust events, tracking the presence and actions of criminals and illegal elements; assisting police and "lupon tagapamayapa" in the execution of warrants and other judicial proceedings; and assisting barangay officials in the enforcement of national and local

laws; and other means deemed appropriate in the prevention of crime.

Public safety or its absence, impacts the lives of everyone (Moore & Braga, 2004). Under NAPOLCOM Memorandum Circular 2008-013, the Barangay Police Security Officers serving as an auxiliary of the Philippine National Police, are considered as force multiplier. Though barangay police or "tanod" works on a voluntary-basis, they do not hesitate to risk their lives just to ensure the security of the people in their respective Barangay (Benitez, 2013). According to De Jesus (2018), Usec. Diño said he would push for a bill that would grant rights for barangay watchmen to receive medical and housing benefits, as well as legal assistance and right to security of tenure.

According to Shoemaker (1996), It is argued that, due to lack of resources, conventional socialization practices and the value of the barangay justice system, juvenile courts and correctional facilities are used less often than the juvenile code would suggest and this situation is likely to continue. Several businesses are already introducing programs to help motivate the public even from the level of barangay, as a way to help curb rising crime incidences (Samaniego, 2015).

Driven by these foregoing insights, the researchers found it was interesting to assess the barangay police security officer’s performance in maintaining peace and order and as an avenue for access of security on the local setting. The researchers conducted the study based on the performance of BPSO duties and responsibilities as provided under the Memorandum Circular 2003-042. Orientation on their duties and task, training program and amendments to honorarium were proposed for the improvement of the Barangay Police Safety Officers level of effectiveness manifested on their individual performance.

II. CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK

In all aspects of Government exist the social and economic services needed by the people such as benefits, free education, livelihood program, and most importantly, their security and the protection of their individual and community rights. Barangay, being the basic unit of the local government plays an important role in the development of our nation. The status of peace and order in a barangay illuminate that a peaceful barangay is a peaceful country. Peace and order helps in maintain economic development, social order and political stability (Ac Rodriguez 2013).

The researchers conducted the study based on the performance Barangay Police Security Officer’s duties and responsibilities as provided under the Memorandum Circular 2003-042. This study focused on the assessment of Barangay Tanods’ performance in selected Barangays in Cabanatuan City in terms of their duties and responsibilities operations as provided under Memorandum Circular 2003-042.

III. OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

This study described the the performance of Barangay Police Security Officers (BPSOs) or Tanods in terms of the duties

Table 1. Number 1 Duties and Responsibilities of Barangay Police Security Officer (BPSO)

Item	Brgy. Tanod& Constituents		Brgy. Officials	
	WM	VI	WM	VI
1. Assist the Barangay Officials in implementing ordinances and administrative code of the barangay.	4.91	A	4.98	A
2. Implement teamwork in preventing or otherwise minimizing the commission of crime in the barangay.	4.72	A	4.96	A
3. Conducts planning and strategical method to promote public safety.	4.57	A	4.73	A
4. Follows the instruction order by the Barangay Officials in assuring the safetiness of the people in their barangay.	4.92	A	4.91	A
5. Helps the Barangay Officials prevent crimes and promote peace and order.	4.67	A	4.89	A
Grand Weighted Mean	4.76	A	4.89	A

and responsibilities as provided under Memorandum Circular No. 2003-42 and the significant difference between the constituents (including tanod) and barangay officials (including barangay councilor and staff) in the perception of duties and responsibilities of Barangay Police Security Officers or Tanod.

IV. HYPOTHESIS OF THE STUDY

There is no significant difference between the constituents (including tanod) and barangay officials (including barangay councilor and staff) in the perception of the performance of Barangay Police Security Officers or Tanod’s duties and responsibilities.

V. METHODOLOGY

The descriptive method of research was used in this study because it involves description, recording, analysis and interpretation of condition that really exists. It is appropriate to use descriptive method in gathering information about the present existing condition (Creswell, 2014). The statistical used were frequency, percentage distribution mean and t-test. The level of significance was established at 0.05 levels.

VI. RESULTS

Duties and Responsibilities of Barangay Police Security Officers in Accordance with DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2003-042

Based on Table 1 which is Assist the Barangay officials in the prevention of crime and the promotion of public safety is being performed Always (A).

Based on Table 2 Conduct patrol or “ronda” in the Barangay, by conducting patrol/”ronda” at day time, conducts patrol/ronda at night time, uses their weapon/equipment in times of patrol/ronda and Assist by Brgy.Official in conducting patrol or ronda were being performed Always,

and assist by the Brgy.Officials in conducting patrol was being performed Most of the Time (MT)whish assessed by barangay constituents. Barangay Officials’ answers under these #2 duties had a verbal interpretation of being performed Always (A).

Table 2. Number 2 Duties and Responsibilities of Barangay Police Security Officer (BPSO)

Item	Brgy. Tanod& Constituents		Brgy. Officials	
	WM	VI	WM	VI
1. Conducts patrol/ronda at day time.	4.43	A	4.73	A
2. Conducts patrol/ronda at night time.	4.87	A	4.89	A
3. Uses their weapon/equipment in times of patrol/ronda.	4.84	A	4.73	A
4. Assist by the Brgy.Officials in conducting patrol.	4.13	MT	4.36	A
5. Conducts patrolling/ronda even during natural disasters(calamity and typhoon)	4.64	A	4.76	A
Grand Weighted Mean	4.58	A	4.69	A

Based on Table 3 Report to the concerned barangay officials or through hotline 117 the occurrence of any crimes, fire, accident, public disturbance and environmental degradation activities and the other untoward incident in the barangay, the barangay constituents and barangay officials’ answers had a verbal interpretation of being performed Always.

Table 3. Number 3 Duties and Responsibilities of Barangay Police Security Officer (BPSO)

Item	Brgy. Tanod& Constituents		Brgy. Officials	
	WM	VI	WM	VI
1. Immediately responds to incidents that occur during their duty.	4.95	A	4.91	A
2. Alert and report to their central units, concerned or through hotline “117” the incidents taken to their barangay.	4.51	A	4.73	A
3. Responds in any natural calamity (typhoon, floods, earthquake)	4.92	A	4.93	A
4. Assisted by the PNP in responding to riot/rumble taken to their barangay.	4.58	A	4.8	A
5. Reports in authoritative (Brgy. Officials, PNP) the alleged and suspected criminals in their barangay.	4.57	A	4.89	A
Grand Weighted Mean	4.70	A	4.85	A

Based on Table 4 Monitor the presence and or activities of suspicious persons, criminals, and other lawless elements within the jurisdiction and report the same to the other proper authorities or through Hotline “117”, by monitoring the presence of suspicious persons, criminals, and other lawless elements within the barangay during daytime and night time, implement certain techniques and programs in reducing or to suppress the commission of crime in the barangay, report any information they gathered in monitoring the activities of lawless elements to the authorities, monitors abandoned

buildings that may be used for clandestine activities the barangay constituents answers had a verbal interpretation of being performed Always (A) and monitors the activities of suspicious persons, criminals, and other lawless elements within the barangay during daytime and night time, was being performed Most of the Time (MT). The barangay officials however had a different answer or perception on the number 4 duties and responsibilities wherein their assessment is that they were all performed always.

Table 4. Number 4 Duties and Responsibilities of Barangay Police Security Officer (BPSO)

Item	Brgy. Tanod& Constituents		Brgy Officials	
	WM	VI	WM	VI
1. Monitors the presence of suspicious persons, criminals, and other lawless elements within the barangay during daytime and night time.	4.52	A	4.58	A
2. Monitors the activities of suspicious persons, criminals, and other lawless elements within the barangay during daytime and night time.	3.97	MT	4.2	A
3. Implement certain techniques and programs in reducing or to suppress the commission of crime in the barangay.	4.54	A	4.73	A
4. Report any information they gathered in monitoring the activities of lawless elements to the authorities.	4.4	A	4.78	A
5. Monitors abandoned buildings that may be used for clandestine activities.	4.51	A	4.69	A
Grand Weighted Mean	4.39	A	4.60	A

Based on Table 5 Conducts surveillance on crime breeding areas within the barangays/puroks, the investigate suspicious places and activities, observe people clandestinely and reports any observation/findings they gathered to the proper authorities or through the Hotline “117”, the barangay constituents answers had a verbal interpretation of being

performed Always (A) were being performed Always and visiting houses and place of works was being performed Most of the Time (MT). The barangay officials’ answers under #5 Duties and Responsibilities of Barangay Police Security Officers or Tanod has a verbal interpretation as being performed Always (A).

Table 5. Number 5 Duties and Responsibilities of Barangay Police Security Officer (BPSO)

Item	Brgy. Tanod& Constituents		Brgy. Officials	
	WM	VI	WM	VI
1. Visits houses and place of works.	3.97	MT	4.22	A
2. Conducts surveillance on crime breeding areas within the barangays/puroks.	4.64	A	4.71	A
3. Investigate suspicious places and activities.	4.50	A	4.62	A
4. Observe people clandestinely.	4.49	A	4.67	A
5. Reports any observation/findings they gathered to the proper authorities or through the Hotline “117”	4.31	A	4.78	A
Grand Weighted Mean	4.38	A	4.60	A

Based on Table 6 Assist the police and the “LupongTagapamayapa” in the execution of warrants and other judicial processes such as tracking the whereabouts of missing persons, in arresting escaped prisoners and other fugitives from justice, and in the recovery of stolen properties, the barangay constituents and barangay officials

answers had a verbal interpretation of being performed Always (A) except this item which is Assist the police in arresting escaped prisoners and other fugitives from justice within their jurisdiction, was being performed Most of the Time (MT).

Table 6. Number 6 Duties and Responsibilities of Barangay Police Security Officer (BPSO)

Items	Brgy. Tanod& Constituents		Brgy. Officials	
	WM	VI	WM	VI
1. Assist the police and the LupongTagapamayapa in the execution of warrants within the barangay.	4.83	A	4.87	A
2. Helps the police in tracking the whereabouts missing persons.	4.85	A	4.67	A
3. Assist the police in arresting escaped prisoners and other fugitives from justice within their jurisdiction.	4.09	MT	4.04	MT
4. Assists the police and LupongTagapamayapa in recovering stolen properties in their barangay.	4.78	A	4.82	A
5. Assisting the police and the LupongTagapamayapa in all other judicial processes.	4.78	A	4.58	A
Grand Weighted Mean	4.64	A	4.60	A

Based on Table 7 Coordinates closely with the Barangay Officials and police/local authorities in the drive against all forms of crime such as terrorism, smuggling car napping, drug trafficking, drug pushing, illegal gambling, child abuse, crimes against women, all forms of vices and syndicated crimes, were being performed Always (A).

Table 7. Number 7 Duties and Responsibilities of Barangay Police Security Officer (BPSO)

Item	Brgy. Tanod& Constituents		Brgy. Officials	
	WM	VI	WM	VI
1. Coordinates closely with the barangay officials and police/local authorities in the drive against terrorism, smuggling and carnapping.	4.84	A	4.78	A
2. Coordinates closely with the barangay officials and police/local authorities in the drive against drug trafficking and drug pushing.	4.85	A	4.64	A
3. Coordinates closely with the barangay officials and police/local authorities in the drive against illegal gambling.	4.70	A	4.6	A
4. Coordinates closely with the barangay officials and police/local authorities in the drive against child abuse and crimes against women.	4.81	A	4.87	A
5. Coordinates closely with the barangay officials and police/local authorities in the drive against all other forms of vices and syndicated crimes.	4.84	A	4.82	A
Grand Weighted Mean	4.81	A	4.74	A

Based on Table 8, it implies from constituents (including barangay councilor) that under this item which is Assist in the institutionalization of PATROL “117” Program, sub-items Assisting the institutionalization of Patrol 117 program, every constituents aware that there is a program PATROL 117 for assistance or emergency, and Active radio frequency or is reachable when calling, were being performed Most of the Time (MT) and uses of two-way

radio, cellular phone or telephones as a means of communication and have an available two-way radio or phones on their pocket to be used when confronted with emergency, were being performed Always (A). Barangay officials answers on the item which is Assist in the institutionalization of Patrol 117 program, that they are aware that there is a program PATROL 117 for assistance or emergency, Uses of two-way radio, cellular phone or

telephones as a means of communication and item number and Have an available two-way radio or phones on their pocket to be used when confronted with emergency were

being performed Always (A) and under item Active radio frequency or is reachable when calling were being performed Most of the Time.

Table 8. Number 8 Duties and Responsibilities of Barangay Police Security Officer (BPSO)

Item	Brgy. Tanod & Constituents		Brgy Officials	
	WM	VI	WM	VI
1. Assist in the institutionalization of Patrol 117 program.	4.13	MT	4.33	A
2. Everyone is aware that there is a program PATROL 117 for assistance or emergency.	3.98	MT	4.29	A
3. Uses of two-way radio, cellular phone or telephones as a means of communication.	4.86	A	4.78	A
4. Have an available two-way radio or phones on their pocket to be used when confronted with emergency.	4.76	A	4.67	A
5. Active radio frequency or is reachable when calling.	3.90	MT	4.02	MT
Grand Weighted Mean	4.33	A	4.42	A

Based on Tables 9 to 12, these items which Assist in the implementation of the Fire Code of the Philippines, Detects of all forms of fire hazards and other public safety hazards/violation and to institute corrective measures within his capability, Assist in facilitating smooth flow of traffic,

and Perform other functions as may be directed by the Punong Barangay were being performed Always (A) as assessed by both the barangay constituents and barangay officials.

Table 9. Number 9 Duties and Responsibilities of Barangay Police Security Officer (BPSO)

Item	Brgy. Tanod & Constituents		Brgy. Officials	
	WM	VI	WM	VI
1. Assist the BFP in the implementation of fire code of the Philippines.	4.52	A	4.49	A
2. Coordinates with the BFP in conducting program regarding the Fire Code of the Philippines in the barangay	4.55	A	4.51	A
3. Undergo training on fire suppression.	4.41	A	4.71	A
4. Undergo training in emergency response.	4.66	A	4.47	A
5. Undergo training that includes fire suppression strategies, tactics, techniques and the use of portable fire extinguisher and other equipment.	4.41	A	4.8	A
Grand Weighted Mean	4.51	A	4.60	A

Table 10. Number 10 Duties and Responsibilities of Barangay Police Security Officer (BPSO)

Item	Brgy. Tanod & Constituents		Brgy. Officials	
	WM	VI	WM	VI
1. Helps to dispose waste such as papers, rubbish and other materials that can be easily be caught by fire.	4.84	A	4.84	A
2. Coordinates with the electrician in checking electrical installation in your barangay.	4.84	A	4.76	A

3. Prepare in case of assisting the BFP on fire suppression in their barangay.	4.73	A	4.73	A
4. Helps to detect and dangerous weapon that causes hazards in public safety within the barangay.	4.69	A	4.71	A
5. Detect any forms of violation that causes hazards in public safety.	4.80	A	4.8	A
Grand Weighted Mean	4.78	A	4.77	A

Table 11. Number 11 Duties and Responsibilities of Barangay Police Security Officer (BPSO)

Item	Brgy. Tanod & Constituents		Brgy. Officials	
	WM	VI	WM	VI
1. Coordinates with the police in maintaining a smooth flow of traffic.	4.90	A	4.73	A
2. Help to reduce the traffic in fiesta.	4.83	A	4.76	A
3. Helps in directing traffic when there is an internment.	4.89	A	4.96	A
4. Assist the traffic in times of having a parade in barangay	4.79	A	4.76	A
5. Assist the traffic in any program or activities in the barangay.	4.94	A	4.91	A
Grand Weighted Mean	4.81	A	4.82	A

Table 12. Number 12 Duties and Responsibilities of Barangay Police Security Officer (BPSO)

t-Test: Two-Sample Assuming Unequal Variances	BARANGAY TANOD & CONSTITUENTS	BRGY. OFFICIALS
Mean	4.636944444	4.704814815
Variance	0.066868679	0.075707825
Observations	105	45
Hypothesized Mean Difference	0	
Df	79	
t Stat	-1.409312521	
P(T<=t) one-tail	0.081333567	
t Critical one-tail	1.664371409	
P(T<=t) two-tail	0.162667134	
t Critical two-tail	1.99045021	

By using t-Test: Two-Sample Assuming Unequal Variance, the results obtained shows that the critical value (1.99) are greater than the computed values (-1.40). it indicates that the hypothesis was accepted, therefore it reveals that there exist no significant difference between the constituents (including

tanod) and barangay officials (including barangay councilor and staff) in their perception of the performance of Barangay Police Security Officers or Tanod’s duties and responsibilities.

Table 13. T-test Values of performance of duties and responsibilities of Barangay Police Security Officers.

Item	Brgy. Tanod & Constituents		Brgy. Officials	
	WM	VI	WM	VI
1. Carry other basic security functions under the supervision of the Brgy. Captain.	4.96	A	4.89	A
2. Assist the Brgy. Captain in the implementation of national and local laws.	4.89	A	4.87	A

3. Available to respond in any emergency order of the Brgy. Captain.	4.92	A	4.91	A
4. Performs the function of maintaining the desirable and balance environmental through the direction of Punong Barangay.	4.90	A	4.84	A
5. Performs other functions as may be directed by the Punong Barangay.	4.89	A	4.87	A
Grand Weighted Mean	4.91	A	4.88	A

VII. CONCLUSION AND DISCUSSION

The performance of barangay police security officer of their duties and responsibilities as enumerated in accordance under DILG MC No. 2003-042; Under the first duties and responsibilities of barangay tanod were being performed Always (A) as assessed by the barangay constituents and barangay officials. Second, 4 out of 5 enumerated sub items were described as being performed Always (A) and 1 out of 5 was performed Most of the Time (MT). 5 out of 5 enumerated sub items were described as being performed Most of the Time (MT). The #3 duties and responsibilities of barangay tanod, assessed by the barangay constituents and barangay officials were being performed Always (A). Under the fourth duties and responsibilities of barangay tanod, barangay constituents answers implies that 4 out of 5 enumerated sub items were described as being performed Always (A) and 1 out of 5 was performed Most of the Time (MT) while barangay officials answers implies that this item were being performed Always (A). Number 5 duties and responsibilities of barangay tanod, shows that 4 out of 5 enumerated sub items were described as being performed Always (A) and 1 out of 5 was performed Most of the Time (MT) while barangay officials' answers under this item had a verbal interpretation as being performed Always (A). Under #6 duties and responsibilities of barangay tanod, wherein the constituents answered that in 4 out of 5 enumerated sub items were being performed Always (A) and 1 out of 5 which described as being performed Most of the Time (M). Under the number 8 duties and responsibilities of barangay tanod, barangay constituents answered on 2 out of 5 enumerated sub items having a verbal interpretation of being performed Always (A) and 3 out of 5 were being performed Most of the Time (MT), while the barangay officials answered on 4 out of 5 enumerated sub items had a verbal interpretation as being performed Always (A) and 1 out of 5 enumerated sub items were described being performed most of the Time (MT). The #9 to #12 duties and responsibilities of barangay tanod were being performed Always (A) as assessed by both the barangay officials and constituents. Using "T-test two-sample assuming unequal variance", as the statistical

treatment in the study, the results show that there exists no significant difference between the constituents (including tanod) and barangay officials (including barangay councilor and staff) in the perception of the performance of Barangay Police Security Officers or Tanod's duties and responsibilities.

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