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MEMORANDUM

FOR : All RDs, PROs
All PDs/CDs, PPOs/CPOs
All COPs, MPS/CPS
Directors, HSS, AVSEGROUP, CIDG, HPG, MG, AKG, NOSUs

FROM : C, HRAO

SUBJECT : **Reiteration on the Carrying of “Miranda Doctrine Cards”
by all PNP Personnel at all Times**

DATE : June 3, 2016

1. References:

- a. Memo from TCDS with subject Findings and Recommendation of NAPOLCOM Inspection Team (SPD, NCRPO and Cavite PPO, PRO 4A);
- b. Memo from OIC, DL dated May 3, 2016 with same subject;
- c. Letter from Commissioner Rogelio T. Casurao, Vice Chairman and Executive Officer, NAPOLCOM dated May 25, 2016 endorsing the findings and recommendations of the NAPOLCOM Inspection Team;
- d. Memo from C,HRAO dated March 11, 2016 with subject HR Advisory re: Inclusion of the Reading of Miranda Rights and Anti-Torture Warning during PICE and Reminders on Use of Miranda Warning Pocket Cards; and
- e. Memo from CPNP dated May 8, 2008 with subject Directive on the use of “Miranda Doctrine Cards”.

2. This pertains to the findings and recommendations of NAPOLCOM Inspection Team during the conduct of spot inspection in the AORs of SPD, NCRPO and Cavite PPO, PRO 4A on March 7 to 11, 2016 wherein one of the findings is that Miranda Rights cards were not on hand when demanded.

3. In order to address these findings, you are hereby reminded of your utmost duty to comply on the following:

- a. All PNP personnel should at all times carry with them a Miranda Doctrine Card;
- b. Respective offices must ensure reproduction for their respective personnel;
- c. All PNP personnel should know by heart the contents of the Miranda Doctrine Cards and should properly read and explain the rights of the person arrested under RA 7438 and RA 9745 as follows:

“You are arrested for the crime of ____ (or by virtue of warrant of arrest, showing him the warrant as it is practicable).


You have the right to remain silent. Any statement you make may be used for or against you in any court of law in the Philippines. You have the right to have a competent and independent counsel preferably of your own choice. If you cannot afford the services of counsel the government will provide one for you.

Do you understand these rights?"

Anti-Torture Warning:

"You have the right to demand physical examination by an independent examination and competent doctor of your choice. If you cannot afford the services of a doctor, the state shall provide one for you".

- d. It is highly recommended that all PICE activities should include reminders on strict adherence to the reading of the Miranda Warning and Anti-Torture Act. The Miranda Warning should include efforts to ensure and confirm that the arrested person has heard and understood his/her rights under the law;
 - e. The PICE activity may be used to conduct an inspection to determine if police personnel in attendance have a copy of the Miranda Pocket Card and provide the said card to those who need a copy; and
 - f. Reading of excerpts and short discussions on the PNP Guidebook on Human Rights-Based Policing during PICE is also highly recommended.
4. Compliance to the foregoing shall be checked during the conduct of visits and/or inspections of the different police offices, stations and units by Officers coming from the different units of the National Headquarters and NAPOLCOM.
 5. For widest dissemination and strict compliance.



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