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MEMORANDUM

FOR : CPNP

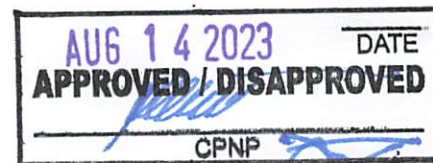
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FROM : TDIDM

SUBJECT : **Proposed CMC re Guidelines and Procedures in the Accounting and Validation of Election Related Incidents for Synchronized 2023 BSKE**

DATE : 10 JUL 2023



1. References:

- a. PNP CMC No. 12-2023 re Guidelines and Procedures in Securing the Conduct of the 2023 Synchronized Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections (BSKE); and
- b. IMPLAN Task Group Investigation/Legal Offensive to PNP CMC No. 12-2023 re Guidelines and Procedures in Securing the Conduct of the 2023 Synchronized Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections (BSKE).

2. This pertains to the issuance of the guidelines and procedures to be undertaken by police offices/units concerned in accounting and validating Election Related Incidents (ERI) in relation to the upcoming 2023 Synchronized Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections (2023 BSKE).

3. In this regard, respectfully forwarded for your approval and signature is the attached Command Memorandum Circular on Guidelines and Procedures in the Accounting and Validation of Election Related Incidents for 2023 Synchronized Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections (2023 BSKE) drafted by the Task Group Investigation/Legal Offensive (TG-I/LO) and Focus Investigation Team (FIT).

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Police Major General

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COMMAND MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

NO.: 19 - 2023

**SUBJECT : GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES IN THE ACCOUNTING AND
VALIDATION OF ELECTION-RELATED INCIDENTS FOR 2023
SYNCHRONIZED BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN
ELECTIONS (2023 BSKE)**

TO : See Distribution

DATE : AUG 14 2023

1. REFERENCES:

- a. COMELEC Resolution No. 10902 entitled "REVISED CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES AND PERIODS OF CERTAIN PROHIBITED ACTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE OCTOBER 30, 2023 SYNCHRONIZED BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN (SK) ELECTIONS";
- b. PNP Command Memorandum Circular (CMC) No. 12-2023 re Guidelines and Procedures in Securing the Conduct of the 2023 Synchronized Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections (2023 BSKE);
- c. IMPLAN Task Group Investigation/Legal Offensive to PNP CMC No. 12-2023 re Guidelines and Procedures in Securing the Conduct of the 2023 Synchronized Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections (BSKE);
- d. PNP CMC No. 33-2021 re Guidelines and Procedures in the Accounting and Validation of Election Related Incidents for 2022 National and Local Elections; and
- e. Memorandum from DIDM dated March 8, 2022 with subject Clarification on PNP CMC 33-2021 re S-ERI (Direct Family Members).

2. RATIONALE:

This CMC provides the guidelines and procedures to be undertaken by police offices/units concerned in accounting and validating Election-Related Incidents (ERI) in relation to the upcoming 2023 Synchronized Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections (2023 BSKE).

3. SITUATION:

In 2010, the term Election-Related Violent Incident (ERVI) was revised to ERI which refers to incidents which could affect/disrupt the electoral proceedings in the area or create a form of political tension that could eventually upset the electoral



process, not only in the site of the incident but also in the surrounding areas. ERI was classified into serious and less serious. Before, any incident targeting a candidate for any elective post, a COMELEC Officer or a supporter of a political party shall be initially classified as Suspected ERI (S-ERI), and within three days after its occurrence, the Police Regional Office (PRO) concerned shall validate if indeed the said incident was election-related based on its definition. Upon submission of ERI validation form, the incident shall be classified as Validated ERI (V-ERI). Otherwise, it shall be considered as Unvalidated ERI (U-ERI). The U-ERI shall be forwarded to IRC-DI which shall conduct further validation of same incident before it could be listed as an ERI within ten days.

In 2016, ERI was redefined pursuant to the OMNIBUS Election Code: as crime incident which could affect or disrupt the electoral proceedings or create a form of political tension that could eventually upset the electoral process, regardless of the motive; and the incident occurs during election period. The victims and ERI validation process are the same with the previous guidelines, however, the validation period was increased from three to seven days.

In 2022 during the National and Local Elections, the Directorate for Investigation and Detective Management (DIDM) initiated the issuance of Command Memorandum Circular No. 33-2021 that clearly guides the Election-Related Incidents Validation Committees (ERIVCs) in the accounting of ERIs all through out the election.

However, with the present situation and based on the actual experience of the PNP personnel on the ground, the PNP needs to enhance its existing policy on the accounting of ERI which is applicable in the setting of 2023 BSKE and to recreate a validation committee at the District/Provincial/City levels for the purpose.

Data on ERI during the elections in 2013 and 2018 show that a total of 57 and 40 incidents were recorded, respectively. With the said statistics, the PNP must maintain the good impression from the public that suspected ERI for the forthcoming election shall be monitored and identified either Validated ERI or Non-ERI and ultimately prosecute identified criminals and offenders.

4. **MISSION:**

The PNP shall create Validation Committees that will ensure the proper accounting of validated ERIs among the reported incidents during the 2023 Synchronized BSKE.

5. **EXECUTION:**

a. **Concept of Operations:**

- 1) The DRDOs, PROs shall spearhead the organization of ERI Validation Committees (ERIVC) as Supervisor to confirm and validate ERI that transpires in their respective AORs. The ERIVC shall be composed of the following:

Chairperson : Director, District/Provincial/City
Police Office (D/P/C PO)

Vice Chairperson : Team Leader D/P/C CIDG FU



Members:

C, D/P/C IU
 C, D/P/C POMU
 C, D/P/C IDMU
 TL, P/C IT
 D/P/C LO
 C, RACU/PCRT/TL, DACT
 COP/Station Commanders

Secretariat: AC, D/P/C IDMU

- 2) Whenever a suspected ERI (S-ERI) transpires, the ERIVC shall be convened immediately at the D/P/C PO by the DRDO concerned.
 - 3) The Chairperson, ERIVC shall lead the validation of S-ERI based on the following parameters:
 - a) ERI, is defined as crime incident which could affect or disrupt the electoral proceedings or create a form of political tension that could eventually upset the electoral process, regardless of the motive. This incident occurs during election period; and
 - b) Any incident targeting a candidate for any elective post, a COMELEC Officer or authorized representatives, candidates' direct family members (spouse, siblings, ascendants, and descendants) and supporters of political candidates, either as suspect/s or victim/s, shall be classified initially as S-ERI.
 - 4) Within ten days after its occurrence, the Committee concerned shall validate if indeed the suspected incident was election-related based on the aforesaid parameters. An ERI Validation Committee Report Form shall be accomplished by the Committee for the purpose, hereto attached as Annex "A".
 - 5) After the ten-day validation period, S-ERI shall be classified only as ERI or Non-ERI. A flowchart on validating S-ERI is hereto attached as Annex "B".
- b. **Tasks:**
- 1) **DIDM**
 - a) Act as the OPR in the implementation of this CMC;
 - b) Designate C, CMD as the Secretariat in the implementation of this CMC;
 - c) Submit periodic reports to the CPNP and TDCO, copy furnished TDO, on updates on ERI; and
 - d) Perform other tasks as directed.



2) PROs

- a) Designate DRDOs as the Supervisor of the ERIVC to perform the following:
 - 1) Spearhead the organization of ERI Validation Committees (ERIVC); and
 - 2) Oversee the validation of ERIs that transpire in their respective AORs by ERIVC concerned.
- b) Designate the Chiefs, D/P/C IU, POMU, IDMU, and COP/Station Commander as members and other Units to be determined by the ERIVC to perform the following:
 - 1) Convene ERIVC whenever a suspected ERI (S-ERI) transpires within their respective AOR;
 - 2) Lead the validation of S-ERI based on the parameters set by this CMC; and
 - 3) Submit ERIVC Report Form within ten days determining whether the S-ERI is classified as ERI or Non-ERI.
- c) Designate AC, D/P/C IDMU as Secretariat;
- d) Provide support and assistance in the implementation of this CMC; and
- e) Perform other tasks as directed.

3) CIDG

- a) Designate the TLs, D/P/C CIDG Field Units as the Vice Chairperson of the ERIVC;
- b) Provide support and assistance in the implementation of this CMC; and
- c) Perform other tasks as directed.

4) IG

- a) Designate the TLs, P/C Intelligence Teams (TLs, P/C IT) as members of the ERIVC;
- b) Provide support and assistance in the implementation of this CMC; and
- c) Perform other tasks as directed.

5) LS

- a) Designate the D/P/C Legal Officers as members of the ERIVC;
- b) Provide support and assistance in the implementation of this CMC; and



c) Perform other tasks as directed.

6) **ACG**

- a) Designate the Chiefs, RACU/PCRT/TLs, DACT as members of the ERIVC;
- b) Conduct cyber-patrolling against cybercrimes with emphasis on vote-buying and vote-selling utilizing virtual platforms during election period;
- c) Provide support and assistance in the implementation of this CMC; and
- d) Perform other tasks as directed.

c. Coordinating Instructions:

- 1) All tasked units shall submit their IMPLANs within five days upon receipt of this CMC and to strictly observe this Directive;
- 2) Non-Relief of Chief of Police in the event of increase in Crime Incidents as long as honest to goodness reporting of incidents were undertaken to see the true picture of crime situation in their AOR;
- 3) Prohibited acts under COMELEC Resolution No. 10902 must be considered in determining whether a Suspected ERI maybe a Validated ERI or Non-ERI; and
- 4) Lateral coordination is highly encouraged to ensure the success of this CMC.

6. **EFFECTIVITY:**

This CMC shall take effect immediately.



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 Chief, PNP *[Signature]*

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**ELECTION-RELATED INCIDENT (ERI)
VALIDATION COMMITTEE REPORT FORM**
(Within 10 days from date of incident)

1 District/Provincial/City PO : _____ DATE: _____

2 Name of Victim : _____
 Sex : _____
 Candidate : ☐ What Elective Post? _____
 COMELEC Official : ☐ COMELEC Office _____
 or Representative : ☐ _____
 Direct Family Member : ☐ Relationship to Candidate: _____
 Supporters of Political Candidates: : ☐ Affiliation to the Candidate: _____
 Others (Specify) : ☐ Occupation/Present Position: _____

3 Date/Time : _____
 Place of Incident : _____
 Type of Incident : _____
 Nature of Incident : _____

4 Motive : _____

5 Qualifiers:

a. Does the incident occurred during election period? YES ☐ NO ☐

b. Has the Incident affected the Electoral Proceedings? YES ☐ NO ☐

c. Has the Incident created a form of political tension that eventually upset the electoral process? YES ☐ NO ☐

6 Name of Suspect/s : _____
 Sex : _____
 Occupation : _____
 Address : _____
 Affiliation : _____

7 Status of the Case
 Case Filed : YES ☐ NO ☐ Under Inves ☐
 If YES, Date Filed : _____
 (If NO, give reason/s) : _____
 Name of Prosecutor : _____
 Pros. Office/Address : _____
 I.S. Nr. : _____

8 Validation Result : ERI ☐ NON-ERI ☐

Recommend Approval:

C, D/P/C IU, Member

C, D/P/C POMU, Member

C, D/P/C IDMU, Member

C, RIU/PIT/CIT, IG, Member

D/P/C LO, Member

C, RACU/PCRT/TL, DACT

COP/Station Commander, Member

TL, D/P/C CIDG FU/Vice Chairperson

Approved by:

Director, D/P/C Police Office/Chairperson

ELECTION-RELATED INCIDENT (ERI) VALIDATION FLOW CHART

