



DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENT AND
NATURAL RESOURCES

JUN 26 1997

SPECIAL ORDER
NO. 97 - 746

SUBJECT : Deputation of Some Members of the Citizens Crime Watch - TASK FORCE KALIKASAN as Deputized Environment and Natural Resources Officer (DENRO) as per Memorandum of Agreement between DENR and CCWAI.

Pursuant to the provisions of existing environment and natural resources laws, rules and regulations, and as per Memorandum Of Agreement between DENR & CCWAI, the following members of Citizens Crime Watch -TASK FORCE KALIKASAN (NCR) are hereby DEPUTIZED as Environment and Natural Resources Officer (DENRO) to exercise the power and authority provided for in the aforesaid laws, rules and regulations under the supervision of the Field Operations Office, DENR effective upon receipt hereof.

MERLINE P. BUTCON
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By virtue of this deputation, the said members of CCW- TASK FORCE KALIKASAN are authorized to detect / investigate violations of forestry laws, rules and regulations and to arrest even without warrant any person who has committed, is committing or is about to commit in their presence any of the criminal offenses defined in chapter IV of Presidential Decree No. 705 as amended, within the territorial jurisdiction of the DENR.

They are also authorized to apprehend / seize the tools, equipment and conveyances used in commission of the offense and the natural resources products extracted / cut, gathered / removed and possessed by the offender(s) in the process of committing the offense. In all instances of detection, arrest and/or seizure, they shall deliver within the period as prescribed by law from the time of arrest and seizure the offender(s) and the seized natural resources products, tools, equipment and conveyances used, and file the appropriate complaint with the concerned officials designated by law, to conduct preliminary investigation and likewise file the information in court through the CENRO/PENRO/RED concerned.

They are further authorized to administer oath and to take acknowledgment in official matters connected with this deputation and to take testimony in official investigations conducted under the authority of the aforesaid laws as amended, and its implementing rules and regulations.

Furthermore, they shall assist the Field Operations Office in the collection and validation of intelligence information, enforcement of natural resources laws, rules and regulations, and in the conduct of environment and natural resources information and education campaign such as public meetings / assemblies and other extension activities of the DENR in coordination with its officials / personnel and/or private agencies in similar work.

They shall submit to the office of the undersigned a monthly accomplishment report using the standard reporting form provided under DENR A. O. No. 41, Series of 1991.

This deputation is not transferable and only authorizes the abovementioned CCW-Task Force Kalikasan members with the power and authority conferred herein as recommended by the President of the CCWAI and by the undersigned.

This Deputation Order takes effect immediately and will expire on December 31, 1997 or unless sooner revoked or terminated by this office.


VERGILIO Q. MARCELO

Undersecretary for Field Operations