

**DENR Administrative Order  
No. 96-28  
September 19, 1996**

**SUBJECT : Requirements for the Deputation of  
Barangay Volunteers and Members  
of Tribal Communities as Field  
Officers within Protected Areas.**

Pursuant to Section 10(e) and 18 of R.A. 7586, DENR upon the recommendation of the Protected Area Management Board (PAMB) shall deputize field officers in all protected areas. Field officers shall be vested the authority to investigate and search premises and buildings and buildings and effect arrest for the violation of laws and regulations relating to protected areas. Barangay volunteers and members of tribal communities who will to be deputized as field officers within protected areas will submit the following requirements:

1. Endorsement from their respective offices or organizations duly signed by the head of the office, organization or tribal group/council;
2. Bio-data with picture; and
3. Certificate of good moral character issued by the Barangay Captain/Tribal Leader/Parish Priest/Minister/Pastor where the volunteer or tribal member resides.
4. Duly signed and/or fingerprinted document containing simplified list of roles and responsibilities of deputized officers as enumerated by the DENR and PAMB that will signify

understanding and agreement by the deputized field officers to such roles and responsibilities.

The complete set of requirements under Section 5 of DAO 41, Series of 1991 “Guidelines Governing the Deputation of Environment and Natural Resources Officers (ENROs)”, however, shall be retained for the deputation of other persons enumerated under Section 3 of said Order. Provided, that in case of NGOs and POs (People’s Organizations), proof of accreditation from the DENR and LGU respectively shall likewise be submitted.

This Order shall take effect immediately and repeals, amends, supersedes or revoke any order or issuance inconsistent herewith.

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Secretary