

Quezon City cops round up 6,034 ordinance violators in just one day

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IN JUST one day, the Quezon City Police rounded up 6,034 violators of various city ordinances and other laws.

Chief Supt. Joselito Esquivel Jr. said Monday those rounded up had been reprimanded, fined, or charged in court.

He clarified that apprehended minors were turned over to their parents or guardians after going through the documentation procedures.

“We continue to remind our people to always obey the law and the city ordinances because it is our mandate to implement these for the welfare of our fellow citizens,” he told Manila Standard.

“Simply abiding with the law could be a big factor to help maintain our peace and order,” Esquivel added.

Among the violations of those rounded up were smoking in public places, roaming half-naked, jaywalking, other traffic violations, drinking liquor in public places, urinating in public place, violating the anti-barker ordinance, littering, loitering, violating the curfew hours, driving

motorcycle without helmet, concealing a bladed weapon, sleeping in public places and illegal parking.

Meanwhile, in celebration of National Heroes Day, Quezon City Vice Mayor Joy Belmonte urged more citizens to become modern heroes by volunteering their time and effort to help those in need.

She cited Quezon City as the site of heroic acts, such as the Cry of Pugad Lawin, and the birthplace of revered historical figures such as Melchora Aquino or “Tandang Sora.”

Belmonte underscored the importance of modern heroes, sharing her own story as a volunteer teacher in Bukidnon when she was just 21.

“In my younger days, all that I have learned came from being a volunteer. I was working as a teacher from first year to fourth year high school. Nobody would want to volunteer in that municipality since it was too far, and life was too difficult (there),” she said.

One of her students, who had low grades and numerous absence, had become a mayor, Belmonte said.