

'Batas QC' app launched this month—Joy

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QUEZON City is launching the “Batas QC” mobile application this month to spread awareness on the penalties and rules of local ordinances, Vice Mayor Joy Belmonte announced Monday.

“This is our way of empowering the people of Quezon City to be aware of their rights and the ordinances of the city so that they could not experience abuses and would know the corresponding sanctions for violation,” she said.

Citing the data from National Capital Region Police Office chief Director Guillermo Eleazar, the Quezon City Police District was able to arrest 99,040 city ordinance violators from June 13 to Sept. 2, posting the highest number of persons arrested for ordinance violations in Metro Manila.

For this reason, Belmonte said, the city council is set to launch the “Batas QC” app that would be available for download for all smartphone users of the city.

The city government will also distribute digital tablets containing the mobile app to barangay officials and city law enforcement units.

Meanwhile, Mayor Herbert Bautista has lauded Sr. Supt. Manuel Manuel of the Bureau of Fire Protection for a 90-percent decrease in fire occurrence from July to August this year.

He thanked the bureau for its intensive “*Oplan Paalala*” to ensure the safety of the public.

Quezon City has the least number of fire cases among the 17 localities in the National Capital Region.

Manuel said “*Oplan Paalala*” through the conduct of seminars and the deployment of fire trucks in the city’s 142 barangays are very effective tools to heighten public awareness on fire prevention and lower fire incidence.

“Our firemen are always ready,” he said.