

NCRPO chief places QCPD headquarters under lockdown

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THE Quezon City Police District (QCPD) has been placed on a three-day lockdown after 14 of its personnel were tested positive for the novel coronavirus (Covid-19). The lockdown was ordered by National Capital Region Police Office (NCRPO) Director Maj. Gen. Debold Sinas following the results of the “target testing” on QCPD personnel held from April 25 to 29.

According to Sinas, the four-day target testing was conducted on 219 personnel out of the 1,563 population located inside Camp Karingal, the headquarters of the QCPD.

Out of the 219 tested, the results for 115 were already released wherein 14 personnel are found positive for Covid-19 infection.

“One of the 14 positively tested patients is a member of JTF-NCR [Joint Task Force-national Capital Region] while the remaining 13 are elements of QCPD, nine of whom are police commissioned officers and four are police noncommissioned officers,” Sinas said.

“Further probe disclosed that 10 of the patients are presently assigned in the District Headquarters in Camp Karingal, Quezon City. The three other patients are assigned in QCPD Police Community Precincts,” he added.

The NCRPO director said that those who tested positive were previously tasked in the implementation of the enhanced community quarantine in quarantine control points.

As such, the lockdown, which began on Sunday, was imposed as a preventive measure in order to ensure that the virus will not thrive and infect more frontliners.

Sinas said that during the lockdown, the QCPD will initiate intensive contact tracing of those who have been in close contact with the 13 positive patients who were already placed in the NCRPO Special Care Facility (SCF).

He also ordered for the evaluation and monitoring of those who were in direct contact with them and to have them isolated in the SCF.

Meantime, QCPD Director Brig. Gen. Ronnie Montejo is temporarily holding his office at Kamuning Police Station 10 in Quezon City.

“Our most important resource against this battle is our human resource. Hence, we opt to implement all possible measures to ensure their safety and guarantee that they are in their optimum health condition as they go to the frontline to face the unseen deadly virus,” Sinas said.

“We pledge all the necessary support that we can provide to alleviate the impact of this crisis to QCPD,” he added.