

## P128,000 firecrackers seized in QC

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A team of operatives from the **Quezon City Police District (QCPD)** and the city government's **Market Development and Administration Department (MDAD)** confiscated some P128,000 worth of firecrackers ahead of New Year's Eve.



“Since Wednesday, they have been going around the city to confiscate illegal fireworks and firecrackers,” **Mayor Joy Belmonte** said in Filipino yesterday.

Belmonte ordered the strict enforcement of the ordinance prohibiting the use of firecrackers in public places.

QCPD district director Brigadier General Danilo Macerin said the amount of firecrackers seized across the city was lower compared to last year due to the community quarantine and the ban on the use of firecrackers and pyrotechnic devices.

“So far, we have neither arrested anyone nor filed criminal cases. Most of those we caught were sellers so we only confiscated (the firecrackers),” he added in a statement on Thursday night.

There were only two areas approved in Quezon City to have community fireworks displays this New Year: Quezon Memorial Circle and Eastwood City.

But unlike in the past where people were encouraged to gather to personally watch the activities, the city government prohibited mass gatherings and instead streamed it online.

### Manila destroys P.35-M firecrackers

Meanwhile, the Manila Police District (MPD) reported yesterday that it has destroyed P350,000 worth of illegal firecrackers before the New Year.

MPD chief Brig. Gen. Leo Francisco and Sta. Cruz police station commander Lt. Col. John Guiagui led the destruction of illegal firecrackers confiscated from sellers at the Blumentritt and Central markets and along Villalobos street in Sta. Cruz from Dec. 27 to 31.

Meanwhile, Gary Cadapan, 44, was arrested in Sucat, Muntinlupa for allegedly selling fire-crackers on Thursday.

Seized from him were 10 boxes of sparklers, eight boxes of pop-pops, two Sputnik Silver Fountains, two Sputnik Gold Fountains, one Days Incense Calla Fountain and nine pieces of lulis. – Janvic Mateo, Ralph Edwin Villanueva