

QC launches registration program for bike riders

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THE Quezon City government, through its Department of Public Order and Safety–Green Transport Office (DPOS–GTO), has launched a registration program to ensure the safety of bicycle riders in the city. DPOS head Elmo San Diego told The Manila Times that the bike registration, which would be voluntary, was provided under the QC Safe Cycling Ordinance.

Through this program, riders can easily locate their bikes in case of loss or theft and can avail of assistance in case of an accident, according to San Diego, former Quezon City Police District director.

“The importance of this bike registration program is to help our bikers in case their bicycles cannot be located or are stolen. We can aid them, and they can avail of the assistance of the police in investigating missing bikes because the owners can readily present a certificate of ownership issued by DPOS,” he said.

Mayor Josefina “Joy” Belmonte encouraged bicycle riding groups and other active transport users to register their bikes through the program.

“As an advocate of active transportation, I encourage bikers and bike riding groups to register their bicycles through this program for us to be able to assist them and ensure their safety,” Belmonte said.

“I hope that through this bike registration program, more residents will be inspired to take alternative transportation because they can be assured of their safety and security here in Quezon City,” she added.

Under Section 7 of the ordinance, the Green Transport Office–Bicycle and Active Transport Section shall initiate the program, which will “maintain all pertinent information on cyclists and active transport users for the purpose of ensuring the continuous improvement of the safe cycling and active transport program.”

Bikers or active transport users who wish to register just need to bring a government issued identification card, 2x2 photo, proof of purchase of their bike, electric bike or scooters, and a picture of the owner with the bike, e-bike or e-scooter, the DPOS chief said.

With a registration fee of P150, a sticker will be issued by the DPOSGTO for identification purposes, San Diego said.

For inquiries about the voluntary bike registration program, San Diego said the public may contact the DPOS–GTO through (8)710 0743.