## QCPD sets 2-minute response to crimes

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Quezon City residents should expect a prompt response from police on crime incidents, an official said on Thursday night.

Brig. Gen. Nicolas Torre III, Quezon City Police District (QCPD) director, has ordered police officers in the city to respond to crimes and other incidents that need their attention within two minutes along major roads and four minutes in interior areas such as subdivisions. "The time starts when the operator says they have the caller's location and will send police officers," he said in Filipino during an interview over dzBB.

Torre said they have more manpower to secure the streets after he ordered the closure of all 52 police community precincts in the city and reassigned their personnel to patrol operations. "Nasa 500 ang nadagdag (About 500 were added)," Torre said in a message on Viber yesterday.

There are at least 4,067 police officers and personnel assigned with the QCPD.

With more police officers on the streets, Torre sees no reason for them not to respond to crime incidents in a more timely manner.

Torre did not say what sanctions he will impose on police officers unable to comply with his directive.

Torre lauded Mayor Joy Belmonte for supporting the QCPD, including providing for their fuel expenses for their vehicles.

The QCPD has at least 200 patrol cars at its disposal.

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