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AND
MOTORCYCLE RIDING SAFETY TRAINING (MRST) CLASS 02-2018

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Thank you. Sit down and I would like to thank you for your courtesy.

Let me begin by --- the acknowledgements of the officers who are here: the officers and staff of the Highway Patrol Group led by Police Chief Superintendent Roberto Fajardo; Police Chief Superintendent Marcelo Morales, Regional Director, Police General, Regional Office 11; the 2018 graduating class of the Highway Patrol and Motorcycle Riding Course; ladies and gentlemen, maayong hapon kaninyong tanan.

I have two pages for you so medyo kulang tayo. Maybe because of the so many appointments that are ahead of me but this is just too short.

Actually, itong motor maganda 'to. It gives you convenience, gives you speed, and in times of emergency, ito nga 'yung ano eh --- nasabi ko na kay Inday 'yan, pag-aralan mo 'yang highway patrol na --- ipalawak mo nang konti.

Because Davao City is really becoming very crowded at 'yung mga assistance sa --- for example a crime in the north or south, west or east. At of course during the wee hours in the morning, okay. But if it happens during the prime time of travel of the people in the city, mahirapan tayo. So

you'll just have --- use the *[unclear]* and everybody else. Anything that you can ride on to reach your destination.

Doon ako takot sa slow response kasi kung ang mag-responde puro 'yung mga sasakyan, mga kotse, hindi talaga lulusot 'yun. So since we are living in a time of terrorism, pag-aralan ninyo 'yan na tandem, dalawa kayo, but be -- 'yung isa talaga merong long and *[garbled]* 'yung Armalite. Hindi 'yun pwede na maghintay kayo doon while the --- for example Mandug is evolving, there's war and you cannot find a place where you could just squeeze in to reach the place on time.

But a motorcycle, ibaba mo lang 'yan tapos iikot mo doon sa where --- dito sa Tigatto and you have to learn the way it should be, 'yung ano talaga. Madumi ito na trabaho and madumi na delikado. But then it's one of the best fighting force really is the early responders and it could only be the police who are riding motorcycle.

I'm glad that you have taken interest in this. Kami ni RD ninyo, we used to -- but that's long ago. Pero may kasabihan kasi kami dito sa Davao na 'pag hindi mo naikot ang Luzon, hindi ka talaga rider. You are not considered a rider. Ikaw lang ay taga-sakay ng motor.

At one point in your life, it should not be now, 'cause we are busy fighting the --- our enemies of the state. Someday, maybe hindi naman 'yung mamahalin, 'yung mura naman kasi 'yung motor and that's good. Meron namang mga innovations 'yung Yamaha pati Honda to keep up with the competitive market. So 'yun na lang.

Ako ang nangyari sa akin, kinuha ni Inday lahat ang motor ko. I could no --- I would not know what made her do it. But 'yung mga Can-Am ko, 'yung Shadow ko, 'yung --- napaiyak ako eh, 'yung BMW ko. Nandoon sa kanya. Ang nagda-drive 'yung mga PSG. Susmaryosep, sabi ko.

Eh okay man. Alam mo naman 'pag one hand to another, eh kung may garas lang *[garbled]* mo pa 'yan eh.

By the way, sino 'yung pinaka? Who was the number one rider here? Iyong pinasikat, the highest point whatever? Sino 'yung... Wala kayong ano?

[Sino? O sino-sino?]

Can you stand up so that we can --- sino pa? Hindi, huwag muna. Sino pa? You stand up so that I can recognize you. Ayaw ninyo ng motor? *[applause]*

[Where? Tawag mo si RD. Ang average score niya was the highest? Ang pinaka --- pinakataas na average score sa rider. May averaging ba kayo? Best?] [official: Best rider sir?] [Oo, sino?] [official: Itong tatlo, sir. Kasi tatlong klase, tatlong best rider] [O, what is the first class?] [official: Class 05 sir] [O, ano 'yun?] [official: Bale MCRC Class 05 sir and Class 06, Class 07. Bale 'yung ano sir, 'yung 05 ang...] [Anong maneuver ginawa? Lahat na?] [official: Yes sir] [Nagbisyo ba kayo ng ganun, 'yung tire?] [official: Meron sir] [Sus nandiyan naman 'yun] [official: Pero binabaan na sir. Hindi na 'yung katulad ng dati] [Wala man kalaban sa Maynila na...]

Do not overdo things because you know, sayang ang human resources.
'Pagka nagbagsak ka, paturoy-turoy ka, nakaupo ka. Wala talaga, babagsak 'yung... Pero...

Halika nga dito. Tingnan ko 'yung tigas. *[laughter]* Bilib ako sa tigas eh. *[Bong, unsa may sunod nga kuan atong akong [garbled]? Naa pay gamay ato? Dako ra kaayo to? Eh huwag 'yung akin kay pareho man --- pareho kami... Pangita'g kuan. Ayaw kay magamit nila Dual. BMW? Meron pa? O sige]*

Okay you will receive each of you a Dual --- Yamaha. *[applause]* Iyan okay 'yan sa --- pagdating sa dirt road. Okay rin sa ano... So kunin niyo kay Bong 'yung motorsiklo ninyo. Iyong mga, iyong mga sales girl na ano Bong, huwag mong isali 'yan. *[laughter]* Mga g*** itong pulis na ito... *[May asawa ka na noh?] [police answers: Wala pa sir] [O tanawa ra bakakon] [laughter] [Iyong isa?] [Meron, sir] [Meron ka? Huwag mo ako ano ha...] [Ikaw?] [police answers: Malapit na sir] [laughter] [Malapit na sibatan?] [laughter]*

Okay... That's my gift to you. *[applause]*

Way buhaton ning uban kung mag-angkas-angkas sa ilang uyab. Tan-awa ra.

I am glad to join you today as we honor the graduating LYCANS class of the Motorcycle Riding Safety Training Class and the Motorcycle Riding Course [Class] 2018.

I commend the more than 200 graduates from the PNP, BFP, and BJMP and our civilian sector for your commitment and dedication to finish these training programs on proper driving techniques and road safety.

I also acknowledge the PNP Police Security and Protection Group and the PNP Highway Patrol Group for being the embodiment of the

administration's thrust in championing the importance of local law enforcement and safe motorcycle riding.

Your dedication to foster greater awareness on road and traffic issues are indeed noteworthy. I therefore thank you for conducting capacity building initiatives on safe, proper [motorcycle] handling.

As we conclude today's program, I hope that the graduates [we] honor today will remain steadfast in their crucial role in promoting the proper safety mindset [and] driving proficiency which ensure the safety of our road and traffic conditions.

Let me also remind you that whenever you use your motorcycles in the line of duty, you do so as agents of government and protectors of our people. Never allow yourselves to be tempted to make profit out of it by offering services to private sector. Those caught with this kind in the practice would have to be accountable to it. Dapat lang. It's just right.

As you embark on your respective journeys, be assured of your administration's commitment in implementing measures that address the perennial problems of our [commuters]. Together, let us foster a culture of diligence, accountability --- itong word talaga, accountability. Iyong managot kung anong kasalanan mo --- accountability and discernment among our motorists so that we may move forward [as a] more progressive nation.

Congratulations to all graduates and I wish you all the best. *[applause]*

Kani bang motor gwapo na. Take it from me. Dugay na mi.

But if you do not handle that animal, it will kill you. Maniwala kayo. Marami na... Since then, marami na kaming namatay na...

And only because split second kasi ang ano --- ang motor, 'pag nagkamali ka no time for recovery. Ang... Kung hindi ka sanay sa focusing, 'yung long-term focus na tingin ka dito, tingin ka doon. Ganon-ganon ka lang talaga diyan eh. Tingin ka dito, tingin ka doon. It takes hours, it could be boring.

If you think that you are bored or you're tired, just simply stop then lit a cigarette if you smoke and relax then continue 'pag nawala na 'yung focusing.

Kasi dito sa motor na ginagamit ninyo --- wala rin kasing tumatakbo ng 100 dito eh. It's usually 100, 30, 40, 50, 60. Ganun 'yan ang mga ulol. Maraming gustong mamatay kaya sila. Pero 'yan ang [unclear] takbo lalo na magpunta ng Luzon but just be careful. Because the dangers now sa ating mga highways and alleys and roads is the advent of cheap motorcycle sa Japan. And they can go to the casa, to the appliance store, buy one.

Ang p***** j** binibigay na kaagad sa kanila parang maruya. Tapos unya papraktisan. And they practice but definitely they're using the roads, the public roads. Tapos 'yan may bigla na lang mag --- may mag-turn or mag-left turn, biglang mag-ganun. So the imponderables, ganun karami ganyan. Mas...

Ako, 'yan ang naka-ano sa akin. Nawalaan ako ng gana, not because I do not... Napaka-maraming tao at napaka-maraming mga sasakyan na mura na lahat nabibili at ginagamit sa public road.

You might want to help by lessening their number. Wala 'yang rehistro, walang mga lisensya 'yan. Ako pagka ganun, wala talaga akong magawa. I will not --- papayag na ganun na lang.

As you control the roads, you'll have to control the moving things there. But be careful kasi sa probinsya ganun ka-ta-tanga-tanga 'yang p***. 'Pag nag --- naka-angkas sa likod 'yan, hindi mo madala ng ano --- hindi mo madala ng serbato mo. Mag-menor ka talaga tapos bababa na. Low gear ka muna bago ka lumipas. Magastos sa ano. Eh sa bagay naa man ni'y mga scooter ngayon.

Because ang danger na madi-disgrasya ka, the chances of having an accident that day is five times more than the odds we had before. Wala koy sakyanan niadto. Karon daghang way lisensya, wala tanan (I didn't have my own car back then. Now there are so many who have no license, no nothing). So careful ka lang.

And the only way why I am really trying to pursue this motorcycle is because I envision a city too crowded, too --- you have to squeeze to move and that's a problem. We do not have much... Ang mga Amerikano mag-landing

diyan sa highway. Ang atin is maka-bawi tayo dito sa motor. So you can squeeze in and...

Iyon ang ano sa akin. So the first responders talaga kayo, kayo talaga 'yan. Eh 'yung buddy mo sa likod. Kayo ang magdating. Kung may barilan diyan sa Tigatto, may barilan diyan sa Magtuod, mauna man kayo. Linisan ninyo ang baril ninyo, linisan ninyo 'yung bike ninyo. Kay pag-abot doon (and when you get there) --- "Ah hindi man trabaho na ito, sa SWAT ito." Anong SWAT? Buang ka na ikaw ang nandiyan. Ikaw na iyong SWAT. Turo-turoan ng...

Now in a few days, I'm transferring one division sa Jolo na nagsawa na ako noong --- a fortnight ago. Usap kami ni Del and I communicated to them my dis --- parang my disappointment kung bakit ganun na sige na lang tayo namatayan ng apat, nakapatay tayo ng isa, makapatay ng apat. It's an attrition thing and tatapusin na natin 'yan. Kayo, since you have... Sparrow. Iyan sila [Lao?] Sino ba dito? Iyong RD ninyo dumaan dito 'yan. But they are coming back to teach you, sila... Kunin ninyo si [Waway?] pati si Joy, maturuan lang because the Army lahat sila halos may baril na.

And 'yung baril noong pumunta ako doon sa Jolo, ganyan nakita ko na giluglog ang sundalo, Marines. Of course I was not happy. Kaya nakasimangot ako and I said, "Kaawa naman mga sundalo ko." So noong sa Jolo ako, sabi ko bigyan ko kayo ng armas lahat. So ang mga Army may armas na 'yan lahat. Ang main weapon nila now is the rifle then they have the secondary.

Inyo, the main weapon is --- secondary na lang 'yung... Tinabla ko kasi lahat na kayo ngayon may mga armas na talaga. Be careful sa Sparrow. Kung hindi pa kayo natutong... Ilang pulis na namatay? Magsabi ka lang isang libo dito sa Davao meron. So it would be good. May camera ka man. Bago ka maglakad ng bahay, picturan (picture) mo 'yan. Tanawa (observe) tanawa mo. Pagtingin mo, may dalawang lalaki nakaupo doon tapos makita mo naman 'yung sigarilyo diyan sa floor... Eh medyo matagal na 'to.

But usually kasi kung maglabas ka 'yung magdaan sa'yo, iyon lang hindi --- hindi bibira iyon. Iyong sunod, 'yung magturo tapos 'yung mag --- 'yan. So picturan (picture) mo lang sa bintana at kita mo may nag-istambay doon,

alam mo na. Naka... Dapat naka cocked and locked ka. .45 is really safe. I-cock mo tapos i-lock mo lang. Huwag mo lang I***** itong dito sa likod. Ma --- okay lang 'yan. Glock ganun rin. Just don't f*** with the trigger. Pero bantay kayo sa Sparrow.

Ngayon binigyan ko sila, sabi ko this is provided with three magazines. Iyong dalawa i-deploy ninyo. 'Pag naubos isa, pansak (insert/replace) 'yung isa. 'Pag naubos 'yung isa... Be sure to count the numbers. Be sure to leave three bullets in the magazine kasi 'pag na-corner na kayo, p***** i** ninyo kainin ninyo 'yang baril ninyo. Kalabitin mo.

Ayaw kong makita na pulis o sundalo na ma-capture. Bababuyin ka doon sa kampo nila and after a long, long hostage, iharap ka sa camera. Kainin mo ang bala mo. Die with dignity. Tatal mamatay man talaga tayong lahat. Ako magpunta ako doon.

Kung na-corner tayong lahat, sabay tayo kain. One, two... Magpaganun ka? I'm going there pagdating ng one division nandoon ako. Ganun din. Kung masali kayo --- 'pag naubos ang atin, wala na tayong malagay. Fixed bayonet na. Leave one or two. "O Mayor, okay ka?" "Oo, okay na." "O one, two ah!" *[laughter]*

Thank you.

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