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PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED BY THE WOMEN AND CHILDREN PROTECTION DESK (WCPD) PERSONNEL OF MARINDUQUE IN PERFORMING THEIR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

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ABSTRACT

The Philippine National Police is one of the prime organizations of the country to maintain peace and order. Because of the increasing crimes committed by the young members of the society, the Women and Children Protection Desk (WCPD) was created and its operation is made nationwide. But if the WCPD has the problems itself, its main function is affected, thus; this study looked on the problems encountered by its personnel in performing their duties and responsibilities. A descriptive–survey type was used applying weighted mean using Likert scaling of 5. The security officers assigned from the (6) six Municipal Stations were the respondents of the study. They were asked about the problems they encountered during the performance of the 14 stipulated duties and responsibilities. Based on the level of seriousness of the problems encountered by the WCPD personnel, it reveals ‘child abuse’ (3.83) got a highest rating which includes psychological, emotional adjustment difficulties/ post-traumatic stress disorder. Then followed by ‘limited availability of female medical practitioner or physician’ (3.16), which is considered more serious; the examining physician is not of the same gender as the victim–survivor got a weighted mean of 3.16 more serious; the identity of the victim survivor is confidential with a weighted mean of 3.33, which is considered more serious; the identity of the victim survivor is confidential with a weighted mean of 3.33 which is considered more serious. Others include: problems whether the victim–survivor will file a case against the perpetrator, especially if the offender is her relative (incest) (3.00); the barangay will inform the local social worker regarding the case (3.00); the victim is undetermined whether to file for protection order (2.83); not secure warrant of arrest for the offender (2.66); no one is reporting the incident to the PNP station (2.66); the perpetrator is resisting arrest (2.16); the victim – survivor is determined not to move to a safer place (3.00). The overall level of seriousness of the problems encountered was 2.53, which means more serious. The researcher offers the following recommendations: the community must be a part of solving the problems through proper cooperation to the PNP WCPD and other government agencies and civil societies.

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Duties and responsibilities, Marinduque, problems encountered, Women & Children Protection Desk

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