

**[ EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 366, September 05, 1996 ]**

**FURTHER AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 309, S. OF 1987,  
ENTITLED "REORGANIZING THE PEACE AND ORDER COUNCIL,"  
AS AMENDED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 317, S. OF 1988,  
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 320, S. OF 1988 AND EXECUTIVE ORDER  
NO. 20, S. OF 1992 AND ORGANIZING THE BARANGAY PEACE  
AND ORDER COMMITTEES AS THE IMPLEMENTING ARM OF THE  
CITY/MUNICIPAL PEACE AND ORDER COUNCIL AT THE  
BARANGAY LEVEL**

WHEREAS, there is a need to enhance the effectiveness of the Peace and Order Council (POC) in its crime prevention and suppression mission through the expansion of its membership and the extension of its infrastructure down to the barangay level;

WHEREAS, the establishment of a peace and order organization at the barangay level was recommended by participants to the law enforcement workshop during the 4th National Summit on Peace and Order held on April 11-12, 1996 at the PICC, Manila;

WHEREAS, the organization of peace and order bodies in the barangays is also consistent with Senate Resolution No. 145, s. of 1992 urging the establishment of barangay Crime Watch Centers (BCWCs) nationwide to serve as an effective community-based crime prevention monitoring and coordinating mechanism;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Section 1 of Executive Order No. 309, as amended by Executive Order No. 317, Executive Order No. 320 and Executive Order No. 20, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

SECTION 1. Reorganization of the Peace and Order Council. — The Peace and Order Council is hereby reorganized on the national, regional, provincial, city and municipal levels of government to be constituted as follows:

a. The National Peace and Order Council (NPOC) shall be composed of the following:

Secretary of the Interior and Local Government — Chairman

Secretary of National Defense — Vice-Chairman

Secretary of Justice — Member

Secretary of Social Welfare and Development — Member

Secretary of Public Works and Highways — Member

Secretary of Trade and Industry — Member

Secretary of Labor and Employment — Member

Secretary of Education, Culture and Sports — Member

Secretary of Health — Member

Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources — Member

Press Secretary — Member

Director-General of the National Security Council — Member

Chairman of the National Police Commission — Member

Director of the National Bureau of Investigation — Member

Vice-Chairman and Executive Officer of the National Police Commission — Member

Chairman of the Commission on Human Rights — Member

Commissioner of Immigration and Deportation — Member

Executive Director of the Dangerous Drugs Board — Member

Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces of the Philippines — Member

Chief of the Philippine National Police — Member

Twelve representatives (12) representatives from the private sector who shall be appointed by the Chairman as regular members of the Council representing the academic, civic, religious, youth, labor, legal, business, media, women, cooperative, cultural minority and people's organizations. Other cause-oriented groups and organizations may be invited to participate as technical advisers or observers in the council.

b. A Special Action Committee shall be organized within the NPOC, composed of the Secretary of the Interior and Local Government, Secretary of National Defense, Secretary of Social Welfare and Development, Secretary of Justice, the AFP Chief of Staff, the PNP Chief and a representative from the private sector, to take action on any critical or emergency situation.

c. The Regional Peace and Order Council (RPOC) shall be composed of the regional counterparts of the departments, offices and agencies enumerated in paragraph (a)