

**[ EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 340, August 09, 1950 ]**

**PROMULGATING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE  
ORGANIZATION AND TRAINING OF CIVILIAN EMERGENCY  
ADMINISTRATION GUARDS**

By virtue of the powers in me vested by law, and upon the recommendation of the National Emergency Commission, I, Elpidio Quirino, President of the Philippines, do hereby promulgate the following rules and regulations for the organization and training of Civilian Emergency Administration Guards (CEA Guards).

1. The Mayor of each chartered city, municipality, and/or municipal district shall organize CEA Guards in his respective city, municipality, and/or municipal district. The CEA Guards are empowered to assist in the suppression of espionage and sabotage; to safeguard public utilities, bridges and manufacturing plants engaged in essential industries; to succor, aid and assist the populace in emergencies caused by fires, floods, earthquakes, typhoons, epidemics, air-raids or other forms of local or national disaster in order that injury to persons and property may be prevented. Members of Police, Traffic Control and Guard Duty Units, CEA Guards, during actual emergencies caused by war, sabotage, or during imminence of air-raids, are hereby invested with the powers of police officers in the performance of their duties. The use of the CEA Guards for any other purpose is prohibited.

2. The organization of the CEA Guards units shall be as prescribed herein.

3. The training of the units of the CEA Guards shall be conducted under the general supervision and direction of the Commanding Officer of the Philippine Constabulary and in strict accordance with the program of instruction to be prescribed by him.

4. The Mayor of each city, municipality, and/or municipal district is charged with the duty of, and is responsible for, recruiting an adequate number of men to form at full strength the units of the CEA Guards prescribed for his respective city or municipality, and controlling and operating them.

5. Enrollment in the CEA Guards shall be on a voluntary basis.

6. (a) Any able-bodied Filipino citizen, except as noted in (b) below, of not less than 18 and not more than 50 years of age, is eligible for enrollment in the CEA Guards.

(b) The following persons are exempted from enrollment in the CEA Guards:

1. Officers and enlisted men of the regular force and of the reserve forces carried on the rolls of reserve units of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, including officers and enlisted men of the Philippine Constabulary.

2. Members of all regularly organized police forces in provinces, chartered cities,

municipalities and/or municipal districts.

3. Members of all regularly organized fire departments in chartered cities, municipalities, and/or municipal districts.

4. Field employees of the Bureau of Health, including District Health Officers, President of Sanitary Divisions, Sanitary Inspectors and Assistant Sanitary Inspectors.

5. Employees of the Bureau of Posts and the Bureau of Telecommunications.

6. Field employees of the Weather Bureau.

7. Personnel of the Coast Guard, Revenue Cutter and Lighthouse Inspection Services.

8. Physicians, nurses and attendants regularly employed in hospitals or puericultural centers.

9. Employees essential in the operation of public utilities, including employees of water supply, electric and telephone systems, and railroad, bus and steamship companies.

10. Field employees of the Philippine National Red Cross (PNRC) and social workers of the Social Welfare Commission and the President's Action Committee on Social Amelioration (PACSA).

7. Members of the CEA Guards shall serve without compensation. They shall, however, be entitled to free transportation when such is required in the performance of their duties if called into active service and to free subsistence during such period or periods of active service. Such transportation and subsistence shall be paid for by the chartered city, municipality, and/or municipal district for which the active service was rendered, if funds are available therefor.

8. Enrollment in the CEA Guards shall be for a period of one (1) year from the date of such enrollment, unless terminated sooner by competent authority.

9. At the time of enrollment, each member of the CEA Guards shall undergo physical examination and, if found fit, shall subscribe to the "oath of enrollment." The form for the oath of enrollment shall be prescribed by the Commanding Officer of the Philippine Constabulary.

10. In chartered cities, municipalities, and/or municipal districts, the organization of the Civilian Emergency Administration Guards (CEA Guards) shall be as follows:

(a) *Police, Traffic Control and Guard Duty Unit.*—This unit shall be under the supervision of the Chief of Police and shall have a strength based on the ratio of five (5) men for every one thousand (1,000) inhabitants.

(b) *Food and Fuel Administration Unit.*—This unit shall be under the supervision of the municipal agricultural Inspector, assisted by the meat inspector and shall have a strength based on the ratio of fifteen (15) men for every one thousand (1,000)