



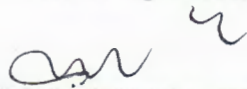
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NDRRMC UPDATE

Progress Report on Plane Crash at Masbate

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DATE : 18 August 2012, 11:00 PM

Reference: OCD V, PCG and PNP Masbate Police Provincial Office

SITUATION OVERVIEW:

On or about 4:30 PM 18 August 2012, a white 6-seater PIPER SENECA plane owned by Aviatour Flight School from Cebu City crashed in the vicinity waters of Boulevard, Brgy Ibingay, Masbate. The plane was attempting an emergency landing but crashed more or less 500 meters short of the runway.

It was carrying the DILG Sec. Jesse Robredo, his aide-de-camp PSI Jhun Abrasado, and two pilots, namely: Capt. Jessup Bahinting and Kshitiz Chand, a Nepalese flight student. PSI Abrasado was rescued by passing fishermen while Sec. Robredo and the two other pilots are now the subject of the search and rescue operations.

ACTIONS TAKEN:

- **OCD V** on heightened alert status; coordinated with Masbate PDRRMC, NAVFORSOL, CGD V and CG Masbate Detachment to obtain additional information on the incident and the progress of the ongoing SAR operations.
- **OCD V** coordinated SAR operations from CG Bulan District composed of five (5) personnel led by ENS ARJAY CENETA PCG and MDRRMC Bulan Rescue Team composed of eighteen (18) personnel led by Luis de Castro Jr., MDRRMO Bulan with Masbate PDRRMC
- **PCG District Bicol** deployed SAR Team and currently conducting SAR operations.
- **NAVFORSOL** deployed two (2) Patrol Gunboats - SIMEON CASTRO (374) led by Lt. Manuel S. Suba III PN based in Aroroy Pier Masbate and Patrol Gunboat (378) led by LCDR Apolo A. Padregana PN based in Pasacao Pier Camarines - for SAR operations.
- **Masbate PPO** with Maritime Police Masbate led by PSUPT Villamor complemented the SAR operations efforts.
- Local responders with ten (10) pump boats are still conducting SAR operations.
- Mayor Socrates Tuazon of Masbate is spearheading the SAR operations. Designated Incident Commander is PCSUPT Darius Tuazon (Ret), PDRRMO Masbate.