



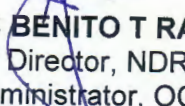
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NDRRMC UPDATE

Progress Report on Plane Crash at Masbate

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DATE : **19 August 2012, 2:00 AM**

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.

At about 7:00 PM, the fisher folks recovered the fuel tank of PIPER SENECA plane and is now under the custody of PNP Masbate.

At 11:30 PM, Mayor Tuazon temporarily suspended SAR operations due to strong current but will resume at 190500H August 2012. However, rescue teams are still in the area to secure the crash site.

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** is conducting SAR operations; five (5) SOG Personnel with diving equipment departed Pilar, Legaspi via Sorsogon; SAR Vessel 3504 departed Cebu City 2200H with SOG Team Medical Personnel, ETA in Masbate 191200H August 2012; Heli of PCG is on alert status and will depart for Masbate at daybreak.
- **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 Lt Nilayan 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 Tuzaon (Ret), PDRRMO Masbate.
- Medical Teams from Phil. Red Cross, LGUs and Bantay Dagat also augmented in the SAR operations.

ASSETS DEPLOYED

