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(Headquarters Philippine Coast Guard)
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CGO/CG – 10
STANDING OPERATION PROCEDURE
NUMBER.....14 – 96

SECURITY OF LIGHTHOUSES

I. GENERAL:

- A. There are been flagrant recorded incidences of vandalism, theft and other nefarious activities detrimental to the integrity of PCG maintained lighthouses.
- B. Under RA 5173 the PCG is mandated to operate and maintain the lighthouse. Part of this role is the protection of lighthouses against the afore-cited threats.
- C. Recently and in the past – there have been reported cases of vandalism to various lighthouses nationwide.

II. PURPOSE:

To prescribe the concepts and measures to enhance the security of the lighthouses against all forms of threats detrimental to it' well being.

III. OBJECTIVES:

To secure all PCG maintained lighthouses from theft, losses and vandalism.

IV. CONCEPTS:

A. Family Adoption:

- 1. The principle of adoption, wherein a lighthouse will place under the adoption and custody of a willing and qualified family will be employed.
- 2. This undertaking shall cover by an appropriate certificate by the District Commander concerned.

B. Local Government and NGO's cooperation assistance:

The cooperation and assistance of the local government and NGO's for the enhancement of the security of the lighthouse shall be sought. This will be undertaken on the principle that light stations contribute to the economic development of the particular area.

V. IMPLEMENTATION:

A. Family Adoption:

- 1. The Station Commander shall scout for the willing and qualified family to whom a certain lighthouse will be offered for adoption.

Criteria	Percentage
A. Proximity to the lighthouse	25%
B. Of good moral standing	25%
C. With good community relationship	25%
D. With potential capability to care and provide security to the lighthouses	25%
2. The Station Commander shall recommend to the District Commander the issuance of appropriate certificate covering this undertaking until such time that the stability is ascertained.	

B. Local Government and NGO's cooperation assistance:

1. The District Commander through the assistance of the Station Commander concerned shall initiate measures, to earn the cooperation and assistance of the local government and NGO's in the enhancement of the security of the lighthouse.
2. Dialogues and other forms of public information/dissemination drive should be carried to impress awareness among local residents, the importance of lighthouse and other aids to navigation.
3. CG-10 will initiate the possibility of executing a Memorandum of Agreement between DOTC and DILG for the security of the different light station.

VI. RESPONSIBILITY:

District Commander, assisted by Station Commander and Personnel In-Charge (PIC) shall be responsible for the smooth implementation of this SOP.

PIC (personnel in-charge) – any PCG personnel designated responsible for light station in accordance with HPCG Memorandum dated 11 Mar 96 PIC of unmanned LS has Office of Coast Guard District/Coast Guard Station.

VII. EFFECTIVITY:

This SOP shall take effect upon publication.

BY COMMAND OF COMMODORE CAPADA:

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