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Camp Efigenio C Navarro, Calapan City- As a result of the intensified anti-illegal drug operations like buy-bust and service of search warrant conducted by the personnel of PRO MIMAROPA and due to the continuous monitoring and evaluation by the Regional Oversight Committee on Illegal Drugs, three (3) Municipalities in MIMAROPA with thirty-four (34) barangays were already declared as “Drug Cleared” barangays on May 11, 2017.

Three (3) Municipalities in MIMAROPA Declared “Drug Cleared”

Said municipalities are Calatrava in Romblon with six (6) barangays; Magsaysay, Mindoro Occidental with twelve (12) barangays and Mansalay, Oriental Mindoro with sixteen (16) barangays. The declaration was based on the results of the validation conducted by the Regional Oversight Committee on Anti- Illegal Drugs in coordination and cooperation with its Stakeholders, Local Government Units, Armed Forces of the Philippines, Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency and other Law Enforcement Agencies on the resolution and certification issued by its Sangguniang Barangay and Barangay Anti-Drug Abuse Council (BADAC), Municipal/City Police Stations.

As of this month, the overall total of “Drug Cleared” Barangays in MIMAROPA is one hundred seventy-one (171). forty-two (42) from the Province of Romblon, thirty-three (33) in Occidental Mindoro, eighty-nine (89) in Oriental Mindoro, four (4) in Palawan and three (3) in Marinduque.

Meanwhile, two hundred fifty-five (255) Barangays regionwide were declared as “Drug-Free” Barangays as of May 14, 2017. Of the , two hundred fifty-five (255), seventeen (17) barangays came from Occidental Mindoro, thirty-five (35) in Oriental Mindoro, seventy-three (73) in Marinduque, forty-seven (47) in Romblon, seventy-one (71) in Palawan and twelve (12) in Puerto Princesa City.