



Good News

EC death benefits granted to the beneficiaries of PNP SAF Nacino

The wife and son of Philippine National Police-Special Action Force (PNP-SAF) PO2 Nicky Nacino Jr were the first among the beneficiaries of the 44 SAF troopers who figured in the recent Mamasapano clash against Moro rebels to receive death benefits under the Employees' Compensation Program (ECP).

Roselle Nacino, 30, of Sta. Rosa, Laguna received the first of her lifetime monthly pension amounting to P1,554.30 which corresponds to the death benefits of his late husband last 13 March 2015.

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Laguna Provincial Office Head Milagros Mata, and Employees' Compensation Commission-Regional Extension Unit (ECC-REU) No. 4-A staff personally awarded the death benefit to Nacino's wife.

Furthermore, the wife of the late SAF trooper received psychosocial counseling, briefing on the ECP, and a bag of groceries under the ECC Quick Response Program.

"This monetary relief will never equal the gallantry and dedication to service of these policemen but we hope that it could, somehow, help their families," ECC Executive Director Stella Zipagan-Banawis said.

A recent encounter with the Moro rebels in Mamasapano, Maguindanao resulted to the death of 44

members of the PNP-SAF. Since the incident occurred while the commandos were performing official duties, they are qualified to receive compensation under the ECP such as funeral and death benefits.

Nacino's beneficiaries already receive the check corresponding to the funeral benefits of the late policeman in the amount of P20,000 on 20 February 2015.

Uniformed personnel of the PNP, Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP), and Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) are covered by the ECP notwithstanding their exclusion from the coverage of Republic Act No. 8291, otherwise known as the GSIS Law.

PWRD faces new job with a zeal thanks to ECC's KaGabay Program

Jessibel Gonzales, a 25-year old mother of two worked as a production worker in a food company. One day, she was arranging the different food ingredients in a grinding machine when her left hand was caught in the machine, cutting her three fingers. She was immediately taken to the Olivarez Hospital in Paranaque

where she was administered first aid. Afterwards, she was brought to the Philippine Orthopaedic Hospital for her hand surgery. She filed for a disability claim under the Social Security System. As she was transacting with the SSS, she was also advised to file a claim for disability benefits under the Employees' Compensation

Program. The SSS approved her claims for both SSS and EC disability benefits.

Two months after the accident, she was able to return to work in the same company, not as a production worker anymore, but as a quality control inspector. Another good news came to her when the Employees' Compensa-

tion Commission informed her that she is a qualified beneficiary of the ECC's KaGabay Program.

Through the Katulong at Gabay sa mga Manggagawang may Kapansanan, or KaGabay Program, qualified workers with work-connected disabilities are evaluated and referred to various institutions for appropriate rehabilitation services which includes physical restoration, or the provision of prosthesis and assistive devices, physical and occupational therapy, and livelihood or vocational training to help persons with work-re-

lated disabilities (PWRDs) achieve functional independence and become economically productive as they enter the mainstream.

In her case, Gonzales received a free hand prosthesis worth P80,000 from the ECC KaGabay Program.

When asked how the prosthesis will help her, Gonzales said, "Nakakadagdag siya ng confidence lalo na habang nagtatrabaho ako. Mas ok ngayon ang pakiramdam ko".

Aside from the prosthesis, Gonzales will also receive livelihood

trainings as beneficiary of the program.

"Pinili ko yung Cakes and Pastry Training kasi gusto ko sana yung business na pwede ko pa ring i-handle kahit may trabaho na ako," Gonzales said.

ECC Executive Director Stella Zipagan-Banawis said that in 2014, the physical restoration component of the KaGabay program has benefitted 138 PWRDs with physical and occupational therapy sessions, prosthetics, and other assistive devices.

ECC and PNP join forces in institutionalizing info drive on ECP

The Employees' Compensation Commission and the Philippine National Police sealed an agreement yesterday at the National Headquarters of Camp Crame in institutionalizing information drive about the Employees' Compensation Program for the uniformed personnel of the PNP.

ECC Executive Director Stella Zipagan-Banawis and Chief Directorial Staff Police Deputy Director General Marcelo Poyaoan Garbo, Jr. signed the memorandum of agreement between the ECC and PNP. ECC OIC-Deputy Executive Director Atty. Jonathan T. Villasoto and Deputy Director for Personnel and Records Management Police Chief Superintendent Wilfredo Dalis Franco witnessed the signing of MOA

Through the MOA, PNP and ECC can improve and institutionalize the ECP by way of effective dissemination of information on the entitlement of benefits and services and coverage of the program.

ECC pledged in the MOA to conduct seminars on ECP to uniformed personnel of the PNP in all regions of the country. It will also facilitate information exchange to uniformed personnel of the PNP needing em-

ployees' compensation services like the KaGabay Program. There will be a designated ECC focal persons from the central and regional offices who shall coordinate the needs of the ECC and PNP.

On the other hand, the PNP vowed to provide opportunities for ECC to conduct ECP information dissemination to the different units of the PNP. The PNP will permit the ECC to display posters on the ECP as well as distribute ECP materials to uniformed personnel. PNP will notify ECC in case there are work-related incidents involving uniformed personnel and furnish a list of beneficiaries. PNP will assist the unit personnel offices/staffs in the completion of all documentary requirements needed for the filing of EC claims. PNP will designate personnel/unit which shall coordinate the needs of the ECC and PNP.

ECC and PNP will create a technical working group that will regularly meet to develop areas of collaboration and assess the partnership and formulate implementing rules and regulations geared towards promoting and institutionalizing the EC program and facilitate the processing of EC claims.