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# MESSAGE



A grateful and healthy day to all of you!

The year 2020 is the Year of the Rat. Some people said that year 2020 is lucky and bring good fortune to all of us. It can be true or false. Let us have a glimpse on what the 2020 has bring to us so far. It was in January when Taal Volcano woke up and threw ashes turning colorful Batangas and nearby provinces gray. Livelihoods were greatly affected and displaced thousands of families to evacuation center. In February, basketball enthusiasts were shocked by the untimely death of basketball legend Kobe Bryant. Then in March, the world was surprised by the rise of COVID-19 which turned into a health pandemic not just in the Philippines but across the globe. Millions of people were infected bringing significant number of casualties. The number is continuously growing forcing the government to shut down the majority of economic activity resulting to unemployment and lack of income for many individuals. In April, the Philippines has experienced heat waves in which temperature was registered at 51 degree Celsius which can cause heat stroke and severe damage to crops. In May, aside from the closure of network giant ABS-CBN which made us too busy in bashing and posting our sentiments and views into different social media platform, a magnitude 5.5 earthquake and typhoon Ambo slams our country. Take note that this all happened in the midst of our battle against COVID-19. What this tells to us? The forces of nature is teaching us that everything around us is temporary – malls, cinemas, bars and work. We have taught ourselves to step-backward and get back to the basic. We must learn to live without those materials possession that got us to forget the value and meaning of life. At the end of the day, we realize that only our home, our family and God will keep us safe.

Your National Forensic Science Training Institute is with the entire nation in its fight against COVID19 pandemic. We understand the anxiety you have but we assure you that your Institute is doing its best to provide you the most responsive training and education during this pandemic. In fact, the entire management of the Philippine Public Safety College is in full support to NFSTI's new normal such as the adaptation of blended learning strategies to our highly specialized CRIDEC Program.

We would like to thank the NFSTI in staying dedicated, optimistic and keeping the spirit alive in providing quality training to the uniformed personnel, our frontliners – the modern heroes.

Let us work together as WE HEAL AS ONE.

**PLTGEN RICARDO F DE LEON (Ret.) Ph.D.**  
President, Philippine Public Safety College



## MESSAGE

Isang mapagpalang araw sa ating lahat!

I am grateful that the men and women of the National Forensic Science Training Institute (NFSTI) is working hard to sustain its reputation in providing the most responsive training program in the scientific crime investigation to the members of the Philippine National Police, Bureau of Fire Protection, Bureau of Jail Management and Penology, Philippine Coast Guard, Bureau of Corrections and other interested parties. I understand what this Institute is facing during this pandemic but I am optimistic that we can do it and raise the bar in conducting our CRIDEC Program under the new normal.

As we are on a huge adjustment in the conduct of a highly specialized course, the NFSTI has carefully studied and analyzed the conduct of blended learning program. This new learning set-up is in accordance to the guideline of the Philippine Public Safety College under the leadership of PLTGEN RICARDO F DE LEON (Ret), PhD. The new normal includes blended flexible learning in which the student may acquire investigative knowledge and technical skills through online platform and perform practical exercises here at NFSTI in compliance and observation to COVID19 Protocols laid since April 2020.

As we keep on adapting to this new normal, the Office of the Director is in support to the rest of Academic and Non-Academic Sections in ensuring that the National Forensic Science Training Institute is with you by keeping you informed and protected during this challenging and adjusting times.

Stay Safe and Stay Healthy!

**PCOL MARC ANTHONY C BAUN**

Director

# EDITORIAL

*We Work as One*

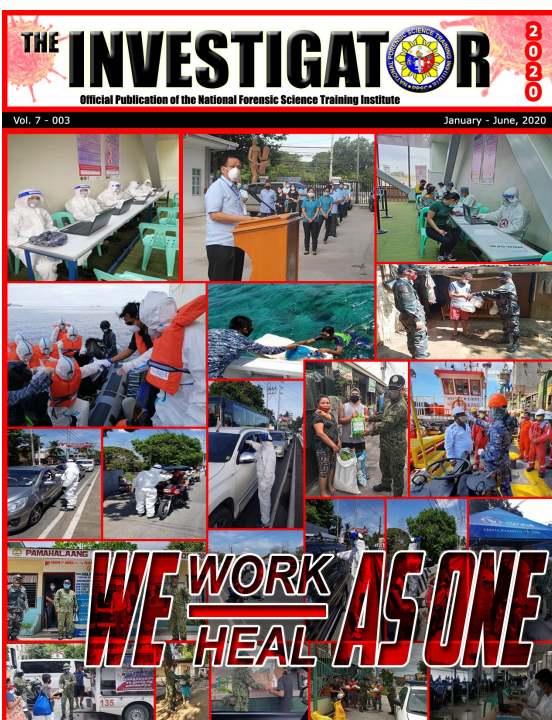
## WE HEAL AS ONE

Let us face the year 2020 with 2020 vision. This is the most appropriate opening statement for this publication. Different situation surprise not just the Philippines but the entire world. The eruption on Mt. Taal in January, the sudden demise of a basketball legend, series of earthquakes, closure of major television network and the most recent one - the COVID19 pandemic that literally makes the entire world paralyzed.

As a Filipino known for being resilient , facing this challenges further tested this characteristics. Compared to more advantaged countries, the Philippines is making its extra effort to protect and secure its community to the life threatening effect of the virus.

The first half of the year 2020 is marked with fear of the uncertainty brought by the COVID-19 pandemic, the NFSTI is at the point of questioning its reputations basing on its capacity and capability if it's enough and could surpass the disruptions brought by a corona virus. In every crisis an opportunity to be significant could be seen on the horizon of hope; skepticism may reign at the dawn of the crisis, while optimism blended with enthusiasm triumphs at the end. Looking this year with these lenses is helpful to restructure the gains established through the years.

The COVID-19 Pandemic has placed inchoate the PPSC significance of its mandate, more so with its after sought objectives under the Expanded Multi-Sectoral System; the more this country is needing the types of graduates the College is producing, especially when all its academic programs would have been launched. The PPSC as the premiere Institution for public safety and security is doing its part to align its services to its clients under the new normal through the National Forensic Science Training Institute (NFSTI) - the 4th Constitutive Units.



## ABOUT THE COVER

The cover shows different pictures of CRIDEC students and alumni which were taken from different social media platforms while performing their duties as front liners. This is also a way of honoring our front liners in keeping the public secure and safe against health hazard of COVID 19. The dominant color red is in support of the entire Institute headed by PPSC President, DR. RICARDO F DE LEON and PCOL MARC ANTHONY C BAUN, NFSTI Director, to the men and women in uniform, health workers, security guards, bankers, utility and other professions risking their own lives to serve the people.

# Graduation Ceremony of PS IDC 2019-02 ALPHA to DELTA



On February 16, 2020, at 10:00 o'clock in the morning, PCOL MARC ANTHONY C BAUN, Director, NFSTI graced the graduation Ceremony of Crime Investigation and Detection Course PS IDC Class 2019-02 Alpha, Bravo, Charlie and Delta as Guest of Honor and Speaker at National Forensic Science Training Institute Multi Purpose Hall.

**“CONDEMNATION  
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INVESTIGATION IS  
THE HIGHEST  
FORM OF  
IGNORANCE.”**

**-ALBERT EINSTEIN**

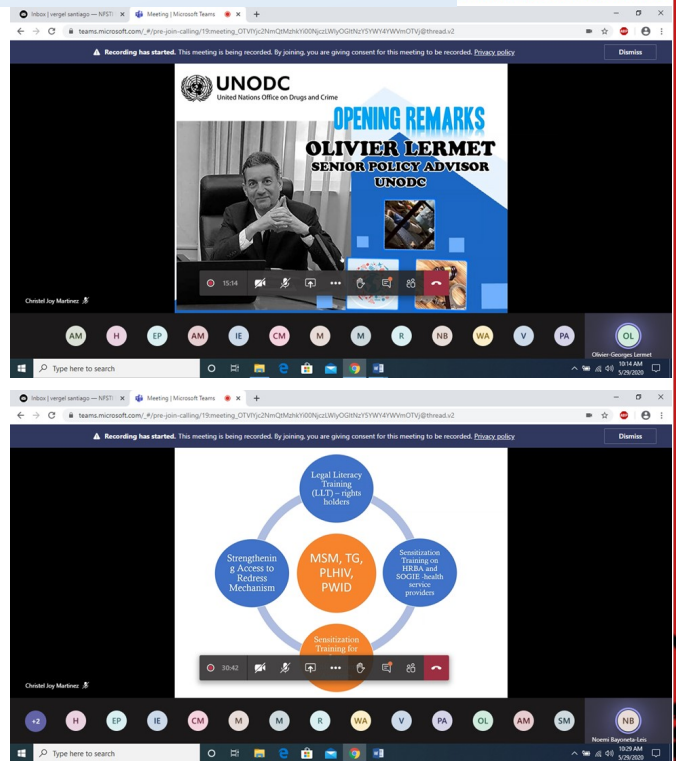




## TRAINING MANUAL FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS IN THE PHILIPPINES VIRTUAL VALIDATION MEETING WITH PARTNERS



The National Forensic Training Institute (NFSTI) has once again participated in continuous development in the creation of training manual on HIV service Provision for People who inject drugs (PWID) and People deprived of liberty and living with HIV and (PDLHIV) : A Training Manual for Law Enforcement Officers in the Philippines. The training manual was first introduced last September 2019 in Tagaytay City and re-validated in December 2019 at Novotel Hotel in Quezon City. The United Nations Officer on Drugs and Crimes (UNODC) has organized final online consultation on the manual last May 29, 2020 for fine tuning. Mr. Olivier Lermet, Senior Policy Advisor, UNODC gave his opening remarks and official start the discussions. Ms. Sheila Marquez, moderated the online meeting. The participants actively gave their thoughts and insights to make it responsive, accurate and impactful to the law enforcers of the country. NFSTI's Mr. Vergel O. Santiago and Mr. Hernan G. Regino are the two key contributors in the development of manual in the Philippine context. The team is looking forward to roll-out the manual in the nearest future adapting the new normal in the delivery of trainings and education.



The manual has passed through a rigorous and tedious process involving stakeholders from key law enforcement agencies such as the Philippine National Police (PNP), Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP), and learning institutions under the umbrella of the PNP such as Philippine National Police Academy (PNPA), National Police College (NPC), National Forensic Science Training Institute (NFSTI), and Philippine Public Safety College (PPSC); Philippine Drugs Enforcement Agency (PDEA), PDEA Academy, Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), and the United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime (UNODC).



Attendees : 1. Olivier Lermet, UNODC 2. Sheila Marquez, UNODC 3. Christel Joy Martinez, UNODC 4. Ruthy Libatique, Consultant 5. Noemi Leis, TLF SHARE Collective, Inc. 6. Anastacio Marasigan Jr., TLF SHARE Collective, Inc. 7. Marcelino Oculito, TLF SHARE Collective, Inc. 8. Agent Voltaire Paquingan, PDEA Academy 9. Odessa Woods, PDEA Academy 10. Anna Liza Magbitang, PDEA 11. Hernan Regino, NFSTI 12. Vergel Santiago, NFSTI 13. JO1 Milky Manasis, BJMP Mandaue 14. Erwin Panes, DILG 15. Wilrida Ablaza, PPSC 16. Trixia Co, USAID 17. Ivanhoe Escartin, USAID 18. Mandeep Kaur Ranu, Documenter



Last March 06, 2020, the Induction of Officers for CRIDEC Class 2020-01 was held at the NFSTI Multipurpose hall with ATTY.



After the Induction of Officers, each class were given an opportunity to showcase their talents in dancing and singing. The Institute is encouraging the students to show their traditional dances to increase awareness on their own cultures.

# Induction of Officers CRIDEC 2020-01

CHE MAYO N GUEVARA, PCPT, as their Guest of Honor and Speaker. The Guest of Honor and Speaker is an active guest instructor of NFSTI teaching various law subjects and has completed the Forensic Investigation Management Module of CRIDEC Program during his Officers Basic Course (OBC) - Madalubhasa Class. ATTY. GUEVARRA gave his inspirational message to the students by telling his personal experience and struggles in achieving his dreams from losing his application paper in the Armed Forces of the Philippines to becoming a police lawyer.

*...wag kayong mawawalan ng pag-asa kung hindi nyo makukuha ngayon ang mga gusto nyo... maaring ibigay ito sa inyo ng Panginoon sa isang bagsakan lang sa tulong ng inyong pagsisikap at pagdadasal...*

-ATTY. CHE MAYO N GUEVARA, PCPT

## ABOUT OUR GUEST OF HONOR AND SPEAKER

A Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering graduates, Bachelor of Laws at the Polytechnic University of the Philippine and Philippine Law School. He also received the Leadership Award in 2015 and passed the Philippine Bar Examination. Other examinations he took was NAPOLCOM PNP Entrance Examination in which he placed the 12th spot, CSC Career Service Examination, NAPOLCOM Police Officer Examination and NAPOLCOM Senior Police Officer Examination. He took the Police Basic Recruit Course and subsequently enter the Philippine National Police in 2006. Rising from the ranks, he has in depth learnings of the tasks in different levels of PNP organizations. He belongs to class Madalubhasa 2018 composed of lawyers, doctors, priets, imam, chemists, engineers and other technical skills. Class Madalubhasa also took their Forensic Investigation Management Module at NFSTI. Currently, he was assigned at Legal Assistance Division, Legal Service, Camp Crame.



# We Care!



**Volunteer CRIDEC students distributing food packs and other essentials to our brothers and sisters in Batangas.**

The National Forensic Science Training Institute is with the nation in extending hands to our brothers and sisters extremely affected by Taal Volcano eruption last January 2020. In fact, three (3) CRIDEC students are affected by this natural uproar as their residence are within the 5 km danger zone. As we value our students, the NFSTI and its students work hand-in-hand in giving assistance to their classmates and their neighbors. The voluntary contributions has produced a total of 100 food packs, sleeping mattresses and mosquito nets and were distributed in to 3 evacuation centers in Batangas. Truly, helping people in this crucial time is heartwarming and inspiring. Helping who are in need in their difficult times help the Institute and its students to appreciate and value the blessings we have regarding how big or small it was.

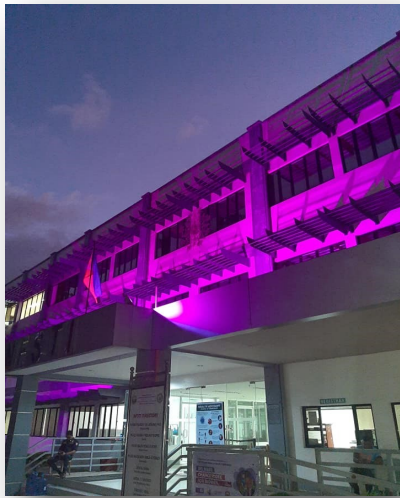
No one will be left behind!



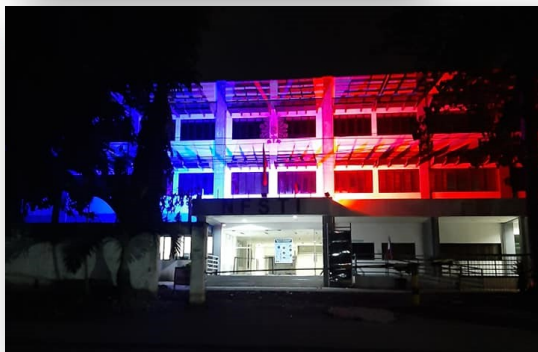


## The **COLORS** of NFSTI Main Building

In Celebration of the National Women's Month 2020 , the main building was lit violet—the official color of the occasion.



The facade of National Forensic Science Training Institute building was lit-up RED to honor our front liners against COVID-19. Red symbolizes the Filipino heroes' blood, patriotism and valor.



*KALAYAAN 2020: Tungo sa Bansang Malaya, Nagbabayanihan, at Ligtas.*

NFSTI main building was lighted up with the colors of the Philippine flag in celebration of country's 122nd Independence Day. BLUE for peace, truth and justice. WHITE represents hope for equality. And RED symbolizes patriotism and valor.



The National Forensic Science Training Institute pays its greatest respect to the 159th birthday of our National Hero DR. JOSE P. RIZAL by adapting its color in harmony with his greatest achievements... Rizal or "Ricial" symbolizes green fields: prosperity, abundance and productivity.



# NFSTI on the 2020 Women's Month: Babae, Pambihira Ka!



**JUDGE MARILOU D RUNES-TAMANG, MNSA**

Women are extraordinary in strength, passion, wisdom, vigor, and heart. They dare to break stereotypes that have long imprisoned them, battle discrimination head on, and survive every hurdle, only to emerge stronger. Women, from different backgrounds and places, strive to show that no, this is not just a man's world; this is a world for everyone!

This March, let us be reminded that this month is not only for us, women. It is for everyone. It is a day for all of us to celebrate women and work for their full empowerment. Let us all unite and make gender equality a lived reality. Let us all Make Change Work for women!

As we celebrate the 2020 National Women's Month, the National Forensic Science Training Institute Joined the kickoff ceremony of NFSTI, NFTI and NJPTI on March 2, 2020 at National Fire Training Institute Parade Ground, Camp Vicente Lim Calamba City Laguna with Judge Marilou R Tamang, as Invited guest of honor and speaker.

*"I am the current Presiding Judge of Branch 98 and the concurrent Acting Presiding Judge of Branch 97, Regional Trial Court of Quezon City. In my early years as a trial court judge, I made myself realize the challenges that a woman judge could face in deciding cases given the adversarial nature of the work in the judiciary, which was made even more difficult by the challenges of working in a male-dominated profession. But through my conviction and passion about the rule of law, I refused to be put down, pushed aside, or told that I don't belong at the table.*

*In 2004, while I was driving along EDSA, two men aboard on a vehicle blocked the road, one of them alighted from the vehicle, approached me casually, and then poked his gun on my head. At that very moment, my vulnerability was at the core of my difficult emotion. But then, it was also the moment that made me stronger and more determined. It helped me open my eyes that a women is the master of her own fate.*

*Based on my experience, there are only these words that I can think of in order for change to work for women:*

**“AWARENESS,  
ASSERTION,  
ATTITUDE  
CHANGE,  
ACTION.”**

**Judge Marllou D Runes-Tamang, MNSA**

# Fight Against

The National Forensic Science Training Institute is in full protection of its staff and students against COVID19. As such, precautionary measures and collaborations were laid-off with stern compliance.

The Institute attended two meetings with the PNP-PRO4 CALABARZON to discuss NFSTI's measures in preventing the transmission of the virus and Camp Vicente Lim's protocol in handling COVID 19 patients. Likewise, PRO4A solicited suggestions on how to further enhance protection of Camp Vicente Lim against COVID 19. NFSTI suggested to restrict people from nearby barrio in entering the camp.

The NFSTI shared its measures and practices against COVID19. Constitutive Units and PRO4A made a critique/ observations on how offices are doing i.e. not observing social distancing for ITG, food supplies, etc. On the second meeting, PNP-PRO4A provided an update on the protocols being implemented in the Camp.

To avoid physical contact, the C, RAAD/ Admin has made a phone-call to stay-in personnel (staff, students, security head guard) of NFSTI to discuss additional measures against COVID 19. Specifically, C,RAAD/Admin discussed that staff and students (including mess hall staff) are no longer allowed to get outside the NFSTI compound. Any staff and students who wish to go out the NFSTI compound will be allowed but will NOT NO LONGER BE allowed to go back. It was highlighted that only 2 NFSTI staff will buy foods for stay-in staff and students using NFSTI van. Purchase of food should be done twice a week. NFSTI van should be disinfected prior entering the NFSTI compound. Likewise, the Institute made Clorox and water solutions as alternative for alcohol.

A total of 4 rounds of **misting and disinfecting** of NFSTI facilities was conducted along with **strict compliance** on measures and rules regarding Camp Vicente Lim's total lock down status.



Twenty (20) NFSTI staff were tested negative for COVID19 through SARS-CoV-2 IgM/IgG Antibody Assay Kit conducted last, June 11, 2020 at PRO4A Health Service.



# st COVID-19

The Institute is religiously sending the NFSTI Daily Monitoring Report to PPSC TG COVID starting March 16 to date. In addition, the NFSTI COVID19 IMPLAN has been submitted to PRO4A—Regional Health Service.



**“Healthy citizens are the greatest asset any country can have.”**

— Winston S. Churchill

## PREVENTION IS KEY! COVID-19



**COUGH AND SNEEZE INTO TISSUE AND DISPOSE OF TISSUE PROPERLY.**



**DISINFECT HANDS USING 70% ALCOHOL OR HAND SANITIZER. HAND HYGIENE (HAND WASHING) SHOULD BE RELIGIOUSLY PRACTICED.**



**AVOID TOUCHING EYES, NOSE AND MOUTH.**



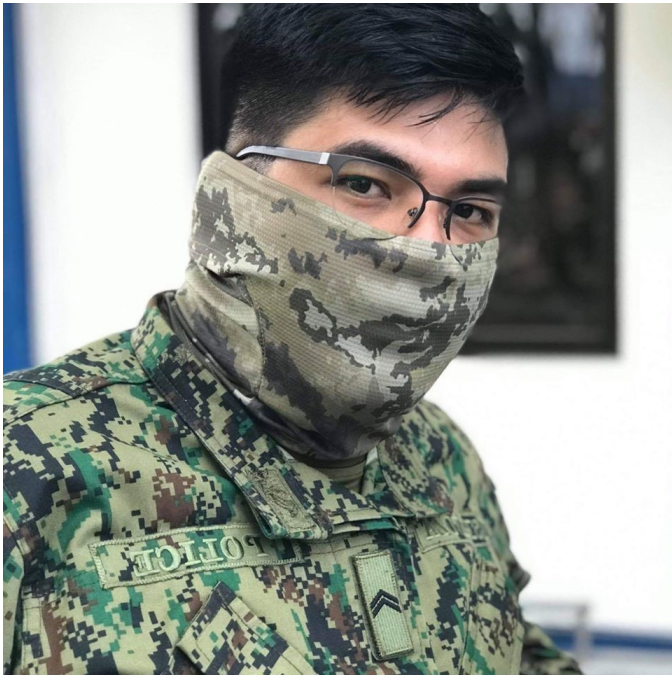
**WEAR MASK IF YOU HAVE RESPIRATORY SYMPTOMS/ OR IS SICK.**



**STAY HEALTHY EVERYONE.**



# Extra Ordinary People for a



**PCpl Charles R Espinoza**  
CRIDEC 2019-02 Alpha  
Front Liner

A family for Filipinos means the world. The welfare of a wife, child, father, mother, brother or sister is paramount in any Filipino's mind, a gritty yet devoted few would deem their purpose and mission to serve the greater many as their calling. Call them by just one word: hero.

In the Philippines, the COVID-19 pandemic grows day by day. As such, frontliners – medical workers, policemen, and volunteers – are in the thick of the battle, still hopeful, whatever it costs.

The same goes for the non-medical frontliners, particularly those who continue providing basic services to satisfy the essential needs of those affected by the Enhanced Community Quarantine—from grocery storekeepers and pharmacists to bank employees and food delivery crew.

Stepping out of the comfortable presence of their families, they would tread and risk the danger of getting the disease just to offer the services people need during this pandemic.

To you all Kudos! And may GOD continue showering us with faith and hope that soon this problem will end.



**We have to survive  
this we have to be  
together.  
Everybody's life is  
important.**

# n Extra Ordinary Challenge



**Pictures of CRIDEC students and alumni taken from different social media platforms while performing their duties as front liners.**

The Philippine Public Safety College (PPSC) has adapted the Flexible Learning Management System (FLMS) which includes the deployment of Virtual or e-Learning platform, capable of Synchronous and Asynchronous modality of Teaching and Learning Experience (TLA) that will help meet the challenges and demands of Blended, Hybrid, and Individualized Teaching and Learning Experience. The purpose of the system is to continuously provide unhampered delivery of quality education and training for all students-officers from PNP, BFP and BJMP.

FLMS is also projected to enrich the students' intellectual journey and maximize their competencies while demonstrating the resilient and adaptive capacity of PPSC in pursuing its mandate under the "new normal" condition.

Pursuant to the IATF Guidelines and PPSC Academic Board Resolution Number 2020-01 the Director, NFSTI directed the Academic Board to deliberate the conduct of CRIDEC classes affected during the community quarantine to align with the guidelines provided by the COVID-19 Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) .

The Blended Learning Approach is implemented for all lecture and practical exercise components under the CRIDEC Program of Instruction. All lecture components is done through options provided to the trainees such as, distance and self-paced learning, teaching and learning through asynchronous and synchronous platforms.

All practical exercises (PE), however, is scheduled until such time face-to-face instruction may be allowed.

# CRIDEC Blended L

Master Training Schedules is adjusted based on the mode of learning per subject. One Subjects are scheduled for online consultation to supplement the self-paced learning. Self-paced learning is executed by using the CRIDEC Standard Learning Packages (SLPs) as main instructional material in accordance to the Flexible Learning Management System guidelines by the PPSC. Online access to the SLPs is maintained by the CSDU.

Online consultation is the avenue for student-teacher interaction for the lecture component and is executed by allotting a minimum of 2-hour online conference through preferred synchronous platforms. This is supported by a subscription to an online learning platform.

While distance and self-paced learning may be done for lectures, a face-to-face assessment of skills is critical for the Practical Exercises (PE) component under the CRIDEC POI. With this, PEs is scheduled a face-to-face class by recommendation of the RAAD still observing IATF provisions.

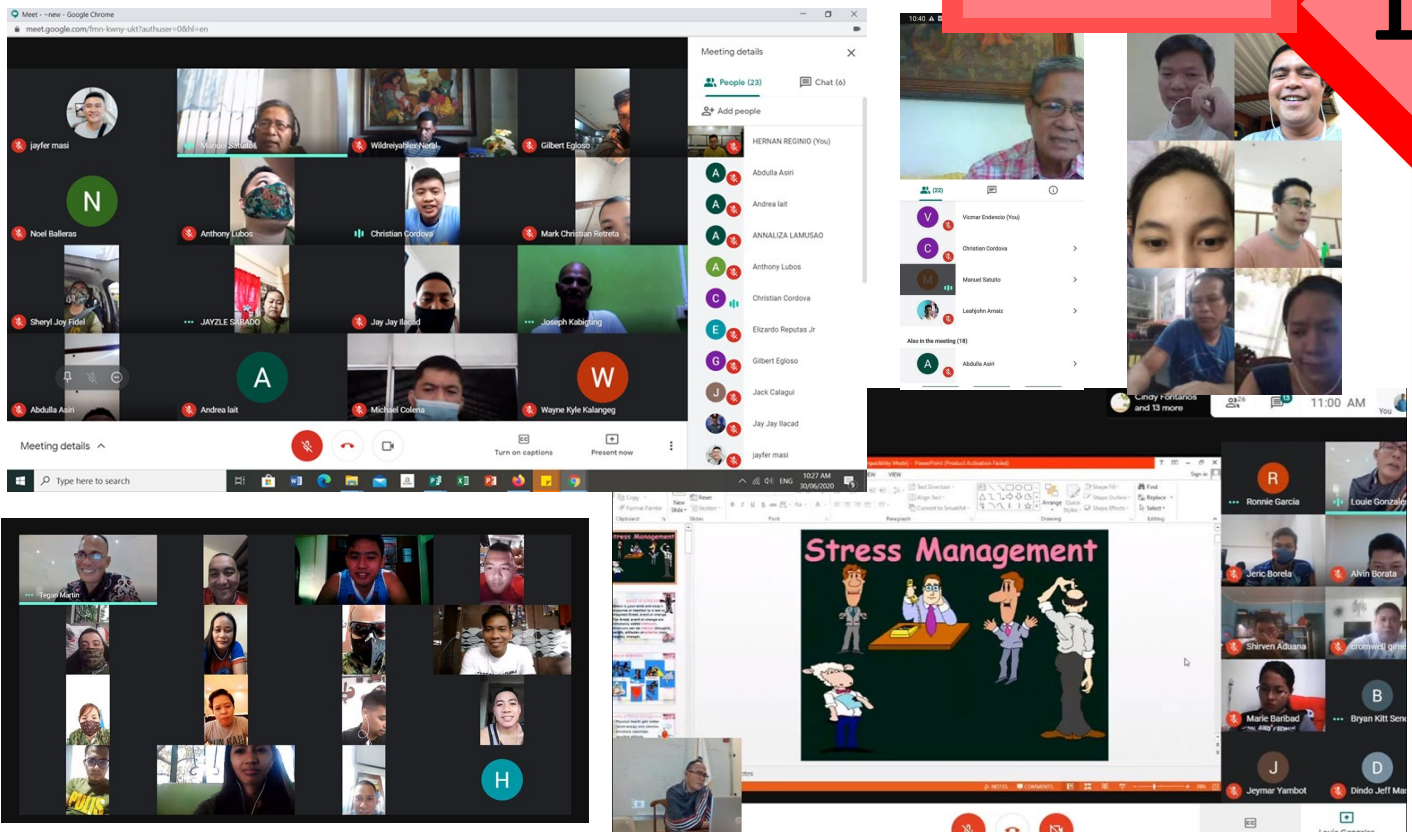
All official announcements regarding classes shall be directed by the RAAD coursed through the Course Coordinator of each company to monitor both student and teacher activities via all available mode of communication.

In order to ensure the highest transfer of knowledge to the students via e-learning, the Institute is conducting faculty accreditation/ re-accreditation and re-tooling.

Faculty members will be given a hands-on training by NFSTI on the selected online learning systems and are expected to deliver and execute the assigned subjects effectively when necessary.

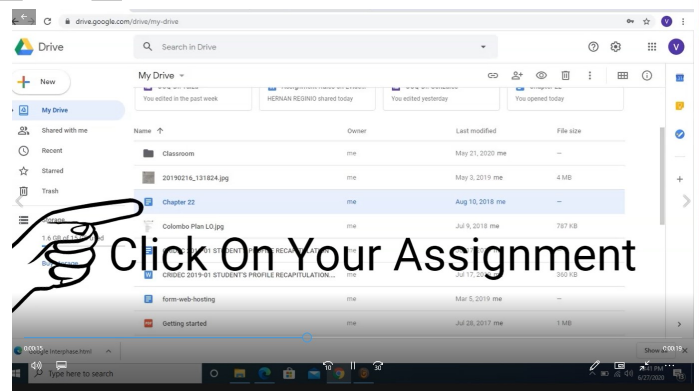
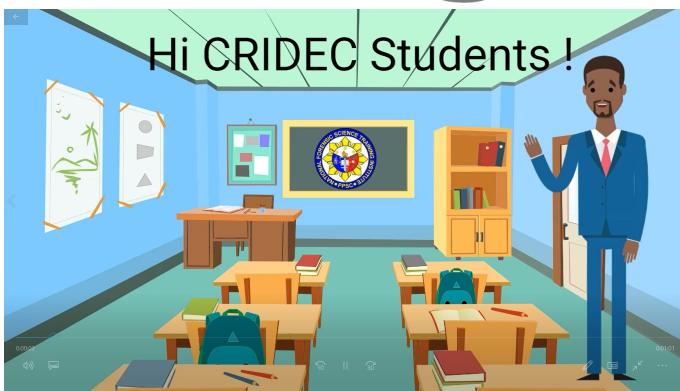






Screen Shots during Online Classes on the subjects Stress Management and Criminal Procedures via Google Meet.

# Learning Approach



Animated videos on rules in attending online class and some tutorials in sending assignments through Google Classroom were played while waiting for the instructors to log-in. The same were uploaded to Google Classroom for easy access.

**IT MUST BE NOTED THAT THIS TRAINING INSTITUTION ENDEAVORS TO STILL PROVIDE THE MOST EFFECTIVE TEACHING METHODOLOGY DESPITE OUR CURRENT LIMITATIONS.**

**THE NFSTI IS CONSISTENT IN ITS DESIRE TO PRODUCE THE MOST EFFECTIVE, ADEQUATELY TRAINED AND SKILLED LAW ENFORCERS AT ALL TIMES AND CIRCUMSTANCES.**

**WE WILL MAINTAIN OUR WELL ESTEEMED REPUTATION DESPITE ANY BARRIERS OR CURRENT LIMITATION.**

*"Good afternoon mga classmate baka gusto nyo tumulong sa mga apektado ng ECQ/GCQ? Tulungan natin kahit konting bagay lang pantawid gutom sa mga tao. Voluntary ang tulong sa ka- nila . ADOPT FAMILY PROGRAM DURING COVID 19. Maraming salamat po sa lahat"*

It was April 26, 2020 when PEMS Feliciano C. Saludo Jr, Class President of CRIDEC IDC Batch 2017-02 posted a message to their group chat requesting his fellow classmates to support the ADOPT A FAMILY PROGRAM of the PNP AVSE Group 3.

Minutes after posting the message, the support from the initiative turned overwhelming in helping the disadvantage members of the society. The blessings were distributed to more than 100 families and individual in different areas in region 3 including those stranded passengers and workers.



After few days of spreading the blessing, a simple yet heart warming message was sent.

*"Magandang araw po sa lahat ng CRIDEC BRAVO 2017 sa matagumpay natin activity ang CRIDEC BRAVO 2017 ADOPT FAMILY PROGRAM COVID 19 sa mga classmate na nagbahagi ng tulong maraming salamat po mabuhay tayong lahat " WE SPREAD THE BLESSINGS FROM THE LORD WE HEAL AS ONE NATION " MARAMING SALAMAT. "*

This is a proof that NFSTI is a place where values, investigation and forensic science meet.

KUDOS! CRIDEC 2017-02 BRAVO...We know that your batch was out numbered but your heart is gazillion times larger in helping the community in need.

*Picture Courtesy of PEMS Feliciano C. Saludo Jr, UESPO, AVESEU3 PNP-HQS AVSEGROUP AVSEU3 Building Nos. 7371 Gil Puyat St. Cor. ML Quezon St., CFZ Clarkfield, Pampanga.*



# AND THE VALUES CONTINUES...

# COVID19: A Prayer of Solidarity

For all who have contracted coronavirus,  
We pray for care and healing.

For those who are particularly vulnerable,  
We pray for safety and protection.

For all who experience fear or anxiety,  
We pray for peace of mind and spirit.

For affected families who are facing difficult decisions between food  
on the table or public safety,  
We pray for policies that recognize their plight.

For those who do not have adequate health insurance,  
We pray that no family will face financial burdens alone.

For those who are afraid to access care due to immigration status,  
We pray for recognition of the God-given dignity of all.

For our brothers and sisters around the world,  
We pray for shared solidarity.

For public officials and decision makers,  
We pray for wisdom and guidance.

Father, during this time may your Church be a sign of hope, comfort  
and love to all.

Grant peace.

Grant comfort.

Grant healing.

Be with us, Lord.

Amen.



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