EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2019-018

EXECUTIVE ORDER CREATING THE NAGA CITY SEARCH AND RESCUE UNIT (SARU) IN THE CITY OF NAGA, PROVIDING FOR ITS COMPOSITION, OFFICE AND FUNCTIONS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, it is a declared policy of the state to uphold the people’s constitutional rights to life and property by addressing the root causes of vulnerabilities to disasters, risk reduction and management and building the resilience of local communities to disasters including climate change impacts;

WHEREAS, under Section 468 (a)(1)(iv) of the Local Government Code (RA 7160), it is the duty of the local governments to adopt measures to protect their residents from the threats of man-made and natural disasters and calamities and to provide urgent humanitarian assistance and relief services to victims during and after said disasters and calamities;

WHEREAS, there is a need to create and strengthen a professional and competent rescue team in order to enhance a coherent, integrated, proficient, and responsive and disaster emergency search and rescue management system in the City of Naga and coordinate and implement projects and activities on search and rescue, disaster emergency medical services, civil protection, standard humanitarian assistance and disaster response;

WHEREFORE, premises considered and by virtue of the power vested in me under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, I, JOHN G. BONGAT, City Mayor of the City of Naga, do hereby order the following:

SECTION 1. Creation of SARU. – There is hereby created an official search and rescue team in the City of Naga to be called the Search and Rescue Team (SARU), under the supervision and operation control of the City Disaster Risk Reduction Management Office (CDRRMO), and with a Technical Working Group to supervise and manage the routines, operations and its continuing capacity development.

The SARU Team is the city’s disaster and emergency response team to immediately respond to disasters and emergencies and accidents that will serve as an excellent model of effective community resource mobilization.

SECTION 2. Composition. – The Search and Rescue Team (SARU) shall be
composed of the following:

1. A Technical Working Group composed of Inter Agency Representatives, to wit:

   - City Mayor – Chairman
   - CDRRMO – Vice Chairman for DRR-CCAM
   - Resilience Officer – Vice Chairman for Resilience and Cap Dev
   - Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) Representative – Member
   - Philippine National Police (PNP) Representative – Member
   - City Engineer’s Office (CEO) Representative – Member
   - SWMMO Representative – Member
   - City Health Office Representative – Member
   - Naga City Hospital Representative – Member

2. SARU Team Members who shall be carefully selected and trained for disaster and emergency response, Medical Emergency First Responder, Technical, Fire, WASAR, MOSAR, Rope Rescue which will have an advanced training in collapsed structures search and rescue as well as HAZMAT, Pre and Post Medical Care.

   The members of the SARU Team shall be, but not limited to, the organic members of the CDRRMO, Public Safety Office, personnel from other offices and departments, and also may include members from CDRRMC, Volunteer Rescue Groups, Auxiliary Rescue Groups, BFP, PNP, PCGA, AFP.

**SECTION 3. – Functions of SARU Team.** SARU Team shall have the following functions and duties:

1. To coordinate with the CDRRMO on the procedures, and purpose of the emergency medical and rescue unit in times of emergency like fires, typhoons, earthquake, accidents and other related emergencies involving life and property.
2. To use the rescue vehicle/s of the City Government of Naga assigned at the CDRRMO and/or any vehicle available for use.
3. To conduct and/or attend seminars and trainings on medical emergency and rescue operations in all barangays of the city including requests from schools and other agencies.
4. To respond immediately when called upon to help or to assist in any life threatening emergencies.
5. To respond during emergency situation outside of AOR when requested by other LGU’s, Agencies, OCD and RDRRMC.
6. To formulate plans, policy guidelines, reports and assessment to be submitted to the City Mayor and the CDRRMO for their review and
SECTION 4. - **Emergency Rescue Categories.** SARU responds to the following emergency categories:

1. **MEDICAL EMERGENCIES** - this involves the usual medical emergencies from domestic traumas/accidents and sudden attacks of illnesses when first aid and transport to a medical facility is needed.

2. **RESCUE/EXTRICATION** - this involves vehicular accidents with multiple casualties and Special Rescue Operations such as water rescue and mountain search and rescue and other types of search and rescue operations, such as but not limited to:
   a) Trench and excavation search and rescue.
   b) Technical rope rescue.
   c) Structural collapse search and rescue.
   d) Confined space search and rescue.
   e) Structural collapse rescue.
   f) Vehicle and machinery rescue.
   g) Water search and rescue.
   h) Wilderness search and rescue.

SECTION 5. - **Funding.** To ensure effective and efficient operations of the SARU Team, funding and appropriations for operations, equipage, training and continuing education, capacity building, PPE’s and rescue uniforms shall be charged to the LDRRMF current and or LDRRMF Trust Funds. The SARU Team may also accept donations from individuals and partner agencies and private companies for the operation, training and education, equipage subject to mutual agreement of the parties concerned and the City Government of Naga.

SECTION 6. - This Order amends all existing Local Executive Orders or other previous issuances inconsistent herewith.

SECTION 4. This order shall take effect immediately.

Issued this 4th day of April 2019 at Naga City, Philippines.

Attested by:

FLORENCIO T. MONGOSO, JR., CSEE
Department Head II and Acting City Administrator