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# Lamboanga City Fire District

## e-Balik tanaw

*A tale of the past*



*circa 1945*

# Overview

*“E-Baliktanaw” magazine, published by the Bureau of Fire Protection, Zamboanga City Fire District, serves as a vital platform to honor the rich history and courageous endeavors of firefighters. Through its pages, the magazine aims to shed light on the challenges, triumphs, and evolution of fire operations showcasing the resilience and dedications of past firefighters.*

*The magazine delves into the origins of the Zamboanga City Fire District, tracing its inception and growth from its early beginnings to its present-day stature. It highlights the effort and visionaries behind the establishments of the fire district, acknowledging their role in shaping its trajectory.*

*Readers are taken on a journey through time, exploring the milestones and pivotal moments that have defined the Zamboanga City Fire District. From its humble origins to its transformation into a modern firefighting force, the magazine captures the spirit of progress and innovation that has propelled the district forward.*

*Key figures and personalities instrumental to the smooth transition and development of the Zamboanga City Fire District are celebrated within the magazine’s pages. Their leadership, foresight, and unwavering commitment to public safety are recognized as foundational to the district’s success.*

*E-Baliktanaw serves as bridge between the past and the present, offering insights into how firefighting techniques, equipment, and protocols have evolved over time. By revisiting the experiences of the past firefighters, the magazine provides valuable lessons and inspiration for current and future generations of firefighters.*

*The magazine also plays a crucial role in informing the public about the current state of the Zamboanga City Fire District and its personnel. Through feature articles, interviews, and updates, readers gain a deeper understanding of the district’s capabilities, initiatives, and contributions to the community.*

*E-Baliktanaw serves as a testament to the resilience and bravery of firefighters, honoring their sacrifices and dedication to serving the public good. It serves as a reminder of the importance of fire safety and prevention efforts, encouraging readers to take proactive measures to protect themselves and their communities.*

*In addition to its historical and informational content, the magazine also serves as a platform for showcasing the human side of firefighting. Personal anecdotes, profiles of individual firefighters, and stories of heroism and camaraderie help to humanize the profession and inspire readers to appreciate the individuals behind the uniform.*

*Through its engaging and informative content, E-Baliktanaw seeks to foster greater awareness and appreciation for the vital role that firefighters play in safeguarding communities. By sharing stories of bravery, sacrifice, and resilience, the magazine aims to inspire readers to support and honor the men and women who risk their lives to keep others safe.*

*As a publication of the Bureau of Fire Protection, Zamboanga City Fire District, E-Baliktanaw also serves as a tool for promoting fire safety education and awareness. Articles on fire prevention tips, emergency preparedness, and community outreach initiatives help to empower readers with the knowledge and resources they need to stay safe.*

*The magazine serves as a platform for celebrating the achievements and contributions of the Zamboanga City Fire District and its personnel. Whether highlighting successful rescue operations, innovative firefighting techniques, or community service projects, E-Baliktanaw showcases the positive impact that the district has on the lives of residents.*

*In conclusion, E-Baliktanaw magazine serves as a tribute to the past, present, and future of the Zamboanga City Fire District. By chronicling its history, celebrating its achievements, and highlighting the men and women who serve within its ranks, the magazine honors the legacy of firefighting excellence in the region.*

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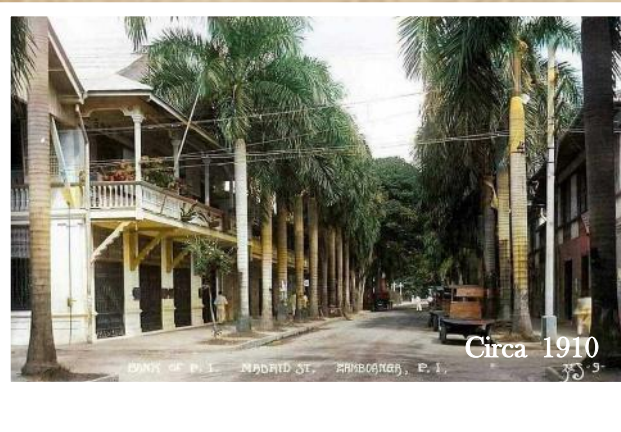
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# Introduction

## *Blazing Trails: Reflections on Firefighting Days Gone By*

*The Zamboanga City Fire Department has a rich history dating back to its humble beginnings in the early 20th century. It all started in 1901 when the American colonial government established the Zamboanga Fire Brigade, aiming to address the growing need for fire protection in the city.*



### **CALLE MADRID HOME OF THE FIRST FIRE STATION**

*This is the famous Land Mark building of Compania Maritime (now housed the McDonald fast Foods) here in Calle Madrid (now J.S. Alano Street) where the first Fire Station Building made of Barong-barong structure was located. The first Fire Department was equipped with a GMC Fire Truck. Aurelio del Prado was the first Municipal Fire Chief, complimented with Twelve (12) Firemen. Years later, Del Prado become the city Jail warden. In 1933, he was convicted for rape by the Supreme Court.*

*History filled Madrid Street not only the hone of the First Fire Station but also home to the Spanish governors and other high ranking officials. Some of the finest residences of the time were also located along that strip of road near the Old Plaza Espania.*



As the city grew and modernized, so did the fire department. In 1935, during the Commonwealth era, the Zamboanga Fire Brigade was officially organized into the Zamboanga City Fire Department (ZCFD). The department expanded its personnel and acquired more advanced firefighting equipment, including motorized fire engines and specialized rescue gear.

The Zamboanga City Fire Department's origins are like a distant memory, almost ethereal in their significance. Recalling those early days feels like piecing together fragments of a treasured past, where each moment holds its own beauty

and meaning. Despite the passage of time, our connection to those memories comes and goes, drifting between the past and the present.

Let's go back to August 7, 1901, a crucial moment marking the return of peace to the island. It was then that the United States-Philippines Commission breathed life into the Zamboanga Fire Department. However, details about those early years, spanning from 1901 to 1925, are scarce, existing only in fading memorials and subjective memories.

Back in March 1926, the Zamboanga Municipal Fire Department came into being, thanks to the efforts of Municipal President Felipe Ramos and a few Councilors. They set up their humble headquarters made of makeshift materials along Madrid Street, which is now known as J.S. Alano St. Their equipment included a sturdy GMC Fire Truck. Leading the team was Aurelio del Prado, the inaugural Municipal Fire Chief, along with a team of twelve dedicated firemen.





Here's Lieutenant Jose Villanueva, the Fire Chief, standing proudly with his team of firefighters. On his right is Assistant Chief Fausto Apolinario, and on his left is Chief Mechanic Eulogio Reyes. In the background, you can see their trusty GMC Fire Truck parked outside their modest fire station, a simple barong-barong type building. They're all geared up and ready to serve their community, keeping everyone safe from harm.

*During World War II, from December 8, 1941 to July 5, 1945, the Fire Station Building got pretty beat up, and both of our Fire Trucks were completely wrecked. But after the war, in 1946, the Fire Department got back on its feet. We were lucky enough to receive a 10-wheeler water tank truck from the American Liberating Forces, which we turned into our new Fire Truck. We also got a team of twelve brave Firemen to help out.*

*The Zamboanga City Fire Department took a real hit during the war. The place was in shambles, and many of our firefighters ended up joining the guerrilla forces, led by our Fire Chief, Lt. Jose Villanueva. When disaster struck, Villanueva didn't hesitate to join the 121st Regiment under Lt. Donald LeCouvre to help out however he could.*



Circa 1937

*In 1937, the Zamboanga City Fire Department moved to a new location on Guardia Nacional Street (which is now Mayor Climaco Avenue). This photo captures a moment from November 20, 1938, with Lieutenant Jose Villanueva, the Chief of the Zamboanga City Fire Department, seated in the center. It's a glimpse into a moment in history when the department was making strides forward, settling into a new home to better serve the community.*

*In the early 1900s, as Zamboanga City began to grow and develop, the need for organized firefighting services became apparent. Recognizing this necessity, the American colonial authorities established the first fire station in the city, laying the foundation for what would later become the Zamboanga City Fire District.*

*As we look to the future, the Zamboanga City Fire District remains committed to its vital role in protecting the city and its residents. With its proud history as a foundation, it continues to adapt innovate to meet the evolving challenges of firefighting and emergency response in the modern era.*

## *Building a Fire Station for the Long Haul*



*This photograph, captured on October 23, 1939, provides a glimpse into the tangible elements of the Fire Department's infrastructure. The image showcases the architectural design of the Fire Station building alongside the recently acquired GMC La France fire truck. Engineer Arturo Eustaquio, positioned on the right side of the frame, played a pivotal role in the construction of the Fire Station. Standing adjacent to the truck are City Mayor Nicasio Valderosa, distinguished by his white suit, and Fire Chief Lt. Jose Villanueva, donned in his uniform. This visual record not only documents the physical aspects of the fire department's assets but also captures the individuals who contributed to its establishment and operation, lending a human dimension to this historical moment.*

*In 1937, Engineer Arturo Eustaquio, a young graduate from the University of the Philippines hailing from Marikina, embarked on a journey to Zamboanga, seeking opportunities to build his career. Settling in Zamboanga, he commenced the construction of the Fire Department building, a sturdy structure erected on a 1,047 square meter plot along Guardia Nacional Street, now Mayor Climaco Avenue. Completed in 1938, this edifice became a vital asset for the city, housing two GMC Fire Trucks and employing a team of twelve dedicated firemen.*

*Engaged in the construction business for three fruitful years, Engineer Eustaquio's portfolio expanded to include notable projects like the Zamboanga Fire Department building and the kitchen wing of the Zamboanga General Hospital, now known as the Zamboanga City Medical Center. To ensure efficient project management, he enlisted the assistance of Cesar Climaco as his timekeeper.*



*Within the fleet of firefighting vehicles owned by the Zamboanga City Fire Department, there are three notable apparatuses lined up from left to right. The first is a Toyota Mid-ship driven Fire Truck, which was procured in 1959. Next to it stands a Nissan Water Tanker, obtained in 1966. Lastly, there's a Dodge Mid-ship driven Fire Truck, acquired back in 1948. These vehicles represent a significant part of the department's history and operational capabilities, showcasing the evolution of firefighting technology and equipment over the years.*

*In 1948, the Zamboanga City Fire Department got their hands on a Dodge fire truck, courtesy of the local government. Fast forward to 1959, they scored big again, this time with a Toyota Fire Truck, a 3-wheeler orient Fire Truck, and two Mitsubishi-Willy's fire jeeps with water tank trailers, all thanks to some savvy negotiations with the Japanese Reparation Administration. Alongside these acquisitions, fifteen new firefighters joined the team.*

*By March 1966, the fire department boosted its fleet with a Mitsubishi diesel service jeep and three Nissan Tanker fire trucks, equipped with Rabbit portable water pumps, again thanks to negotiations with the Japanese Reparation Administration facilitated by the National Civil Defense Administration and the city government.*



Circa 1940

*This image was captured on December 15, 1940, featuring Fire Chief Lieutenant Jose Villanueva positioned at the center, surrounded by fifteen dedicated firefighters and two operational fire trucks.*

Following this equipment upgrade, the department expanded its personnel roster by recruiting eighteen new firefighters, bringing the total count to forty-five, and increasing the number of serviceable fire apparatus to nine. This period marked a significant turning point for the department's growth, solidifying its presence and capacity in the city post-war. The continuous addition of equipment and personnel propelled the department forward, shaping it into a more robust and capable firefighting force.



ZAMBOANGA FIRE DEPARTMENT  
CIRCA 1938

*Jimmy Piquinto Coll.*

## *The Dawn of a New Chapter: Reflecting on the End of an Era*

The liberation of Zamboanga on March 10, 1945, was a collaborative effort between the 41st Division of the U.S. Army, led by Maj. Gen. Jens A. Doe, and guerrilla forces from the 121st Infantry Regiment under Col. Donald J. LeCouvre. After the war, Zamboanga returned to its pre-war status as a chartered city, marking the third instance in its political history. Under the Philippine Civil Administration Unit (PCAU), led by American authorities, Gregorio Ledesma served as the appointed city Mayor for about a year. Subsequently, several Zamboanguenos held the position before the city elected its first mayor, Cesar C. Climaco.

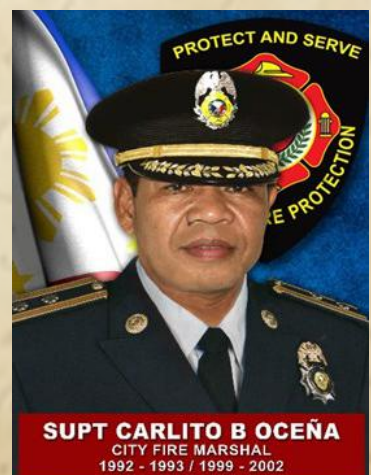


The war left deep scars on Zamboanga, surpassing any previous destruction in its history. The city still bears visible reminders of the devastation, likely taking a full generation to fade from memory. However, despite the grim aftermath, the city retains its rich heritage and memories of better times. The enduring memories of Zamboanga's storied past cannot be erased by war, as memories are resilient.

A poignant image of the devastation caused by the war can be seen from the Fire Station Building, showcasing the extent of destruction inflicted upon the city.

During the conflict, many firefighters joined the guerrilla forces of the 121st Regiment under Lt. Donald J. LeCouvre. Notably, several individuals were commissioned as Third Lieutenants, including former firefighter and weightlifter Jose Villanueva, lawyer Benjamin Pineda, former police detective Panteleon Macasiar, registered nurse Miss Filomena Evangelista, radio operator Jose Carpio, and Sergeant Artemio Macaraeg.

# Former Blaze Bosses and Station Leaders: *Zamboanga's Firefighting Legends*





**SINSP JANICE A ESPERO**  
CITY FIRE MARSHAL  
2002 - 2006



**SUPT JAIME D RAMIREZ**  
CITY FIRE MARSHAL  
2006 - 2011



**SUPT DOMINADOR F ZABALA JR**  
CITY FIRE MARSHAL (1997 - 1999)  
DISTRICT FIRE MARSHAL (2011 - 2016)



**CINSP CLINT S CHA**  
ACTING DISTRICT FIRE MARSHAL  
JAN 2016 - DEC 2019



**SUPT JHUFEL M BRAÑANOLA**  
DISTRICT FIRE MARSHAL  
JAN 2018 - AUG 2019



**SUPT MARIE EPIPHANY C RAMIREZ**  
DISTRICT FIRE MARSHAL  
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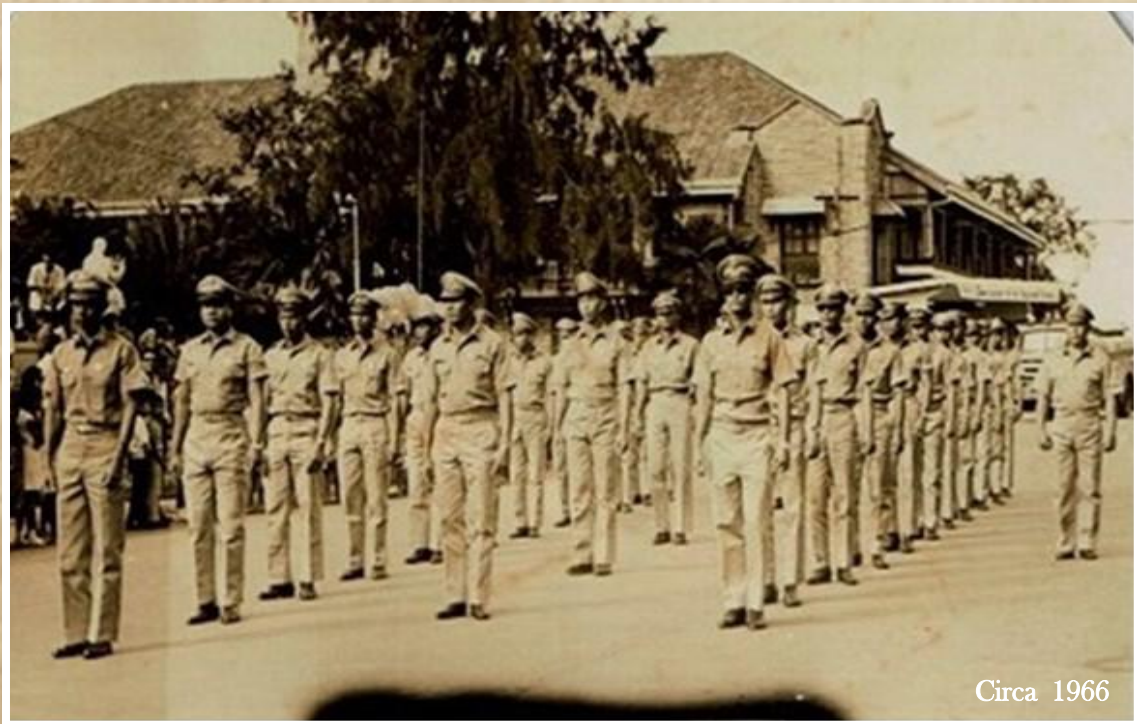
**SUPT LUCIO P ALBARACIN**  
DISTRICT FIRE MARSHAL  
JAN 2022 - FEB 2023

## *Embers of Valor: Recalling Firefighting Tales*

*Recollections of the early days of the Zamboanga City Fire Department evoke a mix of elusive fragments and vivid memories. Some moments drift at the edges of consciousness, ethereal and distant, while others remain sharply etched, as though they occurred just yesterday. Yet, there are those memories, perhaps haunted by trauma, that loom prominently in our minds.*

*To piece together the rich tapestry of the department's history, we must delve into the intricate interplay between past and present. However, we must acknowledge the inherent limitations of memory, colored by subjective nostalgia and fading recollections. Nostalgically, we may speak of yesteryears as if they were today, yet we must hasten to navigate the fragmented landscape of the distant past, where every detail finds its place.*

*In reflecting on the past, it's impossible to ignore the image of the old firemen, often described as mestizo, handsome, and macho, embodying a blend of Spanish and American heritage.*



Circa 1966

*Zamboanga Fire Department cultivates discipline among its members, ensuring a unified command for mission success. Here, fire personnel proudly participate in the 68th Independence Day celebration, showcasing Cpl. Gil Ebol, F1C Domiciano Mendoza, and Platoon Leader Cpl. Honorato Las Pinas.*



*In the vibrant basketball scene of 1960s Zamboanga City, the Zamboanga City Fire Department team stood tall as one of the finest. Pictured here are the stalwart members who ignited the court with their skill and camaraderie. From the towering presence of Ben Molina to the agile moves of Felipe Carpio, each player brought their unique talents to the game. Led by captain Cheng Alvarez, this formidable squad, featuring names like Julito Fabella and Oswaldo Albolario, captured the essence of teamwork and sportsmanship. With their dedication and passion, they wrote a memorable chapter in Zamboanga's basketball history.*



*The makeshift gym, equipped with basic bodybuilding gear, served as both a training ground and a social hub. When not honing our physical fitness, many of us firefighters enjoyed friendly games of basketball. But it wasn't just about exercise; some of us even offered barber services on the side, trading haircuts for a nominal fee with the locals.*

*Within the walls of the Fire Department building, countless memories were made—some heartwarming, others chilling, yet all integral to our shared history. However, amidst the tales of trials and triumphs, one theme remained constant: the bond of camaraderie and brotherhood that defined our service. As we listen to the stories of veteran firefighters who have called Zamboanga Fire Station home for years, it's clear that this spirit of unity endures, casting a timeless glow over our shared experiences.*





*Captured in 1972, this compelling photograph showcases a historic moment outside the Zamboanga Fire Department, with Captain Fausto Apolinario standing proudly at the helm as the Fire Chief, front and center.*



*In 1976, a pivotal moment marked the history of the Fire Station Building as it welcomed its inaugural Fire Station Commander, F/Maj Dominador A Zabala. Leading a team of thirty dedicated firefighters and boasting a fleet of nine serviceable fire apparatus, this era heralded a new chapter in fire safety and emergency response.*



*Meet the courageous firefighters serving under the local city government, lined up from left to right in the front row. Among them stand stalwarts like W. Hipolito, F. Faustino, G. Fabian, F. Apolinario, J. Alvarez, with Fire Chief Fausto Apolinario leading the charge. Alongside them are V. Punzalan, E. Fernando, R. Fernandez, Md. Zabala, and G. Ebol. Each face represents dedication, bravery, and a commitment to safeguarding our community.*



*In the era of PC/INP, firefighters doubled as law enforcers, donning identical khaki uniforms and bearing arms. This captivating snapshot, captured in 1969, encapsulates this unique duality of roles and uniforms during that time.*



*Featured in the image is F/Maj Dominador A Zabala clad in a distinguished Khaki Uniform, standing proudly alongside two essential fire apparatus: the dependable Toyota Fire Truck and the sturdy Dodge Fire Truck. Below them gleams the classic La France Fire Truck, showcasing the evolution and diversity of firefighting equipment.*



*F/Lt Felipe Carpio, leading as Station Commander of the Zamboanga Fire Department back in 1988, guides his team with unwavering resolve amidst a raging inferno engulfing Zamboanga City.*



Circa 1983

*In 1983, Fire Station Commander Orlando Locson, donning his vibrant orange coat, led an inspection of the fire station's personnel, with Operation Officer Venancio Abbiera providing assistance from behind.*

*The scene captured here illustrates the diligence and leadership within the firefighting ranks, highlighting their commitment to ensuring readiness and safety in their community.*

## **From Inception to Expansion:** *The Evolution of the Bureau of Fire Protection*



Circa 1991

*The sight of firefighters became increasingly polished and skilled, donning the newly introduced U.S. pattern uniform, signaling a shift towards heightened professionalism and expertise within their ranks.*

*In 1990, the Philippine government marked a significant milestone with the implementation of Republic Act 6975, commonly referred to as the Department of the Interior and Local Government Act. This legislation, which came into effect on January 1, 1991, heralded the creation of several distinct agencies, including the Philippine National Police (PNP), the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP), and the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP).*

*Specifically focusing on the Bureau of Fire Protection, its foundation was laid within Chapter IV (Sections 53 to 59) of the Act, with further details outlined in Rule VIII (Sections 49 to 58) of its Implementing Rules and Regulations. The Bureau of Fire Protection commenced its operations as a separate entity of the government on August 2, 1991, following the approval of the appropriation Act of 1991.*

*This pivotal provision also allowed for a one-year transition period for personnel from the Philippine Constabulary (PC) and the Integrated National Police (INP) to select their absorption into the PNP, BFP, or BJMP. While the majority of former PC/INP members chose to join the Philippine National Police, a smaller number opted for the Bureau of Fire Protection and BJMP.*

*The Department of Budget and Management granted approval for the first recruitment drive under the Bureau of Fire Protection in March 1993. Within the staffing structure of the BFP, Inspector Carlito B. Oceña emerged as the inaugural City Fire Marshal, marking a significant step forward in the agency's establishment and operations.*



Circa 1991

*SR SUPT FELIPE T CARPIO held the distinction of being the inaugural Assistant Regional Director of BFP Region-9 upon the establishment of the Bureau of Fire Protection in 1991. Prior to this role, he served as the Station Commander of the Zamboanga City Fire Department from 1988 to 1990. Notably, during his tenure, the Bureau of Fire Protection introduced its first General Office Attire (GOA) under the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG). Initially, the attire featured a light blue hue paired with midnight blue pants, mirroring the style of the U.S. uniform. However, in 2002, the color scheme underwent a revision, transitioning entirely to midnight blue.*

## From Flames to Fame:

### *Zamboanga's Fire District Ignites a New Era of Safety and Service*

*In the heart of Zamboanga City, where bustling streets intertwine with vibrant communities, lies the Zamboanga City Fire Station. Once a modest hub of firefighting activity under the watchful eye of Assistant Regional Director (ARD), it has now evolved into a formidable Fire District, a beacon of safety for its 98 barangays and 768,762 residents.*

*In the wake of economic expansion and urban development, the need for enhanced public safety services became paramount. This imperative drove the transformation of the Zamboanga City Fire Station into a fully-fledged Fire District. Spearheaded by then-City Fire Marshal, CINSP Jaime D Ramirez, and supported by the local government, the station's journey towards district hood began to take shape.*



*Zamboanga City Fire Station Chief, Jaime D Ramirez, was all smiles as he accepted the symbolic key to a brand-new fire truck donated by the Rotary of Korea. Mayor Celso Lobregat stood by his side, emphasizing the community's support. This momentous occasion was also graced by the presence of BFP Regional Director SSUPT GIL JACINTO, showing solidarity in enhancing the city's firefighting capabilities.*

*Ramirez, known for his dedication, has been tirelessly working to upgrade the Zamboanga City Fire Station, turning it into a district that's better equipped to serve and protect its people.*

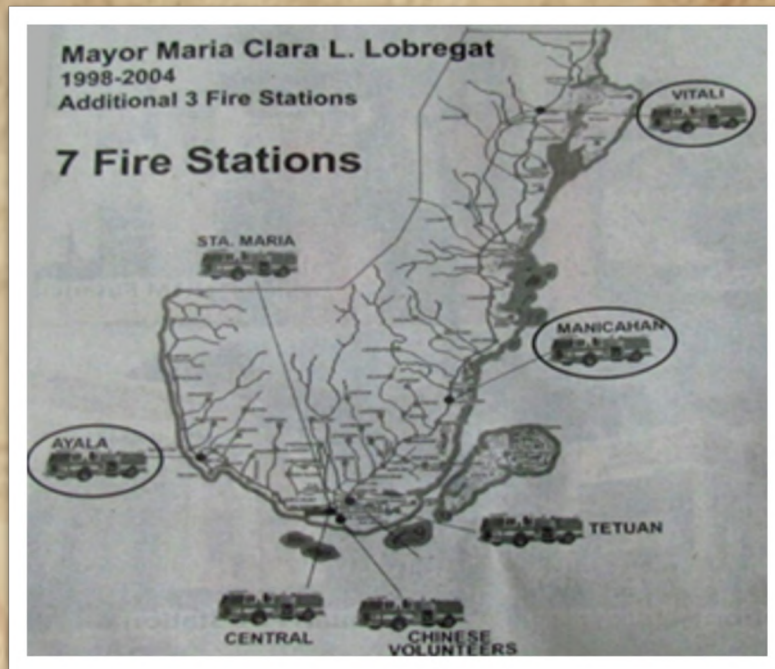
*With unwavering determination and the backing of Zamboanga's Sanguniang Panglungsod, a resolution was passed in April 2006, laying the groundwork for this ambitious transition. The following year, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) issued a historic Department Order, officially christening Zamboanga City Fire District as the first of its kind outside Metro Manila.*

*This elevation in status signified more than just a change in name. It marked a significant expansion in responsibilities, resources, and capabilities. No longer under the umbrella of Zamboanga Sibugay Province, the Fire District gained autonomy, enabling it to better serve its sprawling jurisdiction.*

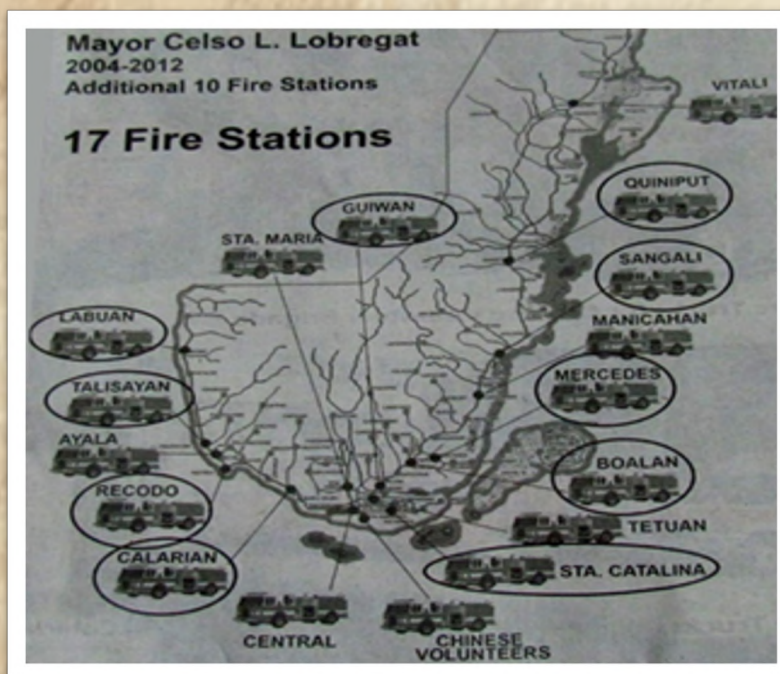
*The year 2007 saw the establishment of eight fire sub-stations strategically positioned across key barangays, a testament to the commitment of both the fire service and local communities to safeguard lives and property. Yet, despite these strides, challenges remained. With a modest roster of 201 personnel and a fleet of just 15 operational fire trucks and two ambulances, the Fire District faced an uphill battle in meeting the growing demands of its dynamic urban landscape.*



**The Original Four (4) Fire Station**



Under Mayor Maria Clara L Lobregat's leadership from 1998 to 2004, the city saw a significant boost in firefighting capabilities. With her initiative, three new fire stations were added to the existing four, ensuring better safety and protection for our neighborhoods.



During his decade-long tenure from 2004 to 2014, Mayor Celso Lobregat stepped into his mother's shoes as the city's Mayor and made sure to enhance safety across the city. One significant stride was the construction of 10 new fire stations in strategic areas, doubling the city's firefighting capabilities. This initiative not only strengthened emergency response but also highlighted Mayor Lobregat's commitment to ensuring the welfare and security of his constituents.

*However, the spirit of collaboration prevailed. With the staunch support of then-Mayor Celso L. Lobregat, efforts were made to breathe new life into the aging Central Fire Station along Climaco Avenue. This revitalization not only honored the city's heritage but also bolstered emergency response capabilities, ensuring that Zamboanga City Fire District stood ready to face whatever challenges lay ahead.*

*As the city continues to evolve and expand, so too does the role of its firefighters. From humble beginnings to a thriving Fire District, the journey of the Zamboanga City Firefighters is a testament to the power of community, perseverance, and dedication to public safety.*



Circa 2009

*After months of hard work, the Zamboanga City Fire District Building got a fresh lease on life, proudly reopening its doors on November 14, 2009. The community now has a revitalized hub for their firefighting heroes to serve them even better.*



*Mayor Celso L. Lobregat's administration has generously donated fire trucks to support the tireless efforts of Zamboanga City Fire Department, under the compassionate guidance of CINSF Jaime Ramirez. These vehicles will play a crucial role in ensuring the safety and protection of our community, reflecting the city's commitment to bolstering emergency response services and safeguarding lives.*



*In a gesture of remarkable generosity and preparedness, Zamboanga City, under the leadership of Mayor Celso L. Lobregat, has unveiled a cutting-edge addition to its firefighting arsenal: the Foton Fire Truck. This new equipment, generously donated by the local government, symbolizes the city's commitment to ensuring the safety and security of its residents. Mayor Lobregat's administration's proactive approach to fire safety highlights their dedication to serving and protecting the community.*

## *Zamboanga City Fire District Boosts Response Capabilities with New Fire Truck*

*In a bid to enhance fire response services across the nation, the Zamboanga City Fire District (ZCFD) proudly unveiled its latest addition—a state-of-the-art fire truck—courtesy of the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG). On March 4, 2013, Zamboanga City joined 37 other cities in welcoming a brand new Rosenbauer TLF 400 fire truck, marking a significant step towards bolstering firefighting efforts.*

*This acquisition is part of a larger initiative by the Bureau of Fire Protection to procure 76 modern fire trucks this year. The vehicles, funded through a P1.1-billion loan facilitated by the Republic of Austria, signify a robust commitment to enhancing emergency response capabilities nationwide. The loan terms, spanning 17 and a half years with a favorable interest rate of one percent annually, reflect Austria's dedication to supporting the Philippines' firefighting infrastructure.*

*The newly acquired fire truck boasts impressive specifications, featuring a 1,000-gallon water pumper capacity and a powerful 240-horsepower water-cooled engine. Equipped with a reliable power-take-off mechanism,*



*this four-door truck can swiftly link to its water pump, ensuring efficient water discharge during firefighting operations. With a seating capacity for seven passengers, including the driver, and the capability to discharge 2,400 liters of water per minute, this vehicle stands as a formidable asset in combating blazes.*

*Notably, the fire truck's robust water cannon can propel water up to 62 meters horizontally and 24 meters vertically, demonstrating its efficacy in reaching remote or elevated fire incidents. Such advanced features underscore the ZCFD's commitment to ensuring public safety and swiftly responding to emergencies in Zamboanga City and beyond.*

*With the arrival of this cutting-edge fire truck, the Zamboanga City Fire District is poised to enhance its firefighting capabilities, further safeguarding the community and instilling confidence in residents*

## *Former District Fire Marshal in Zamboanga City Leaves a Legacy of Inclusion and Progress*



In the heart of Zamboanga City, from 2016 to 2018, CLINT SANJURJO CHA, known as CINSIP CLINT, led the firefighting force with a unique blend of dedication and innovation. During his tenure, the city witnessed remarkable transformations in firefighting practices and administrative efficiency.

CINSIP CLINT'S leadership was marked by a profound sense of unity among firefighters and a renewed commitment to serving the public. His efforts didn't just stop at firefighting; he aimed to empower and include all members of the community.

One of his standout initiatives was the creation of the pioneering pink brigade, an all-female firefighting team stationed at the Boalan Fire Substation. This groundbreaking move not only empowered women but also shattered stereotypes, showing that bravery knows no gender.

Beyond gender inclusivity, he was a driving force behind the implementation of the Business One Stop Shop (BOSS). This initiative simplified business registration processes, making it easier for entrepreneurs and investors to navigate bureaucratic hurdles and





contribute to the city's economic growth.

Moreover, his vision extended to infrastructure development. The completion of the Culianan Fire Substation in 2017 stands as a testament to his commitment to ensuring the city's safety. With a significant investment from the Local Government, this facility bolstered the capabilities of the Bureau of Fire Protection, enhancing emergency response and safeguarding the community.

In essence, CINSP CLINT SANJURJO CHA'S legacy transcends his role as a District Fire Marshal. His leadership exemplified a profound dedication to public service, inclusivity, and progress. Through initiatives like the pink brigade, BOSS implementation, and infrastructure development, he left an indelible mark on Zamboanga City, fostering a safer, more inclusive, and prosperous community for all.



# Local Hero Ignites Change: The Story of **SUPT JHUFEL M BRAÑANOLA**



In a city where hope flickers like a flame, there emerged a beacon of progress in the form of a young and dedicated lawyer, *SUPT JHUFEL M BRAÑANOLA*. His journey from the courtroom to the helm of the fire service was not happenstance but rather a testament to his unwavering commitment to public service and his relentless pursuit of positive change.

Assuming the role of District Fire Marshal in 2018, he brought with him a fervent determination and a fresh perspective. His mission: to uplift Zamboanga City's fire department and fortify its ability to protect and serve the community.

During his brief yet impactful tenure, he initiated a series of transformative projects that resonated throughout the city. Recognizing the urgent need for modernization, he championed the acquisition of cutting-edge fire trucks and the establishment of additional fire substations. These endeavors not only symbolized progress but also translated into tangible improvements in the city's fire response capabilities.

Under his visionary leadership, the fire department experienced a revival. His innovative initiatives breathed new life into the service, instilling a sense of purpose and





determination among its ranks. With each new fire truck and substation, the city became safer, and its residents felt a renewed sense of security.

But his impact extended beyond infrastructure. His legacy lies in the hearts of the firefighters he inspired and the community he served. His tenure as District Fire Marshal may have been brief, but its imprint on Zamboanga City's fire service is indelible.



As he bids farewell to his role, SUPT BRAÑANOLA leaves behind a legacy of innovation, dedication, and progress. His contributions to the Bureau of Fire Protection during his time will continue to shape the future of firefighting in Zamboanga City, serving as a guiding light for generations to come.



## *Millennial Female Firefighter Redefines Role in Zamboanga City Fire District*



In the wake of the 2013 Zamboanga Siege, which left a trail of devastation in its path, the resilient residents of Zamboanga City have been steadily rebuilding their lives. Among those instrumental in this process are the brave men and women of the Zamboanga City Fire District (ZCFD), whose tales of courage and camaraderie during those dark times are etched into the city's history.

Traditionally, firefighting has been viewed as a male-dominated profession in the Philippines, with women mostly confined to clerical roles or non-uniformed positions. However, with the passage of Republic Act No. 9710, also known as the Magna Carta of Women, the landscape began to shift. Slowly but steadily, more women began joining the ranks of the ZCFD, challenging stereotypes and paving the way for a more diverse and inclusive fire service.

By 2023, the number of women in the ZCFD had risen significantly, with many occupying high-ranking positions previously unheard of for female firefighters. This progress was further exemplified by the formation of the Pink Brigade in 2017, breaking down barriers and promoting gender equality within the bureau.





*Despite the strides made towards equality, the journey is far from over. Yet, with each new generation of firefighters, like the millennial lady firefighter at the heart of this story, the fire service inches closer to true inclusivity and representation.*

*In 2019, amid the city's dynamic growth, additional fire sub-stations were established to meet the demands of Zamboanga City's burgeoning population. These efforts proved crucial as the world was soon gripped by the COVID-19 pandemic. Firefighters, once accustomed to battling flames, found themselves on the front lines against an invisible*

*enemy, donning white PPE to aid in decontamination efforts.*

*During this challenging time, the Zamboanga City Fire District, under the leadership of District Fire Marshal FSUPT JACQUELINE S. ORTEGA, rose to the occasion. Not only did the district adapt to the new normal, but it also played a vital role in the fight against COVID-19, deploying personnel to assist health agencies and even serving as vaccinators.*

*Under her stewardship, the ZCFD acquired two new service vehicles, enhancing their capabilities in responding to emergencies efficiently. These acquisitions, made possible through Fire Code Fees Revenues, underscore Ortega's commitment to modernizing the fire service and ensuring the safety of Zamboanga City's residents.*

*As FSUPT JACQUELINE S. ORTEGA bids farewell to the Zamboanga City Fire District, her tenure leaves behind a legacy of progress and innovation. Her leadership not only propelled the district forward but also inspired a new generation of firefighters to continue challenging stereotypes and striving for excellence in service to their community.*

## *Zamboanga City Fire District Modernizes Operations and Enhances Emergency Response*



*In a bid to streamline operations and bolster emergency response capabilities, the Zamboanga City Fire Department (ZCFD) has undertaken significant modernization efforts under the leadership of Supt Lucio P Albaracin as the District Fire Marshal, and INSP Magno E Barredo Jr, Chief of the Fire Safety Enforcement Section (FSES).*

*The FSES, responsible for enforcing fire safety regulations and collecting fees prescribed by the Fire Code, has transitioned towards digitalization to expedite processes and enhance efficiency. Through the Baseline Assessment Internal Control System (BAICS), commendations poured in from the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) for their well-organized file management system. This shift to digital platforms not only streamlines paperwork but also facilitates quicker access to vital documents, easing the burden on both officials and the public.*

*Moreover, the ZCFD received substantial support for its operational capacity. Congressman*



Manuel Jose Dalipe and Mayor John M Dalipe facilitated the acquisition of essential firefighting equipment, including a 1,000-gallon Hino Fire Truck and a Type 1 Basic Life Support Ambulance. These acquisitions significantly bolster the department's ability to respond effectively to emergencies.

In recognition of the evolving challenges posed by climate change, the ZCFD has adapted its strategies accordingly. Recent natural disasters, such as Typhoon Paeng and subsequent flash floods, prompted adjustments in rescue operations. The department's agility in responding to these crises reflects its commitment to modernizing and diversifying its services beyond traditional firefighting.

Notably, the establishment of the Special Rescue Forces (SRF) in 2008 has further augmented the ZCFD's capabilities. Equipped and trained to handle a myriad of emergencies, from collapsed structures to hazardous materials incidents, the SRF represents the pinnacle of the fire service's expertise and dedication.

Despite facing challenges such as the

relocation of regional offices, the ZCFD remains steadfast in its mission to serve and protect the community. The activation of the ZCFD ambulance underscores the department's commitment to providing comprehensive emergency medical services alongside firefighting operations.

Throughout his tenure, SUPT LUCIO P ALBARACIN has spearheaded numerous initiatives that have left a lasting impact on the Bureau of Fire Protection. His visionary leadership and dedication to modernization have elevated the ZCFD's capabilities and enhanced its reputation as a frontline emergency responder. As he steps down, his legacy serves as a testament to the enduring commitment of the men and women of the fire service to safeguarding lives and property.



# *District Fire Marshal's Leadership Transforms Zamboanga City Fire District*



**SUPT CHRISTOPHER M MORALES**  
DISTRICT FIRE MARSHAL  
ZAMBOANGA CITY FIRE DISTRICT



In the annals of Zamboanga City Fire District's history, the assumption of SUPT CHRISTOPHER M MORALES on February 13, 2023, as the District Fire Marshal marked the dawn of a new era. His tenure witnessed a remarkable transformation, breathing new life into the district's operations and leaving an indelible legacy of service.

From the outset, SUPT MORALES embarked on a mission to enhance the efficiency of the Zamboanga City Fire District (ZCFD). Recognizing the critical need for effective communication in emergency response, he bolstered the COMMEL Section and established an Operations Command Center. This strategic move aimed to streamline communication channels and reduce response times, all while navigating the bustling traffic of Zamboanga City.

Challenges loomed large, particularly with scarce radio equipment that hampered communication efforts. Undeterred, SUPT MORALES remained resolute, forging ahead with his vision for improved public service delivery.

The unveiling of the Fire ALERT Channel on March 01, 2023, amid the

Fire Prevention Month opening program, marked a pivotal moment. With anticipation running high, the initiative promised to revolutionize emergency response. Under Supt Morales' leadership, the Zamboanga City Fire District stood poised to meet the evolving needs of the community.

A highlight of this transformative period was the activation of the ZCFD EMS Ambulance. This milestone, achieved through the collaborative efforts of dedicated individuals like SINSF Maria Emilia F. Locson and SFO1 Dhonna Claire Barcelon, underscored the district's commitment to enhancing emergency medical services.

Central to ZCFD's ethos is the "We Respond, We Care" initiative, a beacon of compassion amid crises. Beyond firefighting, it embodies a holistic approach to community welfare, offering support and relief to fire victims in their time of need.

Moreover, Supt Morales' visionary leadership extended to initiatives like the Sunshine Committee, established on March 09, 2023. This noble endeavor, aimed at providing financial assistance and

emotional support to BFP personnel and retirees, epitomized the spirit of camaraderie and compassion within the organization.



In hindsight, Supt Morales' tenure was defined by a series of notable achievements and lasting contributions to the Bureau of Fire Protection. His legacy is etched in the fabric of Zamboanga City Fire District, a testament to his unwavering dedication to public service.

In summary, the story of ZCFD's transformation under Supt Morales serves as a shining example of exemplary leadership and commitment to community welfare. It underscores the profound impact that visionary leadership can have on public institutions, leaving an enduring legacy of service for generations to come.

## *Flames Meet Bytes:*

### **Zamboanga City Fire District Launches Revolutionary Fire Alert System on Telegram**

*In a groundbreaking move aimed at enhancing emergency response capabilities, the Zamboanga City Fire District has unveiled a pioneering initiative: the activation of Fire Alert on Telegram. Spearheaded by the district's Communications and Electronics Section under the guidance of FSUPT CHRISTOPHER M MORALES, District Fire Marshal, this innovation marks a significant milestone in the realm of firefighting and disaster management.*

*The activation of Fire Alert on Telegram was officially announced during the kick-off ceremony of Fire Prevention Month on March 1, 2023. This event served as the platform for introducing this revolutionary approach to emergency communication and coordination, setting a new standard in proactive disaster response.*

*With the utilization of Telegram, a widely accessible messaging platform, the Zamboanga City Fire District aims to streamline communication channels and expedite the dissemination of crucial information during emergencies. This digital platform allows for real-time updates, instant*



*notifications, and seamless coordination among firefighting personnel, enabling swift and effective response to fire incidents and other emergencies.*

*FSUPT CHRISTOPHER M MORALES, the visionary leader behind this initiative, emphasized the importance of embracing technological advancements in emergency response. He highlighted*



*how the integration of Telegram's Fire Alert feature aligns with the district's commitment to innovation and efficiency in safeguarding the community.*

*The activation of Fire Alert on Telegram represents a paradigm shift in emergency communication strategies, leveraging the power of digital technology to enhance situational awareness and facilitate rapid decision-making. By harnessing the capabilities of Telegram, firefighters can now receive critical alerts, share vital updates, and coordinate rescue operations with unprecedented speed and precision.*

*Moreover, this initiative underscores the Zamboanga City Fire District's*

*proactive approach to disaster preparedness and mitigation. By harnessing the potential of Telegram as a versatile communication tool, the district aims to bridge gaps in information dissemination and empower communities to respond effectively to emergencies.*

*The implementation of Fire Alert on Telegram reflects a forward-thinking mindset within the Zamboanga City Fire District, driven by a relentless pursuit of excellence in emergency response. FSUPT CHRISTOPHER M MORALES and his team have demonstrated their commitment to leveraging technology for the greater good, positioning Zamboanga City as a leader in innovative firefighting practices.*

## *Wheels of Life:*

### **Zamboanga City Fire District Drives Forward with Ambulance License**

*The Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) 9 - Zamboanga City Fire District (ZCFD) has marked a significant milestone in its service provision by obtaining a license for ambulance operations. Spearheaded by SINSP MARIA EMILIA F LOCSON (Ret), the dedicated Chief Executive Assistant of ODFM-ZCFD, the attainment of this license stands as a testament to relentless efforts and effective collaboration.*

*Under the astute guidance of SINSP LOCSON, alongside the diligent coordination of SFO1 Dhonna Claire Taca-Barcelon, Chief Logistics/ Finance Section - ZCFD, and Emergency Medical Services personnel, all necessary documentation for the newly acquired Nissan Urvan Ambulance Service Provider-DOH accreditation was meticulously completed. This paved the way for the issuance of license No. 09-0003-2325-ASP-1, valid until December 31, 2025, effectively authorizing the operation of the Zamboanga City Fire District Ambulance.*

*The official activation of the ambulance on March 1, 2023, in*



*conjunction with the Fire Prevention Month celebration, marks a momentous occasion for ZCFD. SFO1 Barcelon expressed heartfelt gratitude to key supporters, including FSUPT CHRISTOPHER M MORALES and FSUPT LUCIO P ALBARACIN, District Fire Marshals, and the esteemed HON. JOHN M DALIPE, Mayor of Zamboanga City.*

*Acknowledging the collaborative efforts of individuals such as SFO3 Johanna Sophia H Felizarta, Former*



Chief EMS-ZCFD, and EMS personnel like SFO1 Gadilan T Gacis, FO3 Mary Ann A Arreza, FO2 Kryz Ian N Brussett, and FO2 Alberto G Hinlo Jr., SFO1 Barcelon commended their unwavering support and invaluable contributions to this achievement.

The official activation of the ambulance service on March 1, 2023, not only signifies a milestone for ZCFD but also serves as a beacon of hope and assurance for the residents of Zamboanga City. With this new

addition to its emergency response capabilities, ZCFD stands ready to continue its mission of safeguarding lives and properties with renewed vigor and commitment.

In the spirit of camaraderie and dedication, ZCFD extends its deepest appreciation to all individuals and organizations who have supported and encouraged the attainment of this milestone. Moving forward, ZCFD remains steadfast in its commitment to excellence, innovation, and unwavering service to the community.

## *Zamboanga City Fire District Blazes a Trail with Innovative Monitoring Systems*

In a pioneering move aimed at enhancing efficiency and response capabilities, the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) Zamboanga City Fire District, under the adept leadership of FSUPT CHRISTOPHER M. MORALES as District Fire Marshal, has embarked on a technological revolution. The district has introduced and installed state-of-the-art security cameras or Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) systems across fire stations, coupled with an ingenious in-house firetruck monitoring system utilizing GPS technology. These innovative measures are set to redefine firefighting operations, bolstering surveillance and response mechanisms to unprecedented levels. The implementation of the V380 application for CCTV monitoring marks a significant milestone for the Zamboanga City Fire District. With these advanced surveillance systems in place, fire station personnel can now oversee operations with unparalleled clarity and precision. The integration of modern technology into firefighting infrastructure underscores FSUPT MORALES'S commitment to

embracing innovation in the pursuit of public safety.

FSUPT CHRISTOPHER M MORALES, revered for his visionary leadership, has championed the adoption of cutting-edge solutions to address the evolving challenges faced by firefighting agencies. Under his guidance, the Zamboanga City Fire District has positioned itself at the forefront of technological integration within the BFP, setting a benchmark for other provinces nationwide.

The introduction of GPS-enabled monitoring systems for firetrucks heralds a new era of real-time tracking and management. Through the utilization of the Telegram platform, authorized personnel can access vital information regarding the location and status of fire



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apparatuses, enabling swift and coordinated responses to emergencies. This innovation not only enhances operational efficiency but also ensures the optimal utilization of resources during critical situations.

The implementation of CCTV surveillance and GPS monitoring systems underscores the Zamboanga City Fire District's unwavering dedication to safeguarding lives and property. These initiatives exemplify a progressive mindset, wherein traditional methodologies are complemented by cutting-edge solutions to meet the ever-changing demands of public safety.

The successful integration of security cameras and GPS monitoring systems is a testament to the collaborative efforts of the Zamboanga City Fire District's personnel under FSUPT MORALES'S guidance. Their collective dedication to embracing innovation has resulted in the establishment of a robust infrastructure poised to address emergent challenges with unparalleled efficacy.

The introduction of CCTV and GPS

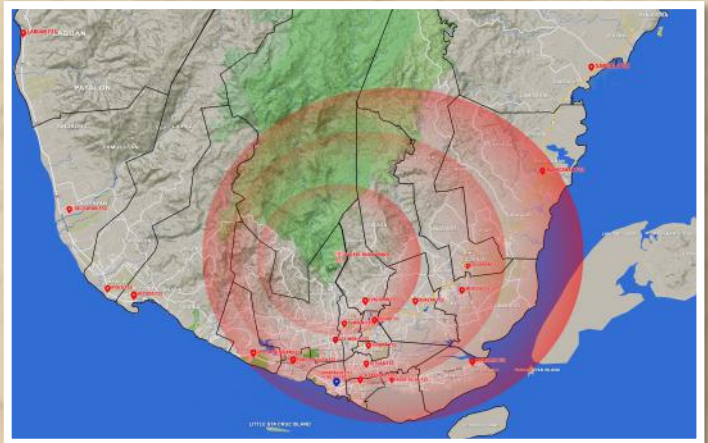


monitoring systems represents a paradigm shift in firefighting methodology, emphasizing proactive prevention and rapid response. Under the leadership of FSUPT MORALES, the Zamboanga City Fire District continues to set the standard for excellence in public service, transcending conventional boundaries to safeguard communities against the threat of fire and disaster.

In conclusion, the implementation of security cameras and GPS monitoring systems by the Zamboanga City Fire District under the astute leadership of FSUPT CHRISTOPHER M MORALES marks a watershed moment in the annals of firefighting history. As technology continues to evolve, so too does the capability of firefighting agencies to protect and serve their communities, ensuring a safer and more secure future for all.

# Zamboanga City Fire District Blazes New Trails: Integrating Tradition with Innovation

In a bold leap towards modernization while preserving time-tested methods, the Zamboanga City Fire District, under the astute leadership of FSUPT CHRISTOPHER M. MORALES, District Fire Marshal, has embarked on a groundbreaking initiative. By seamlessly integrating traditional radio communication with the cutting-edge Zamboanga City Fire Alert system on Telegram, they've forged a path that ensures robust emergency response like never before.



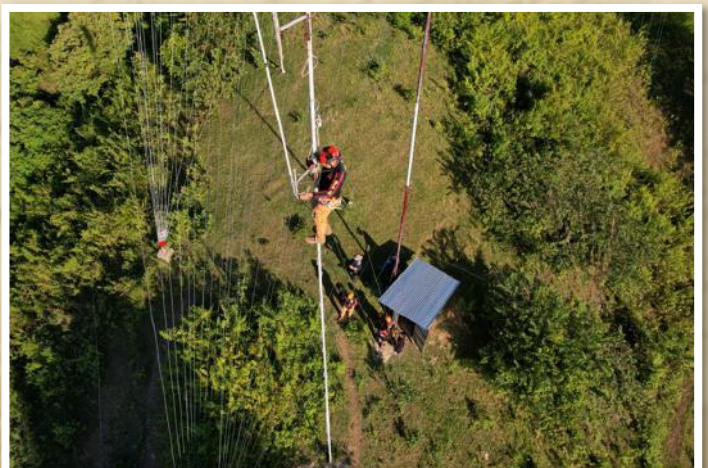
Traditional radio communication coverage from Barangay Upper Calarian to Barangay Manicahan through the D'Alert radio tower located at Pasonanca, Zamboanga City.

Network Association Inc.) and the Zamboanga City Fire District, this initiative signifies a fusion of expertise and innovation aimed at safeguarding lives and property. Stretching its coverage from Barangay Upper Calarian to Barangay Manicahan, the traditional radio communication network serves as a vital lifeline for the fire district.



MOU Signing Between ZCFD and Integrated D 'ALERT

The journey began on December 29, 2023, with the launch of this pioneering endeavor, marking a significant milestone in the city's firefighting capabilities. Spearheaded in collaboration with the Integrated D'Active League for Emergency Reaction Transceivers (ID' Alert



Installation of Radio Repeater

Despite the digital age's rapid advancements, the essence of reliable radio communication remains unparalleled, particularly in areas where digital signals may waver.

At the helm of this transformative endeavor stands FSUPT CHRISTOPHER M MORALES, whose visionary leadership has steered the Zamboanga City Fire District towards this groundbreaking integration. Under his guidance, the district has embraced both tradition and innovation, recognizing the invaluable synergy they bring to emergency response operations.

Daily rituals of site reports and radio checks at 0900H, 0200H, and 1900H ensure the seamless operation of this integrated system. By synchronizing efforts across all fire stations in the city, the Bureau of Fire Protection guarantees enhanced coordination among EMS teams, SRF teams, and firefighting units.

The amalgamation of radio communication with modern technology isn't merely about staying relevant; it's about fortifying the city's resilience in the face of adversity. In times of crisis, when every second counts, this integrated approach ensures swift and coordinated responses, minimizing loss and maximizing efficiency.

The Zamboanga City Fire Alert system on Telegram, a brainchild of modern technology, serves as a



Activation of ZCFD Radio Communication System

testament to the district's forward-thinking approach. With its user-friendly interface and real-time updates, it complements the reliability of traditional radio communication, creating a comprehensive network of emergency response.

As the city marches forward into a future fraught with uncertainties, the Zamboanga City Fire District stands tall as a beacon of preparedness and resilience. With FSUPT CHRISTOPHER M MORALES at the helm, leading with unwavering dedication and foresight, they pave the way for a safer, more secure tomorrow.

In the grand tapestry of emergency response systems, where tradition meets innovation, the Zamboanga City Fire District's integration of radio communication with the Zamboanga City Fire Alert system shines as a testament to adaptability and progress. In their synergy lies the promise of a brighter, safer future for Zamboanga City and its residents.



## *Zamboanga City Fire District Embraces Tech:* **Zello App Revolutionizes Communication in Firefighting**

*In a pioneering move towards modernizing emergency response systems, the Bureau of Fire Protection-Zamboanga City Fire District, under the astute leadership of FSUPT CHRISTOPHER M MORALES, District Fire Marshal, has integrated Zello communication into its operations. This cutting-edge technology allows smartphones to communicate seamlessly through radio channels via the Zello application, revolutionizing the landscape of emergency communication. Gone are the days of relying solely on traditional radio equipment with limited range. With the integration of Zello, the reach of communication has been significantly expanded, enabling firefighters to coordinate more effectively across vast areas. FSUPT MORALES emphasized that this innovative approach not only enhances*

*operational readiness but also bolsters emergency response capabilities, ensuring swift and coordinated action in times of crisis.*

*The decision to adopt Zello communication reflects the Zamboanga City Fire District's commitment to embracing technological advancements to better serve the community. FSUPT MORALES expressed confidence in the efficacy of this integration, stating that it will streamline communication processes and empower firefighters to respond to emergencies with greater agility and efficiency.*

*Zello's interface provides a user-friendly platform for firefighters to communicate seamlessly, bridging the gap between mobile phones and traditional radio systems. This versatility ensures that communication remains uninterrupted, even in areas with limited radio coverage, thereby enhancing overall situational*

awareness and response coordination.

The implementation of Zello communication marks a significant milestone in the modernization efforts of the Zamboanga City Fire District. By leveraging the capabilities of smartphones and the Zello application, firefighters can now communicate effortlessly, regardless of their location or proximity to radio equipment.

FSUPT MORALES lauded the initiative as a testament to the Zamboanga City Fire District's proactive approach to embracing emerging technologies. He emphasized that the integration of Zello communication aligns with their mission to continuously improve emergency response capabilities and adapt to evolving challenges in the field.

The benefits of Zello communication extend beyond enhanced range and accessibility. Its intuitive interface allows for seamless integration with existing communication protocols, minimizing the need for extensive training and ensuring a smooth transition for firefighters.

Moreover, Zello communication enables real-time collaboration and information sharing among firefighters, enhancing overall coordination and decision-making during critical incidents. This collaborative approach fosters a culture of teamwork and solidarity within the Zamboanga City Fire District, further strengthening its capacity to respond effectively to emergencies.

As technology continues to evolve, the Zamboanga City Fire District remains at the forefront of innovation, constantly

seeking ways to leverage new tools and platforms to improve service delivery. The integration of Zello communication underscores their unwavering commitment to ensuring the safety and security of the community.

Looking ahead, FSUPT MORALES emphasized the importance of ongoing training and development to maximize the benefits of Zello communication. By investing in the skills and capabilities of their personnel, the Zamboanga City Fire District aims to harness the full potential of this technology to enhance emergency response efforts and save lives.

In the ever-changing landscape of emergency services, adaptability is key. With Zello communication, the Zamboanga City Fire District has demonstrated its willingness to embrace change and explore innovative solutions to meet the evolving needs of the community. As they continue to push the boundaries of what is possible, one thing remains certain: the safety and well-being of the people of Zamboanga City are in capable hands.





*e-Balik Tanaw: Zamboanga City Fire District's official magazine, launched on June 10, 2024, by FSUPT CHRISTOPHER M MORALES, District Fire Marshal. Dive into the rich history, origins, and current status of our fire service.*

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