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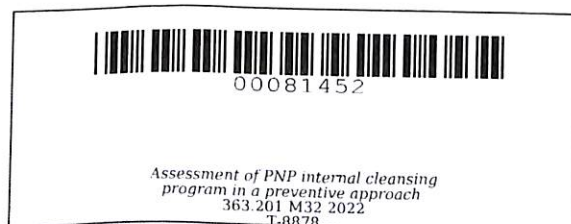
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## ABSTRACT

The PNP internal cleansing program was implemented promoting the holistic approach of improving the police personnel, specifically the values and character formation. This program targets the physical, mental as well as the spiritual aspect of an officer. The study was conducted to assess the internal cleansing program of the PNP in the municipality of Naic in Cavite. Specifically, the study sought to: a) identify the internal cleansing program in a preventive approach as assessed by selected police officer and selected community members comprised by the church and barangay sector; and b) to distinguish the challenges encountered in implementing the RICP as assessed also by the selected police officers and community members. Employing the purposive and sampling technique, a total of four (4) respondents participated in the conduct of study through the interview method. The data were then collected by means of unstructured interview, which were then interpreted by drawing themes from each of the objectives through employment of thematic analysis. The PNP-RICP as assessed by selected police officers generally showed the influence of the My Brother's Keeper (MBK) squad system in shaping them morally and spiritually; to add, in the physical aspect, stricter regulations on uniform system and maintenance of physical fitness were imposed upon them. The church sector also recognizes the importance of MBK sessions weekly which pose the will to sustain reformation for the improved delivery of service; while the barangay has identified the program as generally successful for no occurrence of injustice and violence has witnessed and officers are more orderly and well-mannered towards the public. Lastly, for the challenges faced upon the implementation of the program, results showed that there is an actual adjustment period but such difficulty was already overcome in the present and the only identified challenge is the conflicting schedule of the officers with that of the sessions of the MBK. The program is effective yet very challenging to implement

with the occurrence of unforeseen difficulties which later on has been overcome by the organization and its personnel.

**Keywords:** *Internal cleansing program, preventive approach, holistic, My Brother's Keeper, character formation*

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## **INTRODUCTION**

In a recent study, it has been concluded that the presence of good relations of the public with the police is essential in the police performance of duty (Jackson & Bradford, 2010). However, the Philippine National Police (PNP) faces new challenges as their rating on public trust drops due to several police officers' involvement in illegal activities, abuse of authority, and tolerating corruption (Talabong, 2017). The PNP implements and executes programs related to police visibility, community relations, and internal cleansing programs to solve this problem.

One of the programs implemented by the PNP to improve their performance is "Project Tarung." This reform program recognizes the importance of moral (Revitalized Internal Cleansing Program), physical (Body Mass Index initiative), and spiritual (Interfaith Squad System) formation to create and strengthen well-rounded human resources. This project aims to control police corruption and incompetence by identifying the elements contributing to the PNP's failings. Another program begun by the PNP is the "PNP Integrated Transformation Program – Performance Governance System" or (PNP ITP-PGS) 2030. This program was recognized as the PNP's current roadmap to assess the PNP's general institutional framework and, as a result, improve any systems that make the PNP vulnerable to politicization, bribery, corruption, and