

## NOTES 2. SECOND GRADING LESSONS (CHAPTER 2-3)

### Lesson Objectives:

After the lesson and interactive discussions, the students will be able to:

- Elucidate the Canons of Police Ethics and Professional Police Principle.
- Appraise the moral/ethical weaknesses of the PNP causing incompetence and propose a solution for the problem.

## CHAPTER 2 FOUNDATION OF POLICE ETHICS

Professional conduct and ethical standards and a high degree of honesty are more essential for officers and members of Philippine National Police (PNP) than for any member of the society. This is so, because they are entrusted with the enforcement of the rules, regulations and ordinances created by City/Municipality and the laws of the land created by the Congress that guide the conduct of society. A policeman's violation or infraction thereof, or his failure to enforce it, dishonor the law and the authority he represents.

### DEFINITION OF TERMS

**1. Police Ethics**- It is the practical science that teaches the principle of human morality and duty as applied to law enforcement.

**2. Moonlighting**- Any act of a member of the PNP pursuing or following any calling or occupation, or the act of engaging in any business, which includes but not limited to all activities, jobs, work, and similar functions, performed, engaged in or undertaking by him, in or off duty hours with or without compensation, which is inconsistent or incompatible with the PNP duties or functions. Such as a bouncer, security guard, driver, bodyguard, confidential agent, watchman and any other occupations of similar nature, in any enterprise or establishment, public or private, which will prejudice the interest of law enforcement and public safety.

**3. Ethical standard** – it refers to the set of conducts and behavior governing a group, a class or organization.

**4. Police customs and social decorum** – a set of norms and standards practiced by members during social and other functions.

**5. Nonfeasance/Neglect of Duty**- It is the omission of some act, which ought to be performed. It is the omission or refusal without sufficient excuse, to perform an act or duty, which as a peace officer's legal obligation to perform.

**6. Misfeasance/Irregularities in the Performance of Duty**- It is the improper performance of some act which might lawfully be done.

**7. Malfeasance**- It is the performance of some act which ought not to be done. It is the doing either through ignorance, inattention or malice, of that which the officer had no legal right to