

PNP-AKG Special Operation Unit  
**Brief History**

Anti-Kidnapping Group has various task force which started during the time of President Fidel V Ramos July 7, 1992 issued E.O No. 3 which created the Presidential Anti-Crime Commission (PACC) with the principal task of directing and coordinating the activities of various law enforcement agencies to effect a more vigorous campaign against criminality. Vice President Joseph E Estrada was appointed by then President Ramos to head the newly formed PACC.

On July 22, 1998, then President Joseph Estrada issued E.O no. 8 creating Presidential Anti- Organized Crime Task Force (PAOCTF) then appointed Chief Superintendent Panfilo M Lacson to head the strike force.

On April 16, 2001, PAOCTF was abolished through E.O No. 10. Subsequently, Special Task Group (STAG) was activated under the command and supervision of PDDG Hermogenes E Ebdane.

On July 15, 2002, then the OIC of the PNP, PDDG HERMOGENES E EBDANE, JR with the guidance of President GLORIA M ARROYO, issued the letter of Instruction 12/02 PACER to set forth the creation and operationalization of the Police Anti-Crime and Emergency Response (PACER) and for the PNP to elaborate its functions and operational thrust. It was headed by PSSUPT ALAN LM PURISIMA. With the creation of the National Anti-Crime Task Force (NACTAF), the PACER was placed as one of the tasked groups along with ISAFP, ACTAF and AIDSOTF. PDG EDGARDO B AGLIPAY was designated as NACTAF commander by Secretary Angelo T Reyes. Later the, the PACER was headed by PDG OSCAR C CALDERON.

On July 6, 2001 E.O No. 23 Creating the National Anti-Crime Commission (NACC) which is under the office of the President chaired by the Secretary of Justice. NACC created National Anti-Kidnapping Task Force (NAKTAF) as the lead agency to unify, synchronize and optimize all efforts and resources of the PNP, AFP, NBI, National Prison Service and other concern agencies. It was amended on August 3, 2001 including Executive Secretary as member of the NACC.

On March 31, 2006, NACTAF pursuant to E.O no. 463 dated September 23, 2005 was abolished by virtue of E.O no. 552. However, PACER remained under the office of the Chief, PNP.

On January 19, 2012, NAPOLCOM Resolution No. 2012-027 was issued deactivating PACER and activating the AKG as NOSU of the PNP.

On February 18, 2012 Anti Kidnapping Group (AKG) as regular National Operational Support Unit (NOSU) of the PNP, it has a task to conduct an all out and sustained operations against KFR Groups and personalities.

From its various task group before AKG was activated, one of the composite operating unit of this task groups is the **Light Reaction Unit (LRU)** selected breed of men from Special Action Force which was carried out until PNP-AKG was activated and it was rename as **Special Operation Unit (SOU)**.

Since the activation of Anti-kidnapping Group, Special Operation Unit was originally headed by PCOL RODOLFO D CASTIL JR., followed by:

- ❑ PLT COL ALI JOSE A DUTERTE-
- ❑ PCAPT LEO M CANUEL
- ❑ PLT COL ALLAN R MACAPAGAL
- ❑ PLT COL CESAR T GERENTE
- ❑ PLT COL ARTHUR MASONGSONG
- ❑ PMAJ LEO M CANUEL
- ❑ PLT COL EDWARD M CUTIYOG
- ❑ PCOL DONALD MADAMBA
- ❑ PLT COL WILFREDO V SY
- ❑ PMAJ JAY FRANCIS S ESTIGOY
- ❑ PMAJ MELCHOR D AGUSIN
- ❑ PCPT BENITO P PERALTA- OIC, SOU at Present

### **SOU FUNCTIONS**

**To provide tactical support on high risk anti KFR operations to all units/divisions on especially on the following activities:**

- ❖ **Raid on possible safe house**
- ❖ **Conduct joint security and surveillance operation**
- ❖ **Conduct joint rescue operation**

**To provide Security escort to kidnap victims and family/arrested suspects and witness/es during case monitoring.**

**Enhancement of tactical Skills to all units/divisions such as following:**

- ❖ **Tactical leadership and management workshop**
- ❖ **Dry and live firing**
- ❖ **Weapon Manipulations & Special Equipment Familiarization**

❖ **CQB/Range Drill Exercises**

**Other functions**

❖ **As the D, AKG may direct.**

## SPECIAL OPERATIONS UNIT LOGO MEANING



- **17-** SOU Pioneers from SAF
- **WORD-** Bravery
- **LIGHTNING-** means Speed and Precision
- **Color Black and Gray-** Conduct operations anytime of the day and night
- **Logo Shape-** Unity