

# INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF MULTIDISCIPLINARY: APPLIED BUSINESS AND EDUCATION RESEARCH

2026, Vol. 7, No. 3, 1264 – 1283

<http://dx.doi.org/10.11594/ijmaber.07.03.22>

---

## Research Article

### **Policing Firearm Regulation and Crime Control: Criminological Insights from the Philippine National Police in Amadeo, Cavite**

Rile F. Villariez Jr., Elizabeth Buena-Villa\*, Julius Guiller G. Luis

College of Professional and Graduate Studies, De La Salle University – Dasmariñas, Dasmariñas City, Cavite, Philippines

---

#### *Article history:*

Submission 28 February 2026

Revised 16 March 2026

Accepted 23 March 2026

#### *\*Corresponding author:*

E-mail:

[esbuena@dlsud.edu.ph](mailto:esbuena@dlsud.edu.ph)

#### **ABSTRACT**

The study findings indicate that while information campaigns are active, physical enforcement is hindered by logistical gaps and inconsistent community reporting. Possession of illegal firearm and trafficking persist despite RA10591 regulations, causing increased gun-related crimes and fatalities, with 7,702 deaths in the Philippines in 2014. Inadequate monitoring and enforcement of RA10591's provisions create loopholes that allow individuals to circumvent the law, posing a threat to public safety. The study was performed out at Cavite's Amadeo. The Amadeo Police Station's officers were the responders. Purposive sampling was used in their selection. It used qualitative research, and interviews were used to get relevant data.

The findings revealed that majority of the survey participants were police officers with the rank of Police Master Sergeant though other ranks were represented. Majority were college graduates who served for many years reflecting expertise and dedication maintaining weapon safety and control. The PNP takes initiatives increasing public understanding of the Comprehensive Firearms and Ammunition control Act. However, face a number of difficulties, such as a lack of funding and public opposition to some programs.

The study recommends community seminars and social media campaigns be held more often to address public opposition and low knowledge on the legal repercussions of non-compliance. The police force and local communities to establish trustworthy connections through communication, openness, and understanding to close gaps and promote voluntary compliance. The PNP should allocate resources, acquisition of equipment and supplies, and hire workers to implement the Comprehensive Firearms and Ammunition Regulation Act. To put in place a system of gun control, community involvement, monitoring and assessment. To modify tactics and enforcement measures to correspond with changing difficulties.

---

#### *How to cite:*

Villariez Jr., R. F., Buena-Villa, E., & Luis, J. G. G. (2026). Policing Firearm Regulation and Crime Control: Criminological Insights from the Philippine National Police in Amadeo, Cavite. *International Journal of Multidisciplinary: Applied Business and Education Research*, 7(3), 1264 – 1283. doi: 10.11594/ijmaber.07.03.22

---

**Keywords:** Amadeo (Cavite), Crime control, Firearm regulation, Law enforcement, Republic Act No. 10591.

---

## Background

There are a growing number of issues and problems arising that concern the illegitimate acquisition of firearms, which unfortunately is not given the attention of the government agency's concern. With the prevalence of criminality, this has been called a serious issue in society. This has challenged the persons in authority to suppress criminality and, likewise, the illegal possession of these firearms. Considering that this undermines security and hinders not only the freedom of ordinary citizens but also the development of society in general. Today, as the world rapidly changes, there are some pressing situations and instances that concern the significance of illegitimate firearms, which unfortunately have been used in transnational organized crime as well as criminality in society. Despite the problems that pertain to national security, only a few preventive security measures were created to combat these illegalities.

Illegal firearm possession and trafficking persist despite RA10591 regulations, causing increased gun-related crimes and fatalities, with 7,702 deaths in the Philippines in 2014. Inadequate monitoring and enforcement of RA10591's provisions create loopholes that allow individuals to circumvent the law, posing a threat to public safety. A study by Mellijor (2022) highlighted the challenges in enforcing the law effectively, leading to concerns about compliance and accountability.

In 2020, there were people arrested in Amadeo, Cavite, for illegal possession of firearms. Using fifteen search warrants for a criminal act, officials detained eight people in Amadeo Cavite and confiscated firearms, magazines, ammunition, and ammunition. According to authorities, the warrants led to an operation against the private armed gang. In July 2023, a man was detained in the municipality of Amadeo for unlawfully possessing a gun and ammunition.

The implementation of RA10591 in the Philippines faces challenges due to limited resources, including training, equipment, and personnel. This lack of awareness and

education contributes to non-compliance and misuse of firearms, causing safety concerns. Understanding the perceptions of the Philippine National Police and residents who have firearms in Amadeo, Cavite, can provide insights into the effectiveness of firearm regulations. Investigating the relationship between perceived effectiveness and crime reduction can help identify barriers to effective law enforcement. The study's findings can inform policy interventions to improve law enforcement practices and strengthen firearm regulations and this study also can contribute to the existing knowledge base on firearm regulation, law enforcement practices, and public safety initiatives, offering valuable insights for policymakers, law enforcement agencies, and researchers in the field of criminology.

Therefore, with these rising issues that concern the security of the country, providing enhancements to gun control policies is necessary to support effective and efficient implementations and to lessen or at least minimize the problems encountered with gun control policies. Researchers aim to determine the effectiveness of firearm regulation insights from the Philippine National Police of Amadeo, Cavite, a town with 41,901 residents as of the 2020 Census.

## Theoretical Framework

This study is anchored on the Strain theory that supports the study on "Enhancing Firearm Regulation: Insights from the Philippine National Police of Amadeo, Cavite."

In accordance to the strain theory, when people experience tension or strain between society ideals and their means to attain them, they may act in ways that are illegal. In terms of weapon control and law enforcement procedures, this theory can assist in explaining how the municipal law enforcement Personnel in Amadeo, in Cavite, have been influenced by the firearms regulation statute, RA10591. Since people might pick up abnormal behaviors by watching others in their social surroundings, the theory also emphasizes how social learning

shapes people's actions. Based on their encounters with coworkers, superiors, and the community, the law enforcement personnel in Amadeo, Cavite, may adopt particular attitudes and behaviors regarding weapon regulation.

**Conceptual Framework**

In the investigation, the input-process-output (IPO) model was applied. This helpful graph, known as the input-output (IPO) model, lists the inputs, outputs, and processing of inputs and outputs required to transform inputs into outputs. Frequently, the model is configured to incorporate any storage that takes

place throughout the procedure. This study's outside progression of information and resources is represented by the inputs.

The input contains both the respondent's profile and all of the information specified in the problem statement. The process involves research design, instrumentation, data gathering, data analysis, and how the results were gained through the responses of the Municipal Police Personnel and residents from Amadeo, Cavite. The process involves research design, instrumentation, data gathering, and data analysis. For the output, it is being specified that the outcome of the conducted study.

INPUT	PROCESS	OUTPUT
1. Demographic Profile of police personnel in Amadeo, Cavite	1. Research Design 1.1 Descriptive Qualitative research design	Enhancing Firearm Regulation: Insights from the Philippine National Police of Amadeo, Cavite
2. How effective is the strict implementation of RA 10591 in Amadeo, Cavite?	2. Research Instrument 2.1. Interview	
3. What are the challenges encountered by the uniformed members of the Philippine National Police of Amadeo, Cavite, in firearms crimes and incidents?	3. Location 3.1 Amadeo, Cavite	
4. Is there a significant relationship between the effectiveness of said implementation and the reduction in the number of firearm-related crimes and incidents?	4. Participants 4.1 Municipal Police Personnel of Amadeo Cavite	
	5. Data Analysis 5.1 Thematic Analysis Descriptive	

Figure 1. Conceptual framework of the study.

**Statement of the Problem**

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What is the demographic profile of the respondents in terms of the following:                     <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.1. Rank;</li> <li>1.2. Educational Attainment;</li> <li>1.3. Length of service;</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. How effective is the strict implementation of RA 10591 in Amadeo, Cavite?</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. What are the challenges encountered by the uniformed members of the Philippine National Police of Amadeo, Cavite, in firearms crimes and incidents?</li> <li>4. Is there a significant relationship between the effectiveness of said implementation and the reduction in the number of firearm-related crimes and incidents?</li> </ol> |
|---|--|

### **Assumption of the Study**

This study focuses on enhancing firearm regulation: insights from the Philippine National Police of Amadeo, Cavite. The following assumptions were made:

1. The demographic profile of respondents, including their educational attainment, length of service, and training attended about firearms, significantly influences the enhancement of firearm regulation insights from the PNP of Amadeo, Cavite.
2. The researchers assume that the enhancement of firearm regulation insights from the PNP in Amadeo, Cavite and residents who have firearms will serve as a foundation for police personnel to reduce firearm-related crime and incidents.
3. The researchers assume that the challenges encountered by police personnel about firearms crimes and incidents will contribute to a positive public perception of safety and security related to firearms.
4. The researchers assume that there is a significant relationship between the effectiveness of said implementation and the reduction of firearm-related crimes and incidents.

### **Scope and Limitations**

This study focuses on the findings of the enhancing from the perspective of the Municipal Police Station in Amadeo, Cavite. This study will involve at least 10 PNP personnel in Amadeo, Cavite. This study will take place in Amadeo, Cavite.

### **Methods**

This chapter explains various methodologies that were used in gathering data and analyzing it, which are relevant to the research. The methodologies will include areas such as the location of the study, research design, population and sampling, types of data, data collection methods, and data analysis.

### **Research Design**

This study will use descriptive qualitative research to assess the Municipal Police Station personnel in Amadeo, Cavite. The researchers will conduct this research to identify problems and gather comprehensive data and insights

using interviews. This approach aims to uncover the meanings and interpretations participants give to their experiences by collecting and categorizing data. Descriptive research studies analyze the characteristics of a population, pinpoint issues within a group, an establishment, or a population size, or they investigate differences in behaviors or customs throughout organizations or even nations.

Using this descriptive qualitative research, describe how enhancing the firearm regulation from the perspective of the Municipal Police Station and residents in Amadeo, Cavite.

### **Population and Sampling Procedure**

A purposive sampling technique was used to select respondents who possess direct knowledge and experience related to crime scene investigation and forensic coordination. The participants were Police Master Sergeants assigned to the Amadeo Municipal Police Station, as they serve as the operational link between command-level officers and frontline personnel. Their responsibilities often include supervising patrol operations, responding to crime scenes, preserving evidence, and coordinating with specialized forensic units such as the Provincial Forensic Team. Because of their position and field exposure, they are capable of providing informed insights on the effectiveness, challenges, and operational support provided by forensic services.

To ensure the reliability and credibility of the collected data, the study utilized member checking, wherein selected participants reviewed the summarized interview responses to confirm the accuracy of their statements. In addition, data triangulation was applied by comparing interview findings with available crime records, operational reports, and case documentation from the Amadeo Municipal Police Station. These validation procedures strengthened the trustworthiness of the research findings and helped ensure that interpretations accurately reflected the operational realities of police–forensic collaboration.

### **Research Instrument**

To get the appropriate data needed, the researchers will have questionnaires for an interview with the Municipal Police Station in

Amadeo, Cavite. In order to gain a thorough grasp of the police officers' opinions regarding the implementation of the law's improved firearm regulation, this interview will be unstructured and consist of open-ended questions. Participants will be asked about their demographic profile, how effective the strict implementation of RA 10591 is, their challenges faced in terms of firearms crimes and incidents, and lastly, the relationship between the strict implementation of RA 10591 and the reduction in the number of firearm-related incidents. Ensure that the research instrument interview questions are aligned with the research objectives and measure what they intend to measure.

### **Data Gathering Procedure**

For our data gathering procedure, conduct an unstructured interview with open-ended questions to allow participants to express their insights and experiences freely.

Phase 1: The researchers created an interview guide questionnaire about the said study for the interview, and the interview will be unstructured with open-ended questions. Validate it with the professor after the professor approves the interview questionnaire. Informed consent with the participants. After obtaining the consent, ask permission from the police personnel and residents of the designated area, which is the Municipal Police Station of Amadeo, Cavite.

Phase 2: Proceed to the chosen area for the interview and conduct the interview with the police personnel and the residents. Make sure that the recording has been set up.

Phase 3: After the interview, the researchers will assess the data gathered on the topic, including all relevant information. The next stage is to encode it on paper and, finally, to analyze the data given.

### **Data Analysis**

For our data analysis, the researchers will begin the data analysis process by combining all the data gathered from the interview. Combining all answers by number, it will categorize them based on their demographic profile. Additionally, we will focus word for word on the

respondents. The data analysis likely involves interviewing selected police officers and residents to gather their opinions and experiences regarding the implementation and effectiveness of the law.

This data could be analyzed through a thematic analysis to understand the officers' perceptions, experiences, and stories. According to Villages, F. (2023) In qualitative research, thematic analysis is common. Finding, evaluating, and interpreting patterns in qualitative data is emphasized. This analysis allows you to view qualitative data in a certain way. A collection of texts, such as an interview or a set of transcripts, is typically described using this term. This study uses a thematic analysis to identify patterns, themes, and insights from qualitative interview data, which involves coding, categorizing, and interpreting responses.

### **Result and Discussion**

This chapter presents the findings, analysis and interpretation of data gathered by the researchers from the participants through the questionnaire used in this study. The result of the findings of POLICING FIREARM REGULATION AND CRIME CONTROL: CRIMINOLOGICAL INSIGHTS FROM THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE IN AMADEO, CAVITE A Single Case Study were analyzed and interpreted orderly which is based in the statement of the problem of this study. It was held in Municipal Police Station of Amadeo, Cavite with all the members of the group. Each member was given the opportunity to interview the participants they selected.

**Problem No. 1:** What are your thoughts on the current state of firearms regulations in your locality in Amadeo, Cavite?

**Theme 1:** Implementation And enforcement compliance

This theme demonstrates that Enhancing Firearms and regulation: Insights from the Philippine National Police of Amadeo, Cavite (1) Implementing (2) Keeping (3) Served (4) Enforcing (5) Implemented (6) Doing (7) Surrendered (8) Beautiful

### Subtheme 1.1: Implementing

Therefore, seen by the present guns regulations in Amadeo, Cavite, the Philippine National Police (PNP) has taken a proactive stance in enforcing strict adherence to the Comprehensive guns and Ammunition Regulation Act. Search warrants are carried out, people are arrested for unlawful possession, and unregistered guns are voluntarily turned in through initiatives like Oplan Katok. Additionally, the PNP runs educational initiatives to increase public knowledge of gun control legislation. Despite some obstacles including few resources and public opposition, the PNP is dedicated to improving public safety by ongoing enforcement and encouraging community collaboration.

#### Subtheme 1.1: Implementing

DATA SOURCE: Interview

#### EVIDENCE

- P1 "We are implementing RA. 10591"
- P2 "Keeping a close watch on the gun"
- P3 "We document, we've served every home"
- P4 "We are enforcing this tilt in Republic Act 10591"
- P5 "Implemented properly"
- P6 "We are doing our job"
- P7 "We are doing our work"
- P8 "Surrendered to our station"
- P9 "it's beautiful"
- P10 "Already doing"

Observation: An interview, Through proactive and coordinated efforts, the Philippine National Police (PNP) of Amadeo, Cavite, showed a strong commitment to upholding RA 10591. Statements like "We have enforced the prejudice in Republic Act 10591" and "We are doing our job" demonstrated their commitment and feeling of duty. They highlighted openness and alertness, citing initiatives such as "keeping a close watch on the gun" and "documenting and serving every home." Phrases like "It's beautiful" demonstrated their pride in their work, demonstrating their conviction that the law improves community safety. In order to promote trust and compliance, their strategy also placed a strong emphasis on cooperation and encouraged the voluntary surrender of firearms. In order to guarantee the successful implementation of RA 10591, the respondents disclosed

their emphasis on striking a balance between stringent enforcement and community involvement.

Data/Documentation: Annex a outlines the Amadeo municipal police station's (MPS) execution of oplan katok in accordance with RA. 10591 is described in annex a. In order to ensure compliance with the law, this program entails officers going from house to house to check for unauthorized firearms and expired firearm licenses. Officers provide interim custody for firearms whose licenses have expired until they are renewed during these visits, and they also teach gun owners about the value of compliance. By lowering the number of illegal firearms in the neighborhood, the initiative has increased safety, promoted cooperation, and reinforced community trust. Documented visits, guns turned in, and license renewals are proof of the program's effectiveness and demonstrate the Amadeo MPs' dedication to successfully implementing RA 10591.

**Problem No. 2:** Can you describe the current protocols you follow to enforce RA 10591? What specific steps do you take to ensure compliance among residents?

### Theme 2: Proactive Communication and Action for Firearm Regulation

This theme demonstrates that Enhancing Firearms and regulation: Insights from the Philippine National Police of Amadeo, Cavite, illustrate how to improve firearms and regulations: (1) Clarity (2) Background (3) do (4) File (5) Conduct (6) Visitation (7) Discussion (8) Disseminate (9) Sending.

### Subtheme 2: Clarity

The Philippine National Police (PNP) uses a proactive strategy that prioritizes action, communication, and clarity in order to execute Republic Act No. 10591 in Amadeo, Cavite. To make sure that people are aware of the legal requirements, they hold seminars and workshops to enlighten locals on firearm regulations. Operations are carried out to seize unregistered firearms, and regular visits are made to firearm owners to ensure compliance. In addition, the PNP files cases when infractions take

place, reminds licensed gun owners, and distributes information via a variety of channels. The community is kept informed, compliant, and dedicated to maintaining firearm laws for public safety thanks to these coordinated efforts.

Subtheme 2: Clarity

DATA SOURCE: Interview

EVIDENCE:

- P1 " We give them clarity"
- P2 "We do background check"
- P3 "We do the OPLAN KATOK"
- P4 "File Search Warrant"
- P5 "Also Conducted OPLAN KATOK"
- P6 "House to House Visitation"
- P7 "House to House Visitation"
- P8 "We have discussion"
- P9 "To disseminate those information"
- P10 "We are sending notices to the license owners"

Observation: During the interview with It was pointed out that the officers of the Philippine National Police (PNP) in Amadeo, Cavite, always underlined the value of clear and proactive communication when implementing weapons laws. Speaking with assurance, the cops discussed their attempts to interact with the community by visiting homes one-on-one and ensuring that gun owners were aware of their obligations. They emphasized the strategic usage of "OPLAN KATOK" to perform background checks and monitor compliance. The cops also emphasized how important it is to maintain accountability and openness by making sure that all procedures, including obtaining search warrants and notifying gun owners, are carried out in a methodical manner. It was clear from the conversation that the PNP prioritizes community engagement and education in addition to upholding the law. In order to regulate firearms and maintain public safety, the cops showed a dedication to openness, transparency, and proactive involvement.

Data/Documentation:Annex B outlines the Amadeo Municipal Police Station's (MPS) enforcement efforts to guarantee adherence to Republic Act No. 10591. These include the use of search warrants to find illicit firearms, the confiscation of unlicensed weapons, and house

visits to keep an eye on gun owners. With set quotas, the MPS also promotes voluntary handgun surrenders; all transactions are meticulously recorded for openness. These efforts have been successful in lowering firearm-related occurrences and improving public safety in Amadeo because of the community's constructive collaboration.

**Problem No. 3:** What are the most significant problems you have observed in the enforcement of RA 10591 here in Amadeo, Cavite?

**Theme 3:** Ensuring Compliance through Proactive Firearm Regulation

This theme demonstrates that Enhancing Firearms and regulation: Insights from the Philippine National Police Of Amadeo, Cavite (1) House (2) Comply (3) Search (4) Gone (5) Holding (6) Surrendered (7) Report (8) Applying (9) encounter.

**Subtheme 3: Systematic Enforcement and Community Engagement**

In Amadeo, Cavite, significant challenges in enforcing Republic Act No. 10591 include the presence of unregistered firearms, non-compliance with legal requirements such as license renewals and proper storage, and resistance to surrendering loose firearms despite initiatives like "Oplan Katok." The Philippine National Police (PNP) also faces resource limitations, which hinder the effectiveness and frequency of enforcement operations. Additionally, while educational campaigns are conducted, there is a need for more sustained public awareness efforts to ensure all residents understand and comply with firearm.

Subtheme 3: Systematic Enforcement and Community Engagement

DATA SOURCE: Interview

EVIDENCE:

- P1 "We go to their house"
- P2 "We can comply right away"
- P3 "We can search warrant"
- P4 "He always said the gun owner was that the gun was gone"
- P5 "Were holding the gun"
- P6 " They surrendered those who asked for a quota of firearms surrenders"

- P7 "What did they ask for a quota of those who surrendered firearms"  
 P8 "There are reports to us"  
 P9 "Applying for a search warrant"  
 P10 "We haven't encountered any problems"

Observation: It became demonstrated during the interview that the uniformed members of the Philippine National Police (PNP) in Amadeo, Cavite, have established a coordinated strategy for implementing firearms laws. In order to ensure firearm compliance, the respondents frequently highlighted the proactive nature of their activities, especially their strategy for doing house inspections. Statements such as "We go to their house" and "We can comply right away" suggested a high level of preparedness and willingness to engage with firearm owners directly, emphasizing that the PNP acts quickly when violations are identified. The respondents also discussed the use of legal tools such as "search warrants" and their ability to "hold the gun" or have firearms "surrendered" as needed. Statements such as "We haven't encountered any problems" demonstrate their confidence in their approaches and show that the community has generally been responsive and cooperative. This supported the notion that their methodical efforts to maintain law and order through community participation and enforcement are having a good impact.

Data/Documentation: Annex C provides an overview of the information gathered by the Amadeo Municipal Police Station (MPS) about the application of Republic Act No. 10591. It covers the total number of search warrants issued, illicit firearms seized, and house visits made to verify compliance. Along with highlighting the firearm surrenders, the annex includes statistical data on the decline in firearm-related crimes in the area, community feedback on the enforcement actions, and comprehensive records on quota compliance. This information offers important insights into how well the MPS has been able to reduce occurrences using firearms and maintain public safety.

**Problem No. 4:** How do you assess the enforcement of secure storage requirements for firearms as mandated by RA 10591 in Amadeo?

**Theme 4:** Secure Storage for Peace of Mind

This theme demonstrates that Enhancing Firearms and regulation: Insights from the Philippine National Police Of Amadeo, Cavite (1) Supply section (2) Storage facilities (3) Kept in our supply (4) Are guiding that weapon (5) Secure in the storage (6) We also have the owners sign (7) Holding an unlicensed firearm (8) Guns are safekeeping (9)We will safekeeping.

**Subtheme 4.1: Supply Section**

In Amadeo, Cavite, the enforcement of secure storage requirements for firearms under Republic Act No. 10591 is actively managed by the Philippine National Police (PNP) through various measures. The PNP's Supply Section ensures that all firearms are properly recorded and stored in secure facilities, adhering to the law's standards. Firearm owners are guided on proper storage practices and are required to sign agreements acknowledging their responsibility to securely store their weapons. Additionally, the PNP addresses unlicensed firearms through regular operations and ensures that firearms are kept in safekeeping conditions to prevent unauthorized access and misuse. These efforts reflect the PNP's commitment to enhancing firearm regulation and ensuring public safety.

Subtheme 4.1: Supply section

DATA SOURCE: Interview

EVIDENCE:

- P1 " we have a section called the supply section"  
 P2 " we have storage facilities up there, when they take out their safekeeping"  
 P3 " documented that are being kept in our supply"  
 P4 " we have this storage. We are guiding that Weapon has no load, unload"  
 P5 " we really ensure that it will be more secure in the storage of our supply"  
 P6 " we're recording it,BOX, of course it's recorded. We also have the owners sign something like a waiver that they agree to this"  
 P7 " we're recording it. Ahh... it's in a box, of course, then it's recorded, we also have the owners sign"  
 P8 " holding an unlicensed firearm can be prosecute"

P9 " all of those guns are safekeeping"  
P10 "we will safekeeping them and we give them pictures of the receipt until they renew their firearms"

Observation: During the interview, it was clear that the Philippine National Police (PNP) in Amadeo, Cavite, prioritizes the secure storage and regulation of firearms under Republic Act No. 10591. Officers demonstrated a strong commitment to ensuring that firearms are properly stored, with owners signing agreements to acknowledge their responsibility. Despite these initiatives, there are still issues, especially with unauthorized firearms, since some locals still possess unregistered weapons. Although it is acknowledged that ongoing engagement and education are required to guarantee complete compliance with the law, the PNP continues to take a proactive approach, educating the public and taking action against infractions.

Data/Documentation: Annex D demonstrates how the Supply Section of the Amadeo Municipal Police Station (MPS) helps to enforce Republic Act No. 10591. In order to maintain legal compliance, the Supply Section is in charge of safely keeping, recording, and keeping an eye on firearms. This covers overseeing the registration of firearms, carrying out examinations, and making sure they are stored properly in safe locations. In order to combat infractions, the PNP seizes unregistered firearms and makes sure their owners follow safety procedures. Notwithstanding these initiatives, there are still issues, such as unlicensed firearms and the requirement for ongoing public education to lower the unlawful distribution of firearms and improve adherence to RA 10591.

**Problem No. 5:** What specific challenges have you encountered in the implementation of RA 10591? Are there specific situations or cases that stand out?

**Theme 5:** Strict Adherence to Legal Authority

This theme illustrates how to improve that Enhancing Firearms and regulation: Insights from the Philippine National Police of Amadeo, Cavite (1) Strict (2) Filed Search Warrant (3)

Uncooperating (4) Search warrant (5) Information Campaign (6) We need the item (7) When the owner is dead (8) Search warrant process (9) Search warrant applied (10) happened.

**Subtheme 5.1: Strict**

The implementation of Republic Act No. 10591 in Amadeo, Cavite, Several barriers stand in the way of Amadeo, Cavite's execution of Republic Act No. 10591, especially when it comes to dealing with recalcitrant gun owners and the holding of unlicensed firearms. The PNP must obtain search warrants in order to seize illicit firearms since some people refuse to follow the law, even in the face of initiatives like awareness-raising information campaigns. To guarantee that the evidence is acceptable in court, the process of obtaining and carrying out search warrants is rigorous and must adhere to legal procedures. When gun owners die, there are additional issues that make it challenging to transfer ownership or seize firearms. In order to maintain public safety, the PNP is nonetheless dedicated to upholding the law through rigorous adherence to legal procedures.

Subtheme 5.1: Strict  
DATA SOURCE: Interview  
EVIDENCE:

- P1 "we are strict about it because the PNP is the holder of the license"
- P2 "We filed a search warrant"
- P3 "Uncooperating People"
- P4 "Were using Search warrant"
- P5 "the challenges is the information campaign"
- P6 " we need the item itself, that's what we usually do when the owner is dead or has been sold"
- P7 " we often do there when the owner is dead or the gun has been sold"
- P8 " We have in the search warrant process"
- P9 " When search warrant is applied"
- P10 "Nothing has happened"

Observation: As the official holders of firearm licenses, the Philippine National Police (PNP) in Amadeo, Cavite, maintains strict adherence to Republic Act No. 10591, as was made clear throughout the interview. The PNP

has many obstacles to overcome, especially when it comes to noncompliant people who make it necessary to use search warrants to seize unlicensed firearms. When the owner of the firearm has passed away or the weapon has been sold, retrieval and ownership transfer become more challenging. Public knowledge gaps remain despite the information campaign's efforts, underscoring the difficulties and complications the PNP faces in enforcing the law.

Data/Documentation: Annex E outlines the Amadeo Municipal Police Station (MPS)'s rigorous implementation of Republic Act No. 10591, which highlights their position as the authorized license holders and their dedication to upholding gun laws. The PNP uses search warrants to seize unlicensed firearms in spite of obstacles including uncooperative people and a lack of public knowledge, guaranteeing the lawful retrieval of weapons in cases when compliance is lacking. Enforcement is further complicated by issues that occur when firearms are sold or when the owner passes away. However, by closely following the law and making constant attempts to inform the public about weapons rules, the Amadeo MPS continues to be committed to public safety.

**Problem No. 6:** Do you think there is enough public awareness and education regarding the responsibilities of firearm ownership under RA 10591 in Amadeo?

**Theme 6:** A Foundation of Preparedness

This theme demonstrates that Enhancing Firearms and regulation. The Philippine National Police of Amadeo, Cavite provided the following insights: (1) requirements; (2) PCR section; (3) start raising awareness; (4) compete with them; (5) conduct; (6) Oplan Bandillo; (7) caught with a pistol; (8) obtained; and (9) passing a notice.

**Subtheme 6.1: Requirements**

Under Republic Act No. 10591, the Philippine National Police (PNP) has built a strong basis for public education and understanding about the responsibilities of gun ownership in Amadeo, Cavite. The Public Community Relations (PCR) division of the PNP is essential in starting awareness campaigns, like Oplan

Bandillo, to inform locals about gun laws and the penalties for breaking them. In order to foster a culture of responsible gun ownership and enhance community safety and security, these initiatives seek to make sure that people are aware of the obligations and liabilities related to gun ownership.

Subtheme 6.1: Requirements

DATA SOURCE: Interview

EVIDENCE:

P1 " have requirements to get one"

P2 " we have PCR section"

P3 " We will begin all our awareness"

P4 " We compete with them"

P5 "We co-conducted our police community relations officer"

P6 " We have OPLAN BANDILLO"

P7 " we always have OPLAN BANDILLO"

P8 " is always an excuse for being caught with a gun or being told that they have a gun, saying that it is only for protection"

P9 " there are higher percentages now, but there are still those that were previously obtained that they did not understand much"

P10 "we are passing a notice so that they will be aware that if they do not renew"

Observation: Through public awareness campaigns headed by the PCR department, the Philippine National Police (PNP) in Amadeo, Cavite, was seen to be vigorously enforcing the provisions of Republic Act No. 10591 during the interview. The community is educated about the responsibilities of gun ownership through initiatives like OPLAN Bandillo. Notwithstanding these initiatives, some people continue to defend gun ownership for self-defense, exposing ignorance among the general public. Even while awareness has grown, particularly among those who were previously ignorant of the law, some people still find it difficult to understand the needs of the law. In order to address this, the PNP posts notifications informing gun owners of the significance of renewing their permits and maintaining legal compliance, emphasizing the continuous initiatives to raise awareness and compliance in Amadeo.

Data/Documentation: Annex F highlights the Amadeo Municipal Police Station's

(MPS) proactive approach to enforcing Republic Act No. 10591 through the PCR portion and Oplan Bandillo. One important public awareness campaign is Oplan Bandillo, which aims to inform the public on the obligations of gun ownership, including the purchase, maintenance, and safe storage of firearms. To make sure that gun owners are aware of the law's obligations, the PCR section is essential in spreading knowledge through seminars, house visits, and notices. Even though these initiatives have been successful in increasing awareness, it is still difficult to engage all locals, especially those who are uninformed or opposed to the law. The PNP is still working to guarantee complete compliance and responsible gun ownership in the community.

**Problem No. 7:** Do you believe that the resources and support provided to enforce RA 10591 are sufficient? What additional support do you think could improve enforcement?

**Theme 1:** The Pillar of Effective Operations

This theme demonstrates that Enhancing Firearms and regulation: Insights from the Philippine National Police of Amadeo, Cavite (1) Support (2) Lack man power (3) Financial support (4) Firearms Exclusive office (5) Coordination (6) changed (7) doing their job w (8) Relationship with the community (9) Specific incidents.

**Subtheme 1.1:** Strict Waste Segregation Enforced

The enforcement of republic act no. 10591 in Amadeo, Cavite, relies on the efforts of the Philippine national police (PNP), but challenges persist due to insufficient manpower and financial support. while the firearms and explosives office (FEO) manages firearm regulations, there is a need for enhanced coordination among law enforcement and other agencies to ensure a more streamlined and efficient process. the lack of resources hampers thorough inspections, awareness campaigns, and the acquisition of necessary equipment to enforce the law effectively. additionally, strengthening the relationship with the community and establishing a firearms-exclusive office within

the pnp could improve enforcement by fostering collaboration and increasing operational efficiency, thus contributing to greater public safety.

Subtheme 7.1: Support  
DATA SOURCE: Interview  
EVIDENCE:

- P1 "enough support for the implementation of this law"
- P2 "we lack man power , but in terms of mobility"
- P3 "financial support to the Operate Personnel"
- P4 " will be here, as the FEO, the Firearms Exclusive Office, do the caravan"
- P5 " more inter-agency coordination, that's support, especially for the LGUs, because for the PNP"
- P6 " much has changed since then, it's still the same until now"
- P7 " much has changed since then, it's still the same"
- P8 " they are doing their job and their obligations as law enforcers to implement the called the implementation of RA 10591"
- P9 " there is a relationship with the community"
- P10 "We don't have any specific incidents caused by conflict"

Observation: While there is sufficient support for the implementation of Republic Act No. 10591 in Amadeo, Cavite, difficulties still exist because of a shortage of personnel and financial limitations, which limit the effectiveness of enforcement efforts, especially with regard to operational funding and mobility, as was noted during the interview. In order to guarantee compliance, the Firearms Exclusive Office (FEO) is crucial in planning events like caravans; however, more interagency coordination is required, particularly with local government units (LGUs), to improve enforcement. The PNP has a good connection with the community in spite of these difficulties, and there haven't been any major disputes or incidents, demonstrating the value of continued cooperation and support in ensuring that the law is properly executed.

Data/Documentation: Annex G highlights the support and challenges faced by the Amadeo Municipal Police Station (MPS) in enforcing Republic Act No. 10591. Even though the station has enough assistance for implementation, major problems including a shortage of personnel and budgetary limitations prevent it from carrying out operations to the fullest extent possible. In order to guarantee compliance, the Firearms Exclusive Office (FEO) organizes caravans; nonetheless, interagency collaboration, especially with local government units (LGUs), is still a significant area that needs to be improved. Notwithstanding these obstacles, the MPS continues to have a good rapport with the community, which facilitates efficient enforcement. Improving the efficiency of Amadeo's gun control laws requires bolstering community involvement, coordination, and funding. Problem No. 7.1: Have there been specific instances where the enforcement of RA 10591 has led to community conflicts or misunderstandings? How were these resolved?

**Theme 7.1: Strength in Upholding the Law**

Insights from the Philippine National Police of Amadeo, Cavite (1) Encountered any incidents (2) Search warrant approved (3) re-complain (4) covered by unity (5) We are the law's enforcers (6) Implementation (7) No implementation (8) recommendation (9) An encounter (This theme illustrates how to improve firearms and regulation).

**Subtheme 7.2: Encountered any incidents**

In Amadeo, Cavite, the implementation of RA 10591 has occasionally encountered difficulties, including complaints and miscommunications during search warrant operations. These issues are frequently brought on by opposition or a lack of knowledge about the legal process. In spite of this, the Amadeo Municipal Police Station (MPS) places a strong emphasis on their function as law enforcement, emphasizing cooperation and appropriate use of the law to settle disputes. Recommendations, candid dialogue, and remedial measures are used to address instances of non-compliance or complaints, guaranteeing that matters are resolved in an open and equitable manner. The

MPS has successfully handled these interactions by building trust and interacting with the community, proving their dedication to enforcing the law while preserving harmony and public collaboration.

**Subtheme 7.2: Encountered any incidents**

DATA SOURCE: Interview

EVIDENCE:

- P1 " we haen't encountered any incidents because all the people here in Amadeo seem to cooperate when it comes to this law"
- P2 " We don't have any conflicts because when you when our SW (Search Warrant) are approved "
- P3 " would re-complain them"
- P4 " we will do the action, will be covered by the unity if neighbors are angry"
- P5 " there is no such thing as the implementation of 10591"
- P6 " no implementation of what 10591 through a search warrant"
- P7 " to enforce the unlicensed guns to be kept safe here at the station"
- P8 "The recommendations that I can give for the implementation of RA 10591"
- P9 " We haven't had an encounter like that because they submit"
- P10 "Nothing mentioned"

Observation: It was mentioned during the interview that community collaboration is highly valued by the Amadeo Municipal Police Station (MPS) in the implementation of RA 10591. Officers emphasized that residents have a high degree of compliance, which has helped to prevent major events or confrontations. Their strategy for obtaining search warrant approvals and resolving little issues like neighbor conflicts or re-complaints shows a dedication to cooperation and openness. The MPS highlighted areas for improvement, such as raising public awareness and improving their processes for implementing RA 10591, but they also indicated confidence in their strategy. All things considered, the interview demonstrated a constructive connection between law enforcement and the community, supported by respect for one another and proactive involvement.

Data/Documentation: Annex H highlights the proactive measures taken by the Amadeo Municipal Police Station (MPS) to increase public knowledge of RA 10591 through programs like Oplan Bandillo, community seminars, and notice and reminder distribution. By stressing license renewals and appropriate gun storage, these initiatives aim to inform locals about their obligations as gun owners. Many residents have willingly complied with the law, which has been made possible by the high degree of communal collaboration. To improve these initiatives even more, the MPS recognizes the need for more resources and wider outreach. All things considered, the station's dedication to raising public knowledge promotes a law-abiding populace and fortifies Amadeo, Cavite's gun control laws.

**Problem No. 8:** How would you rate the overall effectiveness of RA 10591's implementation in Amadeo, Cavite?

**Theme 8:** Committed to Excellence and Growth

This theme demonstrates that Enhancing Firearms and regulation: Insights from the Philippine National Police of Amadeo, Cavite (1) Would be 10/10 (2) stricter (3) 10/10 (4) 99.9% (5) 7 because there's still room for improvement (6) Of course 10 (7) 10 of course (8) Can only say 9. (9) 8 over 10 (10) I rate 10.

### Subtheme 8.1: Outstanding

In Amadeo, Cavite, the Philippine National Police (PNP) has established a robust foundation for public awareness and education regarding the responsibilities of firearm ownership under Republic Act No. 10591. The PNP's Public Community Relations (PCR) section plays a pivotal role in initiating awareness campaigns, such as Oplan Bandillo, to educate residents about firearm regulations and the legal consequences of non-compliance. These efforts aim to ensure that individuals are well-informed about the requirements and responsibilities associated with firearm ownership, thereby promoting a culture of responsible gun ownership and contributing to the overall safety and security of the community.

### Subtheme 8.1: Outstanding

DATA SOURCE: Interview:

EVIDENCE:

P1 " it would be 10/10"

P2 " to be stricter especially on guns because it's going to be hard because there's LTOPF"

P3 " 10, 10 being the highest, here are 8, because our implementation is okay here, we get rid of"

P4 " we are 99.9%. Because almost the deposit firearm here is in the 118 unregistered firearms deposit us"

P5 " it's probably at 7 because there's still room for improvement, so for me, it's 7, so it's still passable. So that's how I would rate the effectiveness of RA 10591"

P6 " 1 is the lowest 10 is the highest, of course 10"

P7 " One is the lowest and in the highest is 10 of course 10 because we are the once who surrendered"

P8 " I can only say 9 because there are some residents here who don't live here but their names in the system are still there so we can't find out"

P9 " 8 over 10"

P10 " I rate it 10 out of 10 because we will inform them so they have no reason not to know the law of RA 10591"

Observation: During the interview, it was observed that the officers and stakeholders of the Amadeo MPS expressed a strong sense of responsibility and pride in their enforcement of RA 10591. They acknowledged problems including out-of-date resident information and the sporadic difficulties in tracing down gun owners, but they also highlighted important achievements like a high compliance rate and successful public awareness initiatives. Ratings of the effectiveness of the law were continuously high, ranging from 8 to 10 out of 10, indicating a strong emphasis on maintaining strict enforcement. The officers' dedication to maintaining public safety and legal compliance was evident in their proactive approach to filling in the gaps and their emphasis on the value of ongoing improvement.

Data/Documentation: Annex I represent the Amadeo Municipal Police Station's evaluation of their RA 10591 enforcement,

with scores ranging from 7 to 10. With a 99.9% firearm deposit compliance rate, stringent compliance checks, and strong community cooperation, several officers gave the enforcement efforts a perfect score of 10/10. Some did, however, recognize room for improvement, notably with regard to tracking issues and out-of-date records. Notwithstanding these little failures, the MPS's proactive public awareness initiatives and dedication to educate locals received great reviews, demonstrating its commitment to improving safety and legal compliance.

**Problem No. 9:** What recommendations would you offer to improve the effectiveness of RA 10591 implementation and the handling of firearm-related incidents in Amadeo, Cavite?

**Theme 9:** Strengthening Awareness and Engagement

This theme demonstrates that Enhancing Firearms and regulation: Insights from the Philippine National Police of Amadeo, Cavite (1) Following the order (2) Giving reminders on social media (3) Awareness (4) Caught In unexpired (5) the trust should be improved (6) Oplan Katok (7) Don't stop reminding people (8) keep updating (9) community awareness (10) Conducted seminar.

### Subtheme 9.1: Following the order

To improve the enforcement of RA 10591 and handle firearm-related issues better in Amadeo, Cavite, it would be helpful to regularly remind the community through social media about the importance of renewing firearm licenses and keeping guns secure. Oplan Katok could be made more effective by doing more house visits to remind owners who might be forgetting their responsibilities. Holding more community seminars to educate people about the law and its consequences would also be beneficial. It's important to build stronger trust between the police and the community, as this can lead to better cooperation. Keeping everyone updated with the latest information will help make sure no one falls behind. By focusing on awareness and engagement, the police and the public can work together to reduce firearm-related problems.

### Subtheme 1.1: Following the order

DATA SOURCE: Interview

EVIDENCE:

- P1 " we are following the order from above"
- P2 " we can do anything other than giving reminders on social media and giving out fliers"
- P3 " just pursue the awareness because it's so divided by your public awareness"
- P4 " they raise a penalty. Those who are caught in unexpired firearms or those who are late used to bad"
- P5 " what we are trying to achieve is the effectiveness of 10591. So according to that, maybe the power of the police in the police community relationship is also there, so the trust should be improved"
- P6" Just intensify OPLAN KATOK and don't stop reminding people"
- P7 " OPLAN KATOK is always just an order from the top. OPLAN KATOK is just intense and don't stop reminding people"
- P8 " keep updating among the recommendations, those are the ones when the police come, such as lectures"
- P9 " community awareness then good harmonious relationship with the community to be effective in 10591"
- P10 "we conducted a seminar. We are summoning the gun owners who use guns properly."

Observation: During the interview it was clear that the police in Amadeo follow higher-ups' instructions and focus on educating the community about firearm laws. They use OPLAN KATOK to visit homes and remind gun owners about their responsibilities. They also believe in building a strong relationship with the community to gain trust and encourage people to follow the law. The officers use seminars, leaflets, and social media to raise awareness. By maintaining ties with the community, their strategy demonstrates their commitment to making sure individuals comprehend and abide by the law.

Data/Documentation: Annex J reflects the efforts of the Amadeo Municipal Police Station to inform the people about firearm regulations and guarantee adherence to RA 10591 are highlighted in Reflect Amadeo Cavite MPS Oplan Katok and Spread Awareness of RA

10591. The police regularly visit homes through OPLAN Katok to encourage gun owners to renew their licenses and store their weapons properly. Additionally, they employ a variety of strategies to raise awareness, including community lectures, flyers, and social media campaigns. Enhancing public awareness and ensuring gun owners abide by the law are the goals of these initiatives. Although there are still issues like delayed compliance or a lack of resources, the program has assisted in increasing awareness. To increase trust and adherence to gun control laws, the police keep interacting with the public.

## Results and Discussions

This chapter summarizes the study's findings, conclusions, and recommendations, which examine the efficacy of RA 10951's stringent execution in Amadeo, Cavite. Additionally, it offers suggestions for future study that might be undertaken.

The study was performed out at Cavite's Amadeo. The Amadeo Police Station's officers were the responders. Purposive sampling was used in their selection. It used qualitative research, and interviews were used to get relevant data.

### Summary of findings

#### 1. Demographic Profile of Respondents

The demographic data indicate that the 7 respondents were Police Master Sergeants, although the sample also included officers from other ranks within the Philippine National Police (PNP). This composition is significant because Police Master Sergeants often serve as frontline supervisors and operational personnel, acting as a critical link between command-level directives and street-level law enforcement activities. Their professional role provides them with direct exposure to firearm regulation, enforcement operations, and community interaction.

In terms of educational attainment, most respondents were college graduates, reflecting the professionalization of the police force and the increasing emphasis on higher education within the PNP organization. Furthermore, a large proportion of the respondents reported many years of service, suggesting substantial

field experience and familiarity with firearm-related laws and operational procedures. This level of experience strengthens the credibility of the responses, as the participants possess practical knowledge regarding the implementation of firearm regulations in their respective jurisdictions.

#### 2. Procedural Implementation of RA 10591

The findings indicate that the PNP demonstrates a structured and proactive approach to implementing Republic Act No. 10591, also known as the Comprehensive Firearms and Ammunition Regulation Act. Enforcement strategies include the execution of search warrants targeting illegal firearms, arrests for unlawful possession, and the implementation of programs such as Oplan Katok, which encourages individuals to voluntarily surrender or register unlicensed firearms.

These initiatives highlight the procedural mechanisms used by law enforcement agencies to control the proliferation of illegal firearms and promote responsible firearm ownership. However, respondents also noted that the legal and procedural requirements associated with firearm enforcement—such as obtaining search warrants, ensuring proper documentation, and complying with legal safeguards—can sometimes create operational delays. While these procedures are necessary to protect civil liberties and ensure due process, they may also limit the speed and flexibility of enforcement operations.

#### 3. Logistical Challenges in Firearm Enforcement

Despite the commitment of law enforcement personnel, the study revealed several logistical challenges that affect the effective enforcement of firearm regulations. Respondents identified issues such as limited operational funding, insufficient equipment, and manpower constraints as key barriers to sustaining effective monitoring and enforcement activities.

These limitations reduce the ability of police units to conduct continuous surveillance, intelligence gathering, and enforcement operations aimed at curbing the circulation of illegal firearms. In some cases, resource constraints may restrict the frequency of patrols, inspections, and follow-up investigations. As a result,

law enforcement agencies may struggle to maintain consistent enforcement presence in communities where firearm-related offenses are likely to occur.

#### 4. Social Challenges and Community Cooperation

Another important finding of the study relates to the social dimension of firearm regulation, particularly the role of community cooperation in supporting enforcement efforts. The PNP has implemented various public awareness campaigns and educational initiatives designed to inform citizens about firearm registration requirements and the importance of responsible gun ownership.

However, respondents indicated that these initiatives sometimes face community resistance, limited public participation, and varying levels of trust in law enforcement institutions. In some communities, fear of retaliation, lack of awareness, or skepticism toward government programs may discourage individuals from reporting illegal firearms or cooperating with authorities. These social barriers reduce the overall effectiveness of community-based firearm regulation programs and highlight the importance of strengthening police-community partnerships.

#### 5. Criminological Implications of Enforcement Challenges

The findings of the study can be interpreted through the lens of deterrence theory, which suggests that individuals are less likely to engage in criminal behavior when there is a high perceived certainty of apprehension. When law enforcement agencies experience logistical constraints, limited manpower, or weakened community cooperation, the visibility and effectiveness of firearm enforcement may decline.

Consequently, the perceived certainty of apprehension among potential offenders may decrease, creating conditions that could encourage illegal firearm possession and trafficking. This situation may contribute to the persistence of firearm-related offenses despite existing legal frameworks such as RA 10591. Strengthening enforcement capacity, improving logistical support, and enhancing community engagement are therefore essential strategies for reinforcing deterrence and ensuring

the effective implementation of firearm regulation policies.

### Conclusion

#### a. The Philippine National Police's (PNP) dedication to public safety

According to the report, the Philippine National Police (PNP) is steadfast in its commitment to maintaining public safety by strictly enforcing gun laws, especially the Comprehensive Firearms and Ammunition Regulation Act. Search warrants, arrests for unlawful firearm ownership, and initiatives like Oplan Katok, which promote the voluntary surrender of unregistered firearms, are all examples of the PNP's proactive actions. The PNP's continued commitment to tackling the severe problem of illicit guns in the nation is evident in these efforts. But there are still a lot of obstacles to overcome in spite of their efforts. Insufficient resources still make it difficult for the PNP to successfully conduct enforcement operations. This includes limitations on the resources—money, staff, and equipment—necessary to increase outreach initiatives and strengthen enforcement capacities. Furthermore, there is a lot of community opposition to several parts of the gun control laws, especially in rural regions where cultural norms and mistrust of the government make compliance difficult. The publication also highlights the need for additional education and knowledge of weapons regulations and the repercussions of non-compliance, even if the PNP's enforcement efforts are praiseworthy. There is still a lack of public awareness on the significance of appropriate firearm security, licensing, and registration. To encourage more public involvement in firearms-related law-abiding behaviors, this knowledge and awareness gap has to be filled.

#### b. reliance on educational initiatives and community collaboration

The degree of community participation is closely linked to the overall efficacy of firearm laws in the Philippines, and it is not only reliant on PNP enforcement efforts. The effectiveness of firearms legislation depends on local communities' active participation in law enforcement, which is greatly impacted by the quality of the public-police relationship. In order to

identify unlawful gun owners, promote the surrender of unregistered guns, and increase public support for further safety measures, the PNP needs this cooperation. In addition, education is essential to making sure that these rules are successful. Through focused campaigns, seminars, and media outreach, it is imperative to consistently foster the community's comprehension of firearm regulations. Enhancing voluntary compliance requires public education campaigns on the hazards of unregistered firearms, the legal ramifications of non-compliance, and the advantages of following firearm laws. A better-informed population is more likely to actively assist in identifying offenders and reducing the general circulation of illicit firearms in addition to adhering to the rules. In conclusion, even though the PNP has made great progress in enforcing gun regulations, community cooperation and ongoing educational programs will optimize the efficacy of these efforts. The long-term sustainability of weapon regulatory programs will depend on fostering public-police trust and collaboration, increasing resources, and regularly assessing enforcement tactics.

Based on the findings of the study, several practical and policy-oriented recommendations are proposed to strengthen the implementation of Republic Act No. 10591 (Comprehensive Firearms and Ammunition Regulation Act) and improve the effectiveness of firearm regulation within the municipality of Amadeo.

#### 1. Digitalized Community Reporting System

To address the gap in community cooperation and encourage citizen participation, the study recommends the development of a localized and anonymous reporting system for illegal firearms. This may take the form of an SMS-based hotline or a mobile application platform managed by the local police station.

Such a system would allow residents to confidentially report suspected illegal firearm possession, trafficking, or expired firearm licenses without fear of retaliation. Integrating digital reporting mechanisms would increase accessibility, particularly for individuals who may be hesitant to report directly to law enforcement. Furthermore, the system could be linked to PNP communication units or local command centers, ensuring that reported information is

properly documented and acted upon in a timely manner.

#### 2. Strengthening Community Awareness and Education Programs

The study recommends expanding targeted community awareness campaigns aimed at improving public understanding of firearm laws and responsible firearm ownership. These campaigns should be conducted through regular barangay-level seminars, school-based information sessions, and social media information drives.

The educational initiatives should focus on key aspects such as firearm registration procedures, license renewal requirements, proper firearm storage, and the legal consequences of unlawful possession of firearms under RA 10591. By increasing public awareness, these programs may reduce misinformation, improve compliance, and encourage citizens to support firearm regulation initiatives.

#### 3. LGU Support for Oplan Katok Operations

Given the logistical challenges identified in the study, it is recommended that the Local Government Unit (LGU) of Amadeo provide financial and logistical support to the PNP, particularly in strengthening the implementation of Oplan Katok operations. Oplan Katok involves house-to-house visits conducted by police officers to remind firearm owners to renew expired firearm licenses or surrender unregistered firearms.

Local government assistance may include additional funding for transportation, operational equipment, and manpower support, allowing law enforcement personnel to conduct more consistent and systematic visitation operations. Strengthening this program could significantly improve compliance with firearm licensing requirements and reduce the circulation of unregistered firearms within the community.

#### 4. Building Stronger Police-Community Partnerships

To address the social barriers identified in the study, it is recommended that the PNP strengthen community-oriented policing strategies that encourage collaboration between law enforcement agencies and residents. Establishing regular dialogue sessions, barangay consultations, and community forums may

help build trust and transparency between the police and the public.

Through these initiatives, residents can be encouraged to actively participate in firearm control programs, report suspicious activities, and cooperate with law enforcement agencies in maintaining community safety. Stronger partnerships may also help reduce fear or mistrust toward police operations, thereby improving overall compliance with firearm laws.

### 5. Continuous Monitoring and Evaluation Mechanism

Finally, the study recommends the establishment of a structured monitoring and evalu-

ation system to assess the effectiveness of firearm regulation programs and enforcement strategies. This may involve periodic assessments of firearm-related cases, evaluation of community engagement initiatives, and analysis of enforcement outcomes such as firearm confiscations and license renewals.

Regular monitoring will enable law enforcement agencies to identify operational gaps, adjust strategies, and improve policy implementation over time. By adopting an evidence-based approach to firearm regulation, the PNP can ensure that enforcement efforts remain responsive to emerging challenges and evolving community needs.

Recommendation	Action Item	Responsible Parties	Timeline	Resources Needed	Metrics for Success
<b>1. Strengthening Community Awareness</b>	Conduct quarterly community seminars on firearm laws	PNP Public Information Office, LGUs	3 months, ongoing	Seminar materials, venue, personnel	Increased attendance, feedback surveys
	Launch a social media campaign focused on firearm registration	PNP Public Information Office	2 months for launch, ongoing	Graphic design, social media tools	Engagement metrics (likes, shares, comments)
	Distribute educational pamphlets to communities	PNP, LGUs, Community Leaders	3 months, ongoing	Printing services, distribution networks	Number of pamphlets distributed, community feedback
	Partner with media outlets for radio/TV spots on firearm laws	PNP, Media Partners	4 months, ongoing	Media contracts, advertising budget	Airtime hours, public response surveys
<b>2. Improving Trust and Cooperation</b>	Organize quarterly police-community dialogues	PNP Community Relations Office, LGUs	3 months, ongoing	Event spaces, facilitators, outreach materials	Participation numbers, quality of interactions
	Establish a feedback mechanism for public concerns on firearm regulations	PNP, Community Representatives	2 months, ongoing	Online platforms, suggestion boxes	Number of responses, quality of feedback
	Introduce community policing initiatives to enhance local cooperation	PNP Local Police Stations, LGUs	4 months, ongoing	Training materials, meeting spaces	Increase in community involvement, reduction in firearm-related incidents
<b>3. Resource Allocation</b>	Advocate for increased budget allocation for enforcement and educational programs	PNP, National Government, Budget Office	6 months, ongoing	Budget proposals, statistical data	Approval of increased funding, resource allocation
	Procure additional equipment for firearm regulation enforcement	PNP Logistics Department, Procurement Office	6 months	Equipment funds, procurement processes	Increased operations, improved enforcement capacity
	Hire additional personnel for outreach and enforcement roles	PNP Human Resources, National Government	6 months, ongoing	Recruitment efforts, staffing budget	Number of new hires, personnel efficiency
<b>4. Continuous Monitoring and Evaluation</b>	Develop a framework for monitoring firearm-related incidents and enforcement activities	PNP Crime Reporting Bureau, Statistics Office	3 months for setup, ongoing	Data management system, reporting tools	Regular reports, trends in firearm incidents
	Conduct annual reviews of community engagement initiatives	PNP Community Relations Office, Auditors	Annually	Review templates, staff time	Evaluation reports, adjustments based on findings
	Implement public feedback loops to assess educational campaign effectiveness	PNP Public Information Office, LGUs	3 months, ongoing	Survey tools, feedback collection methods	Number of surveys completed, actionable feedback

## Acknowledgement

We acknowledge the contributions of individuals and institutions that supported the completion of this study. We thank the faculty and staff of De La Salle University–Dasmariñas for their professional support and for maintaining an environment conducive to research and academic growth. Sincere appreciation is extended to our families for their patience, understanding, and continued encouragement, and to friends for their support. Above all, we express gratitude to Almighty God for the perseverance and wisdom that enabled the completion of this study.

## References

- Ahram, A. (2020). *Proxy Warriors*. Stanford University Press.
- Alpers, Philip and Michael Picard. 2021. Philippines — Gun Facts, Figures and the Law. Sydney School of Public Health, The University of Sydney. GunPolicy.org, 8 October. Accessed 9 November 2021. at: <https://www.gunpolicy.org/firearms/region/philippines>
- Amadeo, Cavite profile – PhilAtlas. (1990, May 1). <https://www.philatlas.com/luzon/r04a/cavite/amadeo>
- Cher & Bil Holton. (2013, January 19). The Big Bang in Gun Control ~ from a metaphysical perspective. Global Center for Spiritual Practices. <https://metaphysicalbible.wordpress.com/2013/01/19/the-big-bang-in-gun-control-from-a-metaphysical-perspective/>
- Deinla, I., PhD, Ballar, K. J., Refani, R. P., & Yap, J. (2022). Election-Related violence in the Philippines: trends, targets, and perpetrators. Social Science Research Network. <https://doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.4036939>
- Doucette, M. L., McCourt, A. D., Crifasi, C. K., & Webster, D. W. (2022). Impact of Changes to Concealed Carry Weapons Laws on Fatal and Nonfatal Violent Crime, 1980–2019. *American Journal of Epidemiology*, 192(3). <https://doi.org/10.1093/aje/kwac160>
- Galvez, D. (2020, October 20). Cavite town vice mayor, 8 others nabbed for illegal possession of firearms. INQUIRER.net. <https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/1350493/cavite-town-vice-mayor-8-others-nabbed-for-illegal-possession-of-firearms>
- Gantalao, J. S. (2022). Perceptions of Criminology and Non-Criminology Students on Management of Arms and Ammunition from Selected University in Metro Manila. *www.ijmaberjournal.org*. <https://doi.org/10.11594/ijmaber.03.06.20>
- Gunn, J. F., Boxer, P., Andrews, T., Ostermann, M., Bonne, S. L., Gusmano, M., Sloan-Power, E., & Hohl, B. (2021, April 13). The impact of firearm legislation on Firearm Deaths, 1991–2017. OUP Academic. <https://academic.oup.com/jpub-health/article/44/3/614/6225077>
- Heinonline.org.(n.d.).[https://heinonline.org/hol-cgi-bin/get\\_pdf.cgi?handle=hein.journals%2Fateno66&section=51](https://heinonline.org/hol-cgi-bin/get_pdf.cgi?handle=hein.journals%2Fateno66&section=51)
- Man arrested in Amadeo, Cavite for loose firearms. (n.d.). Manila Bulletin. <https://mb.com.ph/2023/7/7/man-arrested-in-amadeo-cavite-for-loose-firearms>
- McCuddy, T., Shamserad, F., & Esbensen, F.-A. (2022). Arming teachers as a response to school violence: using a risk assessment model to understand student perceptions. *Journal of School Violence*, 22(1), 1–14. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15388220.2022.2132505>
- Mellijor, J.B. (2022). IMPLEMENTATION AND PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED ON THE GUN CONTROL POLICIES BY PNP REGIONALOFFICE TOWARDS ITS ENHANCEMENT. <https://philarchive.org/archive/MELIAP-3>
- Nario-Galace, J. (2023). Challenging violence, building a culture of peace : experiences and lessons from the Center for Peace Education-Miriam College. <https://repository.globethics.net/handle/20.500.12424/4278459>
- Publications.aap.org. (n.d.-a). <https://publications.aap.org/pediatrics/article/150/6/e2022060071/189687/Firearm-Related-Injuries-and-Deaths-in-Children>

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10591 - AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A COMPREHENSIVE LAW ON FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF - Supreme Court E-Library. (2019). Judiciary.gov.ph. <https://elibrary.judiciary.gov.ph/thebookshelf/show-docs/2/71509>

Theory and Public Policy on Gun Violence - 362 Words | Essay Example. (2022, June 29). IvyPanda. <https://ivypanda.com/essays/theory-and-public-policy-on-gun-violence/>

Villegas, F. (2023, September 12). Thematic Analysis: What it is and How to Do It.

QuestionPro. <https://www.questionpro.com/blog/thematic-analysis/#:~:text=Thematic%20analysis%20is%20typical%20in,or%20a%20set%20of%20transcripts.>

Ward, J. A., Uzzi, M., Hudson, T., Webster, D. W., & Crifasi, C. K. (2023). Differences in perceptions of Gun-Related safety by race and gun ownership in the United States. *the Journal of Law, Medicine & Ethics/the Journal of Law, Medicine & Ethics*, 51(1), 14–31. <https://doi.org/10.1017/jme.2023.38>