

## QC prepares for firecracker injuries

By **CHITO A. CHAVEZ**

The Quezon City Disaster Risk Reduction Management Council (QCDRRMC) has been placed on alert in preparation for possible emergencies arising from firework sales, use and storage during New Year's Day celebration.

Alarmed by the rising number of cases of fireworks-related injuries in the past, Tadeo Palma, secretary to the mayor, asked the council members to ensure zero casualties by cracking down on individuals or groups selling illegal fireworks.

QCDRRMC action officer and Department of Public Order and Safety (DPOS) chief Elmo San Diego, said as early as December 16, the council has been on alert for any emergency during the holiday season.

Personnel of the member-offices of the QCDRRMC are in shifting schedules during

the holidays to facilitate the process of emergency responses and to intensify the implementation of the city's drive against illegal fireworks.

According to the Quezon City Health Department, last year there were about 638 injuries related to the New Year's celebration in Metro Manila, and 23 percent or 230 were residents of Quezon City, about 211 percent higher than that of the same period in 2009 which was only 74 casualties.

Majority of the victims from Quezon City were males aged ten months to 60.

In 2009, there were 1,036 recorded fireworks-related injuries in Metro Manila, 41 percent higher than the figure in 2008 which was 733.

Quezon City Police, fire department, emergency rescue teams, DPOS and the Quezon City Health Department are on round-the-clock alert status on December 24-25 and December 31 to January 1, 2012 to facilitate emergency measures and response especially during the New Year's Day celebration.

A house-to-house public information campaign was conducted in the city's 142 barangays to increase public awareness of the dangers of firecrackers, and to prevent injuries from handling and use of firecrackers and fireworks. Pre-clinic lectures regarding "iwas paputok" were launched in the city's 62 health centers.

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## LPG tank blast injures 10 in QC

Ten residents, including four children, were injured yesterday morning after a liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) tank exploded at a slum area in Cubao, Quezon City.

The blast occurred at past 11 a.m. when a leaking LPG tank exploded inside one of the shanties, said Superintendent Procopio Lipana, commander of the Station 7 of the Quezon City Police District.

Four of the victims identified as Russel Prana-da, 42, and his wife Constancio, 45, Maria Cabante, 53 and her niece Karen, 9 were brought to the East Avenue Medical Center.

The other victims Benita Odon, 32, her son Sandy, 3, and two other relatives Asuncion, 28, and Dennis, 11, and neighbors Jenny Cabangan, 13 and Milagros Tamayo, 21 were rushed to the Quirino Memorial Hospital.

The victims are all residents of a slum community along Ermin Garcia Street in Barangay E. Rodriguez.

The police reported that Constancio Prana-da replaced an empty LPG tank with a new tank that apparently had a leak. The gas leak inside closed shanty resulted in the explosion.

Lipana said the victims suffered only burns and cuts during explosion that also affected several adjacent shanties in the crowded neighborhood.

Witness JR Tercio claimed he saw Prana-da carrying Sandy Odon from his shanty shortly after the explosion.

Tercio said both the victims had a wound in the head.

Lipana said that since it was a minor explosion, the shanties were only damaged.

- Reinir Padua

# 1 dies in QC mishap

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A motorcycle rider died after his bike rammed a passenger bus in Quezon City (QC) last Tuesday night.

Police identified the victim as Angel Aripán. He died on the spot after succumbing to severe head injury.

An investigation showed that the incident happened at around 11 p.m. near the Don Mariano Transit terminal at Green Hills Village, Barangay Kaligayahan, Quezon City.

PO1 Anthony Alorro said that the motorcycle collided with the passenger bus being driven by Dexter Gagni.

Police said that the motorcycle was travelling fast, causing the victim to lose control of it. The victim was hit hard by the handle bars of his motorcycle.

Investigators also observed that the victim was not wearing a helmet, which could have saved him from his fatal injury. The victim's head hit hard on the Don Mariano Transit passenger bus magwheels.

A friend of the victim told traffic police that they had just eaten from an establishment in the area before the incident.

Meanwhile, another motorcycle rider was injured when he was bumped and ran over by a truck in Cubao, Quezon City.

Reynaldo Balin was brought to the East Avenue Medical Center (EAMC) for treatment of a fractured leg.

Simplicio Repormada, driver of the delivery truck, said that he was about to make a turn at a U-turn slot when the victim's motorcycle appeared before him.

He said that he came from Crame and decided to access the U-turn slot in the area and failed to see the victim as he was looking for incoming vehicles from the other side.

Investigators said that the truck driver was telling the truth, as vehicles in the area travel slowly and the victim supposedly did not have the right of way. (Rizal S. Obani)

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# 1 dies in QC vehicular accident

A man died after being rammed by a car along a major thoroughfare in Quezon City Thursday night.

Traffic investigator PO1 Oscar Sese identified the victim as Renato Poneto, 21, a resident of Riverside St., Barangay Holy Spirit, Quezon City.

Sese said, Poneto suffered a fatal head injury after being hit by a gray Honda Civic (TSP-834) along the north-bound lane of Commonwealth Avenue just in front of the Commission on Audit (COA) building in Barangay Holy Spirit.

The victim was rushed to the East

Avenue Medical Center (EAMC) but died during treatment at 12:55 a.m. yesterday.

Meanwhile, Sese identified the driver of the Honda Civic as Enrique Luis Rodriguez, 30, a resident of Lagro Subdivision, Novaliches, Quezon City.

The investigator said that Rodriguez faces reckless imprudence resulting to homicide.

He said that the driver remains confined at the Far Eastern University (FEU) Hospital where he was treated after his eyes got injured from

the glass shards of the windshield.

Rodriguez claimed that he was driving along Commonwealth Avenue when the victim suddenly appeared and jumped onto the hood of his car.

The driver said that the victim hit the windshield of the car and got smashed because of the impact.

Fragments of the windshield also hit the eye of Rodriguez.

Rescuers rushed both the driver and the victim to separate hospitals but Poneto eventually died. (Jeffrey Damicog)

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# Motorcycle driver slams into center island in QC

A motorcycle driver died after he slammed himself into a center island located along a major thoroughfare in Quezon City before dawn yesterday.

Traffic investigator Alvin Ventura identified the victim as Pedro Planas, 31, of Block 33, Lot 26, Phase 9, Package 3, Maharlika, Bagong Silang, Caloocan City.

Planas died after slamming his motorcycle at around 2:15 a.m. into the center island of the Mindanao Avenue near the corner of Congressional Road in Barangay Bahay Toro.

The victim was rushed to the East Avenue Medical Center but was declared dead on arrival.

Ventura said that the victim sustained fatal head injuries during the accident despite wearing a helmet.

The investigator pointed out that Planas had a substandard helmet that cracked and never got to protect his head upon landing on the concrete street.

Citing accounts of witnesses, Ventura said that Planas was driving fast along Mindanao Avenue aboard his Motorstar

motorcycle (2161PK).

Because of this, Planas might have failed to notice the center island in the area and had his motorcycle slammed hard into the structure.

Planas got thrown off from his motorcycle because of the collision and his body landed hard on the concrete street.

Ventura said that an emergency team from the Philippine Red Cross was the first to arrive on the scene and brought the victim to the hospital but to no avail. (Jeffrey C. Damicog)

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November 30, 2009

## Councilor sees more motorcycle-related road accidents

By **CHITO A. CHAVEZ**

A Quezon City councilor said it is unfair to solely blame the city's traffic enforcers and government law-enforcement agencies for the spate of motorcycle-related road accidents in Metro Manila.

Councilor Jaime Borres of the city's third district said that motorcycle drivers should also share the fault as some of them tend to overspeed especially during the wee hours of the morning.

With the approaching holidays, Borres said the public should brace themselves for more road mishaps as there will be an increase in number of motorists driving under the influence of liquor.

"Maraming okasyon, inuman pag magpapasko. Pakiusap po naman sa publiko wag magdrive kung magiinom at wag uminom ng alak kung magma-maneho para maiwasan ang sakuna," Borres noted.

Earlier, critics accused the city's Department of Public Order and Safety (DPOS) and the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) for their alleged ineptness in manning traffic flow on major roads and secondary streets.

They claimed that the traffic innova-

tions of the MMDA and the ineptness of local traffic enforcers have made the major thoroughfares more dangerous and traffic-prone for motorists.

"Pati mga kongresista na nagdadaan sa kahabaan ng Commonwealth Avenue patungo sa Batasang Pambansa para um-attend ng session napapailing na lang. Nabansagan tuloy na fishpen ang mga gutter at iba pang istraktura na tinayo sa kalye ang mga ito. Imbis na lumapad ang kalye pinasikip pa kaya madalas trapik dito," an MMDA critic said.

However, MMDA Traffic Operations Center (TOC) Executive Director Angelito Vergel De Dios said the traffic scheme of the MMDA has nothing to do with the rising number of accidents involving motorcycles.

He pointed out that reckless driving and driving under the influence of liquor more than the MMDA traffic innovations are the likely culprits of motorcycle-related incidents in the metropolis saying the barriers are immovable and the emergency bays and other traffic fixtures are well lighted.

The MMDA traffic czar cited that MMDA's road expansion work on Commonwealth Avenue improved traffic flow by more than 50 percent and provided motorists with safer and more comfortable travel.

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## Quezon City accounts for most number of fatalities

By CHITO A. CHAVEZ

The Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) said more pedestrians than motorists were killed or injured in road accidents last year, with Quezon City accounting for the most number of fatal mishaps.

The road safety unit data research group of the MMDA said in a report made public the other day that 191 pedestrians or 51.21 percent of the victims were killed in accidents in the 16 towns and lone town in Metro Manila while 137 drivers or 36.93 percent accounted for the other street-related deaths.

Records also showed that 44 (11.86 percent) of those killed on the roads were passengers of private and public utility vehicles (PUV) involved in vehicular smashups.

A breakdown of the types of vehicles involved in accidents showed that cars accounted for 60,041 mishaps (56.92 percent) on the major roads and secondary streets while 10,960 (9.32 percent) involved jeepneys.

The same statistics showed that 10,276 were motorcycles; 9,918 vans; 6,811 taxicabs and FX vehicles; 6,568 trucks; and 4,686 buses.

Records at the Land Transportation Office (LTO) for 2007 showed that 67.80 percent of the registered vehicles in the metropolis are cars while 19.50 percent are motorcycles; 7 percent jeepneys, taxicabs and FX vehicles; 4.8 percent trucks and trailers; and .9 percent are buses. (Chito A. Chavez)

A total of 114,163 vehicles of various types were involved in 517 fatal and 17,815 non-fatal vehicular incidents, the MMDA report also said.

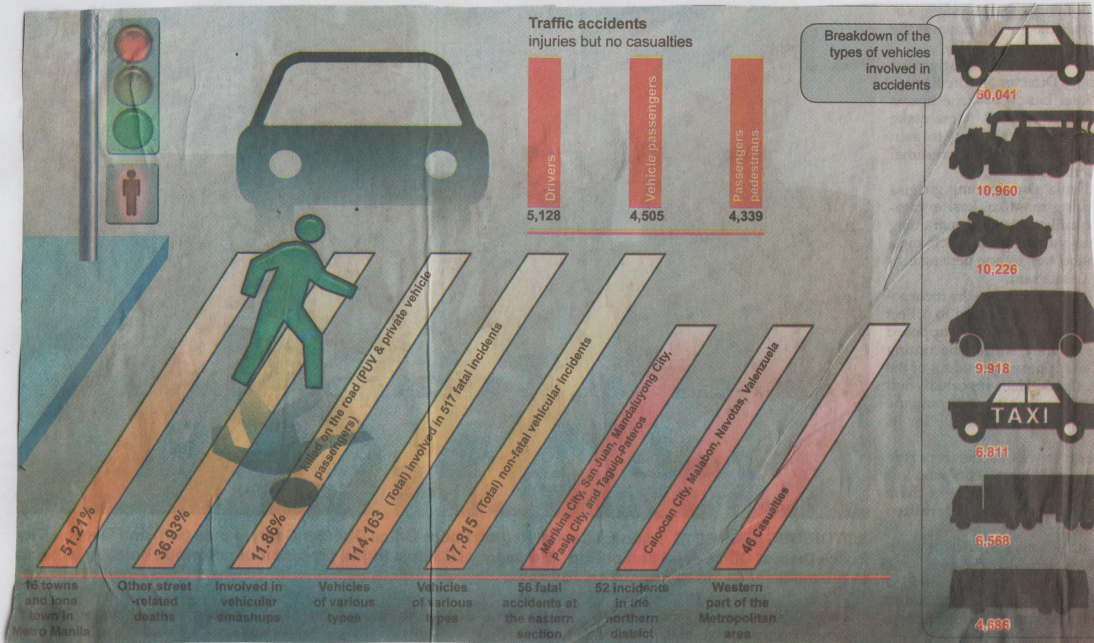
The most number of fatal accidents - totalling 124 - took place in the central portion (Quezon City) of Metro Manila while 93 deaths occurred in the southern part (Makati City, Pasay City, Las Piñas City, Muntinlupa City) of the metropolis.

Fifty-six fatal accidents happened at the eastern section (Marikina City, San Juan, Mandaluyong City, Pasig City, Taguig, Pateros) while 52 incidents took place in the northern district (Caloocan City, Malabon, Navotas, Valenzuela).

The western part of the metropolitan area - Manila - had the least number of fatalities for road accidents, with 46 casualties.

In traffic incidents where there were injuries but no fatalities, 5,128 or 36.70 percent were drivers of the vehicles while 4,505 (32.24 percent) were vehicle passengers and 4,339 (31.05 percent) were passengers pedestrians.

The report said the relatively high percentage of injuries to drivers and passengers should be a major concern for the agency and other traffic authorities in the local government units.





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## QC has most road mishaps in metropolis

By Dennis Carcamo

MOST road accidents in Metro Manila happen in Quezon City, the most dangerous place for motorists and pedestrians in the metropolis, a government agency says in a report.

It is closely followed by Makati City, another business hub where road accidents are high, according to the Metro Manila Development Authority, the agency overseeing Greater Manila's 17 cities and municipalities.

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By contrast, Pateros and Navotas are the places where the least road accidents happen, and therefore may be considered the "safest" in the area, the agency says.

Quezon City had 17,292 road accidents last year, or 28.37 percent of the 60,939 accidents recorded in all of Metro Manila during the period. Of those, 123 were fatal, and the total also damaged 13,960 pieces of property in the city.

Makati, the Philippines' top business district, accounted for 7,298 road accidents or 11.97 percent of the total, the agency says.

It says both cities are accident-prone because of their size and the concentration of economic and social activities in their jurisdictions, with Quezon City having the biggest land area of 166.2 sq km. The biggest thoroughfares are also located

within these cities, and those include Epifanio delos Santos Avenue or Edsa, Commonwealth Avenue and C5-Road.

The top accident-prone areas, or "black spots," that the agency lists in its report are Rizal Avenue and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Caloocan City, C-3 and North Bay in Navotas, E. Rodriguez and Aquilina in Marikina City, Shaw and 9 de Febrero in Mandaluyong City, Rodriguez-Lanuza and Julia Vargas in Pasig City, Ortigas and Wilson in San Juan, and President Osmeña and San Andres in Manila.

Pateros and Navotas turned out to be the least accident-prone last year, with Pateros accounting for only 130 accidents or 0.21 percent of the total, and Navotas for only 284 or 0.46 percent of the total.

The agency says the small numbers are due to these municipalities' small land area and business activity, and the fact that they have no major arterials roads.

"We may now consider these [local government units] to be the safest in Metro Manila in terms of road traffic accidents," the agency says.

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## Installation of side mirrors on motorcycles sought in QC

By SEL A. BAYSA

A Quezon City councilor has sought the installation of side mirrors on motorcycles and other two-wheeled vehicles.

The proposed ordinance by Councilor Edcel Lagman Jr. seeks to penalize motorcycle owners whose unit shall be caught driving within the city without side mirrors.

It imposes a fine of not less than P2,000 or more than P5,000 for violators.

Lagman justified his proposed measure to the rise of road accidents involving motorcycles within Quezon City in the last five years.

Figures from the Metro Manila Development Authority Road Safety Unit (MMDA-RSU) showed that 2,092 accidents, including 51 deaths, were reported in the first five months this year.

In 2005, accidents, involving motorcycles, were listed at 4,174, reports said.

The latest figure exceeded the total for the whole 2004 which was 1,702.

Only 542 accidents were recorded in 2003, and 285 accidents were listed in 2002.

The figure from January to May this year showed a 20 percent increase per month or 418 motorcycle accidents compared to last year's monthly average of 348 accidents.

The MMDA-RSU record further indicated that a total of 79 fatalities were reported last year or 10.2 fatalities per month in the first five months of the year, while 6.5 deaths every month last year.

Lagman said, "the upsurge of such accidents is attributed to the fact that most motorcycle units do not have side mirrors which, if installed, would help drivers better and safety maneuver than those who do not have them."

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## Truck driver in QC mishap charged

Quezon City traffic investigators filed yesterday charges of reckless imprudence resulting to homicide and serious physical injuries and damage to property charges against a truck driver, which figured in a vehicular accident that killed the son of former movie actor and Mandaluyong Councilor Darius Razon.

Police Inspector Alejandrino Tablazon, chief of the Quezon City traffic unit, said criminal charges have been filed at the Quezon City prosecutor's office against Leones Siason, who surrendered to police the other day.

Police are now conducting follow-up investigation after a taxi driver showed up at the police headquarters, claiming that he was a witness to the accident.

In his account, the witness said he was on Araneta Avenue when he saw Siason's truck overtake the Honda Civic

being driven by Razon's friend.

He said the car bumped the wheel of the truck causing it to swerve and slam into a concrete post.

The account of the witness contradicted the statement of the driver who claimed that it was the car that overtook him.

In Makati City, a woman was killed after being side-swiped by a northbound train of the Philippine National Railways Corp. (PNRC) last Thursday night.

The victim, believed to be a vagrant, died after sustaining serious head and body injuries.

Reports from the Makati Traffic Department said the incident happened at around 9:30 p.m. at the PNRC railroad tracks in Barangay San Antonio.

SPO4 Oscar Alicando said witnesses saw the victim sitting near the train tracks. — Perseus Echeminada, Rhodina Villanueva

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# QC bomb blast: Two dead, two injured

**BY CANDICE Y. CEREZO**  
Researcher

A VINTAGE bomb that exploded Monday near a gasoline station in Quezon City instantly killed two men and injured two others.

Police identified the fatalities as construction foreman Valeriano Bolado and carpenter Laurencio Villar. The impact dismembered Villar's head and leg.

Sr. Supt. Nicasio Radovan, chief of the Central Police District, said the workers were digging at the Shell gas station on Commonwealth Avenue, Diliman, across the Paskong Pasiklab fair, before the blast.

Villar, who was using a crowbar, hit the bomb, causing the explosion, Radovan said.

Injured were carpenter Geremias Bolado, brother of the deceased Bolado, and mason Adonis Reyes. Both suffered shrapnel wounds and were rushed to the East Avenue Medical Center.

Radovan said that the Monday vintage bomb was the first to cause fatalities. Of the 80 vintage bombs found in Quezon City, 50 were discovered in Gilmore.

Meanwhile, a professor at the University of the Philippines said the Commonwealth Avenue area was a once an ammunition dump used by the American army during World War Two.

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**SHOOTOUT IN MANILA.** Upper photo shows P/Senior Inspector Wilfredo Estrella, chief, Western Police District Office (WDPO) mobile division, inspecting the shattered rear glass of the mobile car 376 after a shootout between the police and suspected criminals at the corner of Roxas Blvd. and President Quirino Avenue at about 12:30 a.m. yesterday. Lower photo, members of the Western Police District Office-Scene of the Crime Office (WPDO-SOCO) examining the Nissan Sentra car (FEG-900) used by four suspected criminals during the shootout. (Pol Briana Jr.)

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## Elliptical Road accidents

## worry Quezon City execs

By **SHERYL GRADO LAUDATO**

The Quezon Memorial Circle, a 27-hectare national landmark and public park, is now becoming a place of accidents.

This was the assessment of Quezon City Parks Development Foundation Board of Directors led by its chairman, Justice Emilio Gancayco, and Charito Planas, president.

Because of this, they urged the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) through a board resolution, to limit the speed of vehicles plying the Elliptical Road to 30 kilometers per hour (30 KPH) for the safety of pedestrians.

Copies of the resolution were also distributed to the offices of the city mayor, vice mayor, and the head of the city's Department of Public Order and Safety.

Planas said that a permanent resolution to the woes of tens of thousands of people crossing the deadly Elliptical Road is as simple as providing footbridges or construct underpass leading to major entrances of the park.

But without concrete action from authorities concerned, pedestrians crossing the Elliptical Road will continue to risk their life and limb to great danger.

Planas said pedestrians are finding it difficult to cross the Elliptical Road because it has a continuous one-way traffic flow of speeding vehicles round-the-clock.

"There were numerous instances when pedestrians crossing the Elliptical Road were bumped by speeding ve-

hicles. Among the victims include a waiter and an elderly female employee of the park who suffered bone fractures and was put into body brace for a month, among others," she said.

The latest vehicle bumping victim was, ironically, a traffic aide/enforcer from the Quezon City Department of Public Order and Safety (QC-DPOS) who was tasked to guide and assist pedestrians crossing the Elliptical Road.

"Bystanders were the ones who brought the hapless victim while no one was able to jot down its plate number."

Planas said: "Dapat kasi bago inalasin ni Chairman Bayani Fernando ang islandoon ay naglagay na muna siya ng underpass o ng pedestrian crossing."

She believes that the Elliptical Road is the largest rotunda in the world, surrounding the Quezon Memorial Circle — Quezon City's foremost landmark and 26-hectare public park.

It is visited by many people because it has features for everybody: For the health conscious, the family oriented, sports buff, cultural show goers, spiritual followers, ecology conscious, plant lovers, restaurant habitués, children and adults.

But it was noted that while footbridges sprout like mushrooms in key areas of the metropolis which are not as accident-prone and dangerous as the Elliptical Road, it is a puzzle why until now, no action has been taken yet by government authorities to their plight.

Some of these pedestrians said in jest: "They have no concern on us. We go to the Circle to exercise, be fit and prolong our life... but we will shorten our life in just crossing this road!"

Planas said that they have submitted the resolution to the MMDA late last year. However, she said, they have no idea when it will be resolved.

"I believe that sooner or later, the resolution we've made will have a positive response because they have nothing to do but to act on this problem concerning the safety of the people," Planas said.

She added that they (MMDA and government officials) should not wait another accident to happen.

"If they can't do this for the people, they should do this for their family's sake," Planas said.



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## QC tops dangerous roads list

FOR THE second year in a row, Quezon City topped the list of accident-prone localities in Metro Manila.

According to a study by the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA), 1,824 of the 5,237 fatal and non-fatal accidents in 2004 happened in Quezon City.

Pasig City followed with 709, and Marikina City with 692 of total road incidents last year.

Caloocan City was fourth in the list with 366 accidents, and Makati was fifth with 335.

MMDA-Road Safety Unit chief Max Tapongot attributed the high incidence of accidents in these cities to their big land areas and wide roads.

"These LGUs are also considered central business districts (CBDs) with busy shopping centers and malls where people frequent," Tapongot said.

### Footbridges help

"This could be attributed to the installation of more footbridges and pedestrian barriers in Commonwealth Avenue," Tapongot explained.

In Pasig, the accident-prone areas were Julia Vargas Avenue at the intersections of Lanuza Avenue and Meralco Avenue; at the corner of Lanuza Avenue and Ortigas; at the intersection of Ortigas Avenue and Green Meadows; at the intersection of Edsa and Shaw Boulevard; and at the corner of Santolan Road and Ortigas Avenue.

The report said that the most accident-prone area in Marikina City was A. Bonifacio Avenue at the Riverbanks area, while the most dangerous places in Caloocan City were at the corners of Rizal Avenue Extension and 2nd Avenue, and C-3 Road-Boni Serrano Street.

Makati's accident-prone areas were identified as the Edsa-Ayala intersection and at the corner of Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue and South Superhighway.

### 2003 study

In a similar study for 2003, the MMDA-RSU listed Quezon City, Pasig, Makati and Caloocan as the most accident-prone cities in the metropolis.

The MMDA-RSU report for 2004 also identified the accident-prone sites in Metro Manila.

In Quezon City, the most dangerous roads were identified as Quirino Highway, and the intersections of Regalado Avenue and Mindanao Avenue Extension, and Edsa-Munoz.

Along Quirino Highway, danger areas were at the intersections of Gen. Luis Street, Villalflor Street, Seminary Road, Zabarte Road and Regalado Avenue.

Commonwealth Avenue, which headed last year's list, was notably absent from Quezon City's accident-prone sites.

Tapongot said the rate of accidents and pedestrian deaths in the road decreased by as much as 30 to 40 percent in 2004.

## QC to replace missing manhole covers

ENNIS GASGONIA  
Correspondent

MAYOR Feliciano Belmonte of Quezon City ordered the engineering department on Monday to replace all missing manhole covers in the city to prevent accidents during flashfloods.

Belmonte also tasked acting City Engineering Department head Joselito Cabungcal to fix damaged streets to ensure the smooth flow of traffic before the onset of the monsoon.

"We have to make sure that proper rehabilitation and road adjustment should be made in order to avoid unwanted accidents," said Belmonte.

The reelected mayor also announced that the city government has embarked

on a massive clean up of the city's creeks and waterways with the help of over a thousand volunteers, personnel of the engineering department, and the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority.

"Our Sagip-Batis volunteers, who work from 6 a.m. to 12 noon, receive a meal allowance from the city government," said Belmonte.

Belmonte said the clean up drive is very important for the city since it has more than 10 creeks and *esteros*, all tributaries of Pasig River, stretching to some 143 kilometers and crisscrossing 43 barangays.

Quezon City has been a perennial water catch basin in the past, making it prone to flashfloods during the rainy season.

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## DECS asked to close QC school

JEFFERSON ANTIPORDA, Correspondent

CONCERNED parents yesterday asked the Department of Education and a Quezon City court to immediately stop the operation of the Our Lord's Grace Montessori school and Colleges (OLGM) for its alleged negligence that led to a vehicular accident which injured five students.

Couple Brigido and Erlinda Manalo said in their complaint that the OLGM violated the law when it allowed one of its students to drive a vehicle that ferried other students to a shopping mall to attend a physical education class.

Lawyer Melanio "Batas" Mauricio, legal counsel for the Manalos accused school president Rafael Ortáñez and a physical education instructor of violating Sections 26 and 51 of the Manual of Regulation for Private Schools, Education Act of 1982 and article 218 and 219 of the Family Code.

The Manalos, together with other parents of the students enrolled at OLGM School and Colleges, also asked the DECS to suspend the school officials immediately.

They also filed a P8-million damage suit against the school before the Quezon City Regional Trial Court Branch 100. ♦

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# Girl killed, 2 injured as QC school fence collapses



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