

Independent Study

Problems and Difficulties of Police
Officers as Traffic Controller : A
Case Study of Phuping Police Station

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Abstract

The objective of this report is to study the traffic problems and the means to solve the problems of Phuping Police Station area. A group of eighty police officers were chosen from the total population of 100 by accidental sampling and distributed to this group, regardless to the individual position, rank responsibility, or period of employment at the Station. The data gathered was to test for statistics value, percentage, and chi square, while the analysis of data was facilitated by computer and the ready-made-program system.

The findings of this study in accordance with the hypotheses revealed that

1. The first hypothesis stating that the traffic on the roads under the jurisdiction of the Phuping Police Station lies the difference. The results of the study confirmed the original prediction. The traffic problems on the roads or at any given point and the cause of the problems were compared according to the background of the people who answered the questionnaires. The results varied considerably. the only one answer was found to be consistent: the heaviest traffic was at the Rincome Hotel intersection. Thus, this hypothesis was accepted.

2. From the second hypothesis stating that the problems and obstacles encountered by the Phuping Police officers in traffic control lie no difference. The results were consistent with the original assumption. Thus, this hypothesis was accepted.

3. From the third hypothesis stating that the means to solve the problems on part of the police functions in traffic control under the jurisdiction of Phuping Police Station lie no difference. According to the questionnaires which asked the subjects to answer by ranking the first 3 importance solutions, the answers could be summarized as follow

3.1 to educate the people about traffic laws and regulations by using multi-media techniques,

3.2 to widen the roads,

3.3 to administer and reenforce the enforcable traffic laws and regulations,

However, when we sullimented these solutions in order to compare with tersonal backgrounds of the police officers answered the question-naires, the findings showed some degree of differences which depended upon the varities of their opinions. Thus, this hypothesis was rejected.

The findings of this study deem to be essential for the official authorities who are searching for the solutions of the traffic problems of the Phuping Police Station. We expect that it will not only decrease the traffic problems of this certain area, but we also have confidence that the recommendations of this report will benefit all other police stations in chiangmai as a whole.