



COMELEC CHECKPOINTS

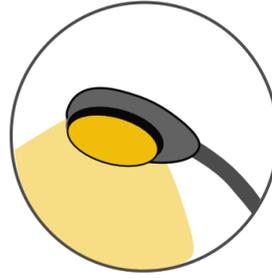
COMELEC checkpoints ensure the effective implementation of the firearms ban during the election period leading up to the May 13, 2013 synchronized national, local, and the ARMM regional elections.



Checkpoint teams must be under the command of a regular member of the Armed Forces of the Philippines or of the Philippine National Police, with the rank of at least lieutenant/inspector.

* All manning personnel must be in complete uniform, including nameplates.

Manning personnel must not be under the influence of drugs/alcohol.



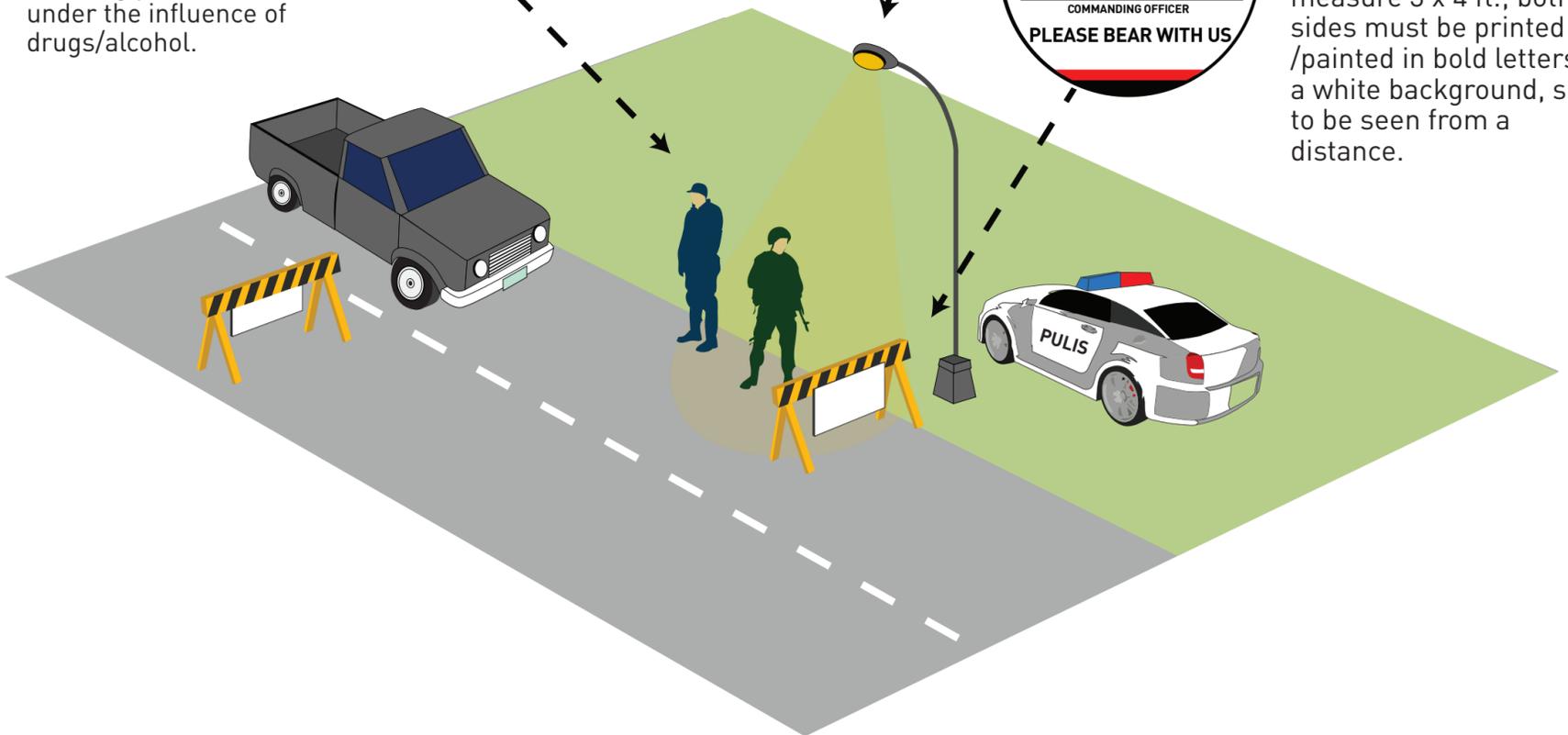
Checkpoints must be well lit.

* In areas where electric light is not available, emergency lighting shall be provided.



Checkpoints must be properly and clearly identified.

* Signboards must measure 3 x 4 ft.; both sides must be printed /painted in bold letters, on a white background, so as to be seen from a distance.



SEARCHES AT COMELEC CHECKPOINTS

REMEMBER:



• Upon approaching the checkpoint: Slow down, dim headlights, and turn on cabin lights. Ensure that all doors are locked.



• Do not submit to a physical or body search.



• Routine questions may be asked. Be courteous but firm with your answers. Assert your rights, and maintain calm.



• You are not obliged to open the glove compartment, the trunk, or bags/containers in your possession.



• Checkpoint teams cannot compel you to step out of your vehicle.



• Keep your driver's license and car registration within reach.



• Only a visual search is allowed.



• Do not hesitate to report violations.