



Cape CARES

Central American Relief Efforts

SECURITY ON SITE

Since February 2013, soldiers have been accompanying our teams in order to provide better security and safety for all. The soldiers meet the team at the airport, travel from the airport to the site and remain with the team throughout the week. The Commanding Officer determines the number of soldiers that will accompany the team. He bases his decision on the size of our team, whether or not police are with the team, and on current events in-country. Typically, he will order three soldiers to accompany a team.

The soldiers are well-trained and very professional. Having them on our teams has been very positive for Cape CARES.

In this regard, please keep in mind the following with respect to the soldiers and policia:

Our behavior around soldiers and especially the police is very important. We need to make them feel they are part of the team, but at the same time, we must limit fraternization with them, especially among female team members. Do not ask them about their weapons, (caliber, type etc.), and do not ask to handle or shoot the weapons. You may offer them soft drinks, especially at the site and/or at the airport, but do not offer them any beer, wine or liquor. Do not offer them money as a tip. However, small presents such as flash lights or pocket knives, etc. are appreciated and acceptable. It is a nice gesture to include them in team photos. Keep in mind that the police are not as well-trained nor as professional as the soldiers.