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**MNS APPOINTS AN INSPECTOR OF PRISONS**

**Mr. Cedric Neptune has been appointed as Inspector of Prisons by the Minister of National Security, with effect from January 03, 2022, for a period of two (2) years. Mr. Neptune's appointment has been approved by Cabinet. He previously served in the position from 2017 to 2019.**

**Minister of National Security the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P. presented Mr. Cedric Neptune with his Letter of Appointment on January 03, 2022, at a brief ceremony held at the Ministry of National Security Head Office in Port of Spain.**

**Provision for the appointment of an Inspector of Prisons is made in Section 19 (1) and (3) of the Prisons Act, Chapter 13:01.**

**Speaking at the media conference following the ceremony, Minister Hinds indicated that the appointment of an Inspector of Prisons was one of his commitments upon assuming the role as Minister of National Security, and that he was pleased to fulfil the commitment. He welcomed Mr. Neptune as Inspector of Prisons, noting that the attorney-at-law was well qualified for the role; and emphasized the most enduring qualification was Mr. Neptune's willingness to serve and share his experience.**

**Mr. Neptune thanked Minister Hinds for the opportunity to serve in the role and signalled his intention to meet with the Trinidad and Tobago Prison Service Executive soon, to chart a way forward for implementing his plans.**

**Also in attendance at the appointment ceremony were Permanent Secretaries (Ag.) of the Ministry of National Security Mr. Gary Joseph and Ms. Nataki Atiba-Dilchan; as well as Commissioner of Prisons Mr. Dennis Pulchan.**

**Mr. Cedric Neptune was admitted to the legal profession in October 2001 and practices Family Law, Property/Conveyancing Law, Non-contentious Probate Law, Immigration Law, Criminal Law, Industrial Relations/Labour Law, Civil Litigation, Public Law and Contract Law. In addition to his legal experience, Mr. Neptune was a member of the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service from 1988 to 2007. He also served as Legal Advisor to Homicide Bureau of Investigation South during the period 2003 to 2007. He holds an Executive Master's in Business Administration from the Arthur Lok Jack Global School of Business, University of the West Indies; a Legal Education Certificate from the Hugh Wooding Law School; and a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) from the University of London.**

**The responsibility of the Inspector of Prisons includes providing an impartial assessment of the prison system, reporting on prison conditions and acting as adjudicator in disciplinary matters involving prisoners.**

## **PRISON SERVICE WELCOMES FIRST FEMALE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF PRISONS**

**The Ministry of National Security joins the Trinidad and Tobago Prison Service in congratulating Ms. Charmaine Johnson on her monumental appointment as Acting Assistant Commissioner of Prisons. She is the first female in the history of the Service to be appointed to this position.**

**Ms. Johnson, who has over thirty-one (31) years of service, is lauded for rising to every challenge, demonstrating strong leadership qualities and being a role model to female prison officers on the frontline. With this historical appointment, Ms. Johnson has paved a path for female officers to grow and succeed in their careers.**

**The Trinidad and Tobago Prison Service thanks Ms. Johnson for her continued service, dedication, sacrifice, support and courage she has displayed over the years and wishes her well in her new position.**



## **TTPS FINANCIAL INVESTIGATORS RECEIVE RECOGNITION AWARDS**



On December 30, 2021, ten (10) Police Officers and three (3) Legal Officers attached to the Financial Investigations Branch (FIB) of the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS) were recognised for their exceptional performance over the last year at a special awards ceremony.

Nine investigators were recipients of the Financial Investigators Awards and three Legal Officers received Legal Counsel Awards while Acting Inspector Ms. Suzette Mc Kenzie was honoured with a Special Award for her performance, dedication and devotion to duty.



Speaking at the ceremony, Acting Commissioner of Police Mr. McDonald Jacob commended the work of the FIB, noting that its operations are significant to fulfilling the mandate of the TTPS and upholding the national security interests of Trinidad and Tobago. He encouraged the members of the nine teams who manage matters relating to Cash Seizures, Unexplained Wealth, Terrorist Financing, Suspicious Activity Reports and Intelligence Gathering to keep up the good work in 2022.



Also in attendance were Assistant Commissioner of Police, White Collar Crime Mr. Richard Corbett, Acting Senior Superintendent Mr. Wendell Lucas, Acting Superintendent Mr. Wayne Abbott and Assistant Superintendent of Police Mr. Steve Persad.



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