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The Minister of National Security the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P. recently had the opportunity to showcase the Ministry of National Security's achievements for 2021 and highlight ongoing security initiatives, during an interview on i95.5FM's Eye on Dependency programme on January 09, 2022.

Minister Hinds noted that, in the last year, the Ministry maintained strong bilateral relations with regional and international partners by engaging in discussions on fundamental national security matters and mutual interests. The Minister also met with various national security stakeholders and non-governmental organisations to discuss matters pertaining to public safety and security, including issues directly affecting communities in Trinidad and Tobago.

Some of the Ministry's achievements presented by the Minister were:

- Enhanced border security management – Minister Hinds indicated that the 2021 acquisition of the two (2) new Cape Class Patrol Vessels has significantly impacted border security efforts of the Trinidad and Tobago Coast Guard in its fight against trafficking of persons, narcotics, arms and ammunition. He also commended the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS) Coastal and Riverine Patrol Unit for its efforts in preventing the entry of illegal immigrants into the country.

- Legislative initiatives – Minister Hinds indicated that the Anti-Gang Bill, which was passed in Senate in March 2021, has been useful to the TTPS in its fight against crime. He also noted the passing of the Miscellaneous Provisions (Special Reserve Police and Police Complaints Authority) Bill, 2020 in March 2021 was critical to the management of integrity in the police service.

- Recruitment and promotions – The recruitment of new Police, Prison and Defence Force Officers over the last year, has boosted the human resource capability of the uniformed Services. Minister Hinds encouraged more youths to enrol in the services. He also noted that officers will continue to be rewarded through promotion for their continued commitment and dedicated service to the country.

- Countering Human Trafficking - The Minister informed that the Counter Trafficking Unit (CTU) has been actively working to advance efforts to treat with human trafficking through consultations with Governmental agencies and other stakeholders. He said that a national plan of action will be implemented to comprehensively guide all stakeholders as they join efforts to combat human trafficking crimes.

Minister Hinds commended the Executive Management Staff of the Ministry, as well as the Heads of all arms of the Ministry for working together towards fulfilling the mandate of the Ministry. He stated that the Ministry is committed to providing the Divisions with the necessary resources, training, equipment and supporting infrastructure upgrades, and will also continue to focus on the welfare of all National Security personnel. He expressed gratitude to all officers of National Security for their dedicated service to Trinidad and Tobago and their supporting efforts in mitigating the spread of Covid-19 locally by enforcing the Public Health Regulations.



TTPS RECEIVES OXIMETER DONATION

The Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS) received a donation of one hundred and twenty (120) Oximeters for its Medical Facility in St. James from the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service Social and Welfare Association (TTPSSWA) at a brief handover ceremony on January 07, 2022.

On accepting the donation, Acting Deputy Commissioner of Police, Administration Ms. Joanne Archie, expressed deep appreciation for the items. She noted that the TTPS has been managing the health and well-being of officers amidst the challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic, through collaboration with the TTPSSWA, doctors at the Police Medical Facility and the TTPS Covid-19 Response Team, headed by Deputy Commissioner of Police Mr. Wendell Williams.

Also expressing thanks to the TTPSSWA, was Head of the Medical Team at the Police Medical Facility, Dr. Marie-Joanna Francis. She said the Oximeters are a vital tool in the monitoring of Covid-19 positive officers, as it will help doctors monitor their oxygen levels and allow for early intervention, if the patient's condition worsens.



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