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MINISTER OF NATIONAL SECURITY WELCOMES HANDOVER OF NEW VEHICLES TO TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO POLICE SERVICE

Port of Spain: The Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS) received a welcomed boost to their response capabilities on Thursday April 14, 2022, as the organization received an additional thirty-one (31) vehicles to its fleet.

Minister of National Security the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P. was on hand to witness the handover of the vehicles to the TTPS by the Vehicle Management Corporation of Trinidad and Tobago (VMCOTT).

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Delivering remarks at the handover ceremony held at VMCOTT in Laventille, Minister Hinds stated that *"The acquisition of new vehicles for the TTPS is significant, as it will contribute to increased police presence and visibility in our communities"*. He also noted that these additions will enable greater mobility, thereby allowing the police to increase their response rates to emergency calls from the public.

Minister Hinds underscored that the Government has embraced a multi-faceted, Whole-of-Government Approach to secure the state and citizens, and to address criminal activity in this country. Testament to that commitment is the partnership between the Ministry of Works and Transport; the Ministry of National Security, via the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service; and VMCOTT, whose representatives worked together to bring the acquisition of these vehicles to fruition.

Further, the Minister encouraged the TTPS to ensure that this fleet of vehicles is properly managed and is maintained in good working order, so that they can offer extensive service to the people of Trinidad and Tobago.

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The Trinidad and Tobago Police Service also used the occasion to present fifty (50) body-worn cameras to officers of the Highway Patrol Branch.

Also in attendance at the handover were Minister of Works and Transport Senator the Honourable Rohan Sinanan and Commissioner of Police (Ag.), Trinidad and Tobago Police Service, Mr. McDonald Jacob.

In August 2021, Cabinet agreed to the procurement of eighty (80) vehicles for the TTPS, comprising seventy (70) Sport Utility Vehicles and ten (10) pickup vehicles. The vehicles were procured at a cost of \$18,400,000.00. On April 14, 2022, the first batch of 31 specially outfitted vehicles, were delivered, ready for use by the TTPS.

The Ministry of National Security will continue to provide the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service, and all national security agencies, with the necessary resources to effectively execute their duties in service to the nation.

PHOTOS AND CAPTIONS:



Photo 1: Minister of National Security the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P. delivers remarks at the Handover Ceremony of vehicles to the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS), held at the Vehicle Management Corporation of Trinidad and Tobago (VMCOTT) on April 14, 2022.



Photo 2: (From left to right) Chairman of VMCOTT, Lt. Col. (Ret'd) Neil Bennett; Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) Administration, Ms. Joanne Archie; Minister of National Security, the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P.; Commissioner of Police (Ag.), Mr. Mc Donald Jacob; Chief Executive Officer of VMCOTT, Ms. Natasha Prince and Senior Superintendent (Ag.), Mr. Wayne Mystar at the Handover Ceremony of vehicles to the TTPS by VMCOTT on April 14, 2022.



Photo 3: Minister of National Security the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P. hooks a body-worn camera on to Commissioner of Police (Ag.) Mr. Mc Donald Jacob.

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