



MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY
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MNS RECOGNIZES INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2022



International Women's Day, celebrated on March 8th every year, recognizes the extraordinary acts of women who stand together, as a united force, to advance gender equality around the world.

The day recognizes women's achievements in the cultural, political and socioeconomic arenas and is a reminder of a world that has no room for bias, stereotypes, differences and where everyone is treated equally, celebrated and valued.

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International WOMEN'S DAY 2022

This year's theme "gender equality today for a sustainable tomorrow" calls us to celebrate the progress made towards achieving gender equality and women's empowerment but also to critically reflect on those accomplishments and strive for greater momentum towards gender equality worldwide.

Members of staff of the Ministry of National Security's General Administration Division shared how they intend to help #BreakTheBias:

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ODPM AND CDEMA HOST NATIONAL LEVEL SIMULATION EXERCISE



On Friday 04 March, 2022, the Office of Disaster Preparedness and Management (ODPM) and the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency Coordinating Unit (CDEMA CU) partnered, via a virtual National Level Exercise, to test Trinidad and Tobago's key national agencies' response and recovery capabilities following a catastrophic hurricane event.

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Participants engaged in critical thinking and problem solving dialogue, around a simulated category 4 hurricane impacting Trinidad and Tobago.



The exercise provided national agencies with opportunities to test and strengthen their operational capabilities, evaluate shelter management policies and plans, crisis communication and logistics, as well as familiarised persons with their roles and responsibilities.

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FIRE SERVICE SCHOOL CONDUCTS FIRE WARDEN TRAINING

The Trinidad and Tobago Fire Service School conducted a Fire Warden Training exercise at Savonetta Fire Station, on Friday 04 March, 2022.

Fifteen (15) members of the Arima General Hospital participated in the program. Instructors took them through the paces of theory and practical use of extinguishers, evacuation procedures, housekeeping, confined spaces, reel and hose, confined spaces and breathing apparatus.



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NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCIES COLLABORATE TO SUCCEED



Minister of National Security the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds, M.P., is supporting the inter-agency approach between the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS) and all other National Security Agencies who continue to work together steadfastly, in an effort to win the ongoing war against criminal elements.

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The Minister hosted a meeting towards the end of 2021 with the Commissioner of Police, who unveiled the TTPS's strategy to combat crime. Since its implementation, ninety-six (96) persons have been arrested and charged for violent crimes over the period December, 2021 to February, 2022.

"Operation Strike Back" exercises continue by the Police Service.



**Police Intensify
Pressure on
Criminals as 31
Arrested**

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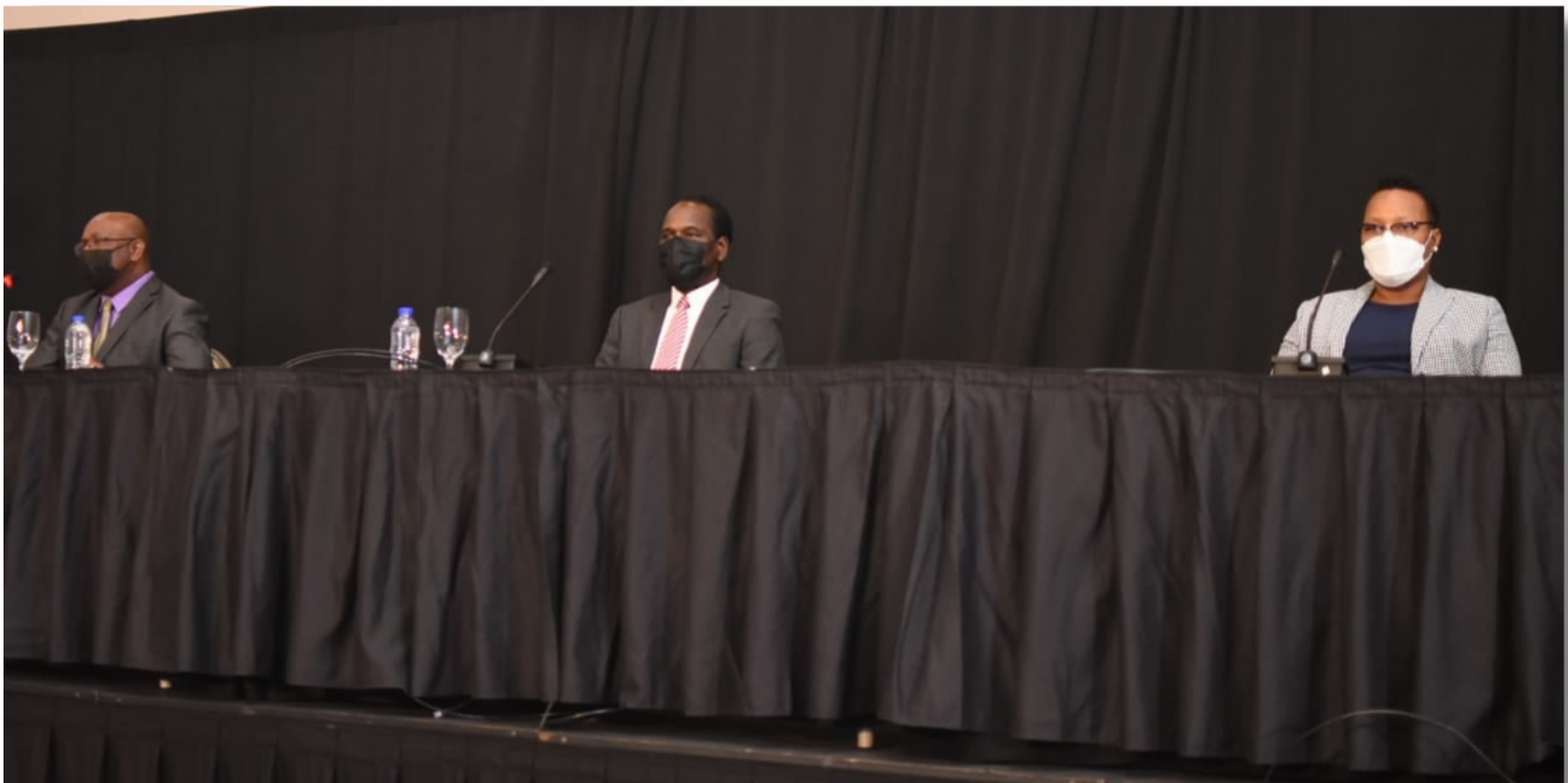
Cabinet recently approved the purchase of a specialised and custom-built water tender, to augment the capacity of the Trinidad and Tobago Fire Service to fight fires in the Port of Spain area.

The Fire Service has also implemented a programme to repair breathing apparatus kits, for use by its officers, in fire-fighting.

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The Ministry of National Security in collaboration with the TTPS, hosted a Forensic Science Symposium in February 2022. This event aimed to widen and deepen the coordination and collaboration between these agencies; and provide a better understanding of the wide-ranging provisions of the DNA Legislation and the general advancement of the country's use of the scientific method, with a particular focus on DNA and Ballistic technologies.



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The Ministry of National Security recently hosted a high-level meeting involving citizens and business operators in Western Trinidad. The TTPS (Western Division), the Chief Immigration Officer, the Comptroller of Customs and the Head of the Coastal and Riverine Patrol Unit were also in attendance, with the aim of resolving issues that affect the peace and good order in this area. Special focus was placed on border security of the Western Peninsula.

Minister Hinds encourages all National Security agencies to build on these achievements, using them as a springboard to even greater successes, in the fight against crime.





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