

MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY

GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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NATIONAL OPERATIONS TASK FORCE LAUNCHES



The National Operations Task Force (NOTF) was officially launched on, Thursday 17 March, 2022, at the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) Headquarters, Garden Road, Aranguez by the Chief of Defence Staff, Air Vice Marshal Darryl Daniel and Acting Commissioner of Police, Mr. McDonald Jacob.

The NOTF is a joint initiative between the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS) and the Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force (TTDF) and is designed as an operational unit, to support intelligence driven, crime fighting operations within the TTPS.

The newly formed unit will be another asset within the crime fighting arsenal of law enforcement and will go a long way in ensuring that citizens of Trinidad and Tobago, feel safe and secure.

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FIRE SERVICE GETS NEW EQUIPMENT



Minister of National Security the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds, M.P., commissioned seven (7) Utility Vehicles and twenty (20) Double Extension Ladders for the Trinidad and Tobago Fire Service (TTFS) at a brief Commissioning Ceremony held on, Thursday March 17, 2022 at the Trinidad and Tobago Fire Service Headquarters, Wrightson Road, Port of Spain.

Minister Hinds stated that, "the acquisition of these utility vehicles and ladders, is demonstrative of this Government's commitment to provide the necessary resources to improve the firefighting preparedness, responsiveness and capabilities of the Trinidad and Tobago Fire Service."

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The TTFS has also commenced a programme to repair Breathing Apparatus Sets to be used by firefighters. In addition, the Fire Service recently added a series of new firefighting equipment to its battery of assets. These include two hundred (200) lengths of 70 millimetre and three hundred and forty (340) lengths of 38 millimetre Lay Flat Fire Hoses. The TTFS has also ordered two (2) Airport Rescue Fire Fighting Vehicles and one (1) Mobile Water System which will soon be delivered.

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MINISTER HINDS AND U.S. OFFICIALS DISCUSS COUNTERING ILLICIT TRAFFICKING IN FIREARMS



On Friday 11 March, 2022, Minister of National Security the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds, M.P., met with officials from the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF).

The meeting was held to discuss bilateral security collaboration between the Governments of Trinidad and Tobago and the United States of America, in significant areas of mutual interest.

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The ATF team stated that their main objective will be to support the agencies of the Ministry of National Security, in efforts against the illicit trafficking in firearms, through the provision of operational support, knowledge and information sharing, as well as capacity building initiatives.

Minister Hinds welcomed the ATF team to Trinidad and Tobago and signaled his support for the ATF initiatives, working alongside the agencies of the Ministry of the National Security that will be carried out in this country, to stem the trafficking of illicit guns and firearms.

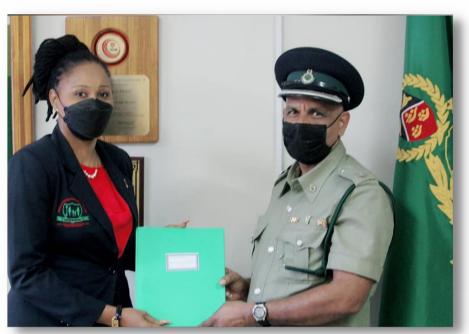
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NEW COPCAM EXECUTIVE GETS INSTRUMENTS OF APPOINTMENT



The newly elected Executive Board of the Council of Prisons Chaplains and Ministers (COPCAM) have received their Instruments of Appointment, paving the way for the Council to continue its important work in restorative justice in the corrections system.

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COPCAM has been an affiliate of the Prison Service for over 20 years and promotes correctional and restorative approaches to managing those members of society in correctional facilities.

On Monday 14 March, 2022, the board members were presented with their Instruments of Appointment by Commissioner of Prisons (Ag), Deopersad Ramoutar, who thanked the board members for their years of dedicated service and support to the Prison Service in its rehabilitative efforts.



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