



MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY
GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

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GRACE PROJECT ACTIVITIES GET UNDERWAY

Training activities which form part of the recently launched Gang Reduction and Community Empowerment (GRACE) Project commenced on Wednesday September 07, 2022, with senior police officers. Sensitization exercises are being conducted with First Division Officers of the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS), who will lead the GRACE Project efforts in communities across Trinidad and Tobago. A further six hundred (600) officers are expected to be trained under the Project in the coming months.



Speaking at a ceremony to commemorate the training at the Police Academy in St. James, Permanent Secretary (Ag.) of the Ministry of National Security Mr. Gary Joseph noted that the Ministry of National Security is working assiduously to root out and dismantle criminal gangs. Permanent Secretary Joseph encouraged the continued collaborative policing approach within communities, between entities including businesses, schools, faith-based organisations, Regional Corporations and various Government Ministries, aimed at leading young people away from criminal activities.

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Also speaking at the event were Commissioner of Police (Ag.) Mr. Mc Donald Jacob; Deputy Chief of Mission at the United States Embassy in Trinidad and Tobago Ms. Megan Kelly; and representatives from the Pan American Development Foundation.

The GRACE Project, which was launched in May of this year, is a collaborative initiative between the Governments of Trinidad and Tobago and the United States of America. The Project is geared towards gang suppression, through strengthened intelligence-led investigations, and social interventions, to reduce the conditions which result in the proliferation of gangs.



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FIRE SERVICE OFFICERS MOVE UP THE RANKS



Five (5) officers of the Trinidad and Tobago Fire Service (TTFS) have been promoted to higher ranks of service.

Promoted to Divisional Fire Officer is Officer Aldrin Alleyne. Officers Everard Collymore, Arjoon Sookai, Ishmael Noel and Anthony Joseph have been promoted to the position of Fire Station Officer.

Chief Fire Officer Mr. Arnold Bristo presented the officers with their Letters of Promotion at a brief Ceremony on Wednesday September 07, 2022 at the TTFS Headquarters, Wrightson Road, Port of Spain. Also on hand to celebrate the achievement of the newly promoted officers were Acting Deputy Chief Fire Officer Mr. Mervyn Layne and other members of the TTFS Executive.

The Ministry of National Security extends congratulations to these members of the Trinidad and Tobago Fire Service on their respective promotions.

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DEFENCE FORCE CONTINUES TO ENGAGE YOUTH

The Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force (TTDF) continues to execute its mandate as it pertains to youth development. As part of its youth-focused initiatives, the TTDF via its Welfare Department, engaged young persons between the ages of five (05) to eight (08), and nine (09) to twelve (12) in a Virtual Vacation Camp.

The Camp entitled *"Go Confidently into the World"*, which was hosted virtually during the period August 08 – 19, 2022, focused on imparting life skills, building self-esteem and promoting confidence to enhance the overall development of participants.



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Camp participants were keen to learn about the four formations of the TTDF and actively engaged in activities including Art and Craft; Storytelling; Science; a Pets and Toys Parade; Baking; Mental Health Talks; Soap making; Tie-Dye; Aerobics; Music and Dancing.

The TTDF Welfare Department – which has the mandate to provide welfare services and experiences to enhance the quality of life for serving members and their families – led the coordination of the initiative, with the support of facilitators from the Trinidad and Tobago Regiment, Trinidad and Tobago Coast Guard, Trinidad and Tobago Air Guard, and the Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force Reserves.



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DEFENCE AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES SHOWCASE THEIR TALENT IN MUSIC

Members of the Defence and Protective Services demonstrated their exceptional musical skills as they featured in the *Diamond Jubilee Bandstand Concert Series* hosted by President of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago Her Excellency Paula-Mae Weekes O.R.T.T.

In order of appearance, the Trinidad and Tobago Regiment Band, the Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force (TTDF) Steel Orchestra, the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service Band, the Trinidad and Tobago Fire Service Band, and the Trinidad and Tobago Prison Service Band, all gave scintillating performances during their respective appearances in the Series, thrilling spectators with their impressive renditions.

The Series, in commemoration of the 60th Anniversary of Trinidad and Tobago's independence, was held over the period: Saturday August 13, 2022 at the Esplanade in Scarborough, Tobago; Sunday August 21 and 28, 2022 at President's House, Botanical Gardens in Port of Spain; and Sunday September 04, 2022 at Harris Promenade in San Fernando.










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KEEP MNS SAFE FROM COVID-19



THE PROPER WAY TO WASH YOUR HANDS

-  **1** **Wet** your hands.
-  **2** **Apply** plenty of soap.
-  **3** **Scrub** your hands together vigorously for at least 20 seconds. Wash the front and back of your hands, and under the nails.
-  **4** **Rinse** your hands thoroughly.
-  **5** **Dry** your hands with a paper towel.
-  **6** **Use** a paper towel to turn off the water.
-  **7** **Put** used paper towels in trash.

When to wash your hands:

BEFORE, DURING and AFTER preparing food - especially raw meat, poultry, eggs and fresh produce
BEFORE and AFTER eating
BEFORE and AFTER changing a baby's diaper
AFTER handling money after using the bathroom
AFTER sneezing, coughing or using a handkerchief
AFTER touching any part of your body
AFTER handling garbage or trash
WHENEVER YOUR HANDS ARE DIRTY

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