

#### **MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY**

GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

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This week, the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS) welcomed 110 new police graduates, who trained for the past ten months in preparation for the organisation's continued fight against crime.

Batch 2 of 2021, Squads G through N, officially became police officers on Wednesday October 26, 2022 at a Passing Out Ceremony held at the Police Service Training Academy, St. James.

In his address to the new police graduates, Minister of National Security, the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds MP congratulated the graduates, acknowledging the significance of their achievement, as they were able to attain success despite the challenges of the Covid pandemic.

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Minister Hinds encouraged the new graduates to face the challenges of their new career with integrity and courage. He stated, "You are entering the arena of policing in a very violent society and therefore you will be tested severely in many ways.....adorn yourself with courage and fearlessness and discipline and stand for what is right."

Also on hand to celebrate with the recruits were Deputy Commissioner of Police Erla Christopher, Provost of the Academy, Dr. Simon Alexis and other members of the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service.



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### **ODPM ADVISES TO BE EXTRA VIGILANT**



As a result of the Trinidad and Tobago Meteorological Service (TTMS) raising the country's alert levels to Orange, the Office of Disaster Preparedness and Management (ODPM) is advising the national community to be extra vigilant over the next 48 hours.

While disaster management agencies are ready to assist as required, the public is encouraged to support each other by remaining ready and sharing only official information from the ODPM, TTMS and the Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government (MRDLG).



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The ODPM reiterates if persons or communities are impacted adversely by the current weather conditions, immediately contact their Municipal **Corporation's Disaster Management Unit and the Tobago Emergency** Management Agency (TEMA).

Relevant hotline numbers can be accessed via the ODPM Facebook page <a href="https://www.facebook.com/ODPMTT">https://www.facebook.com/ODPMTT</a>



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#### REPORTING CRIMES IN EAST TRINIDAD GETS EASIER WITH NEW FRAUD OFFICE

Communities in East Trinidad are expected to receive improved service in investigations with the establishment of a new fraud office in the region. The newly opened Trinidad and Tobago Police Service's Fraud Office in Sangre Grande pledges to tackle delays in property fraud and reports on car fraud.

The establishment of the office will assist with alleviating the burden of having residents in the region traverse to Port-of-Spain or San Fernando to lodge reports and will focus heavily on fraudulent conversion and property fraud, which are more prevalent in the Eastern Division.



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#### **MNS STAFF COMMEMORATES DIVALI**

In commemoration of Divali, staff at the Ministry of National Security were beautifully attired in traditional wear. Staff also hosted commemorative events.

Here are some highlights of staff elegantly dressed for work, in sharing the excitement of the festival of lights.





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