



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

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MINISTER HINDS LAUDS IATF EFFORTS FOR 2022



On Christmas Day, Sunday 25 December, 2022, Minister of National Security, the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P. met with officers attached to the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) and the Guard and Emergency Branch (GEB), to relay his best wishes for the Christmas season and the upcoming New Year.

The visit took place at the Inter-Agency Task Force and Guard and Emergency Branch Headquarters, Aranguez South, San Juan.

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Minister Hinds thanked the officers and by extension, all officers of the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service and the Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force, for their selfless dedication to duty, decorum and professionalism over the last year.

During the ceremony, Minister Hinds also presented awards to PC Hayden Dookie of the IATF, in acknowledgement of him recovering the most firearms and amassing the most court matters for 2022.



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TTPS AND US EMBASSY HOST CHRISTMAS ON THE HILL



On Friday 23 December, 2022, The Hearts and Minds Foundation led by the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service's Inter-Agency Task Force in collaboration with the United States Embassy, Port of Spain hosted their annual "Christmas on the Hill" event, at Sogren Trace, Laventille.

Minister of National Security the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P. attended the event where he gave brief remarks and interacted with the children present.

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The festivities brought smiles and cheer to over 1,000 children as they enjoyed games, rides, food, entertainment and of course Santa, with his bag full of gifts.



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POLICE OFFICERS PROMOTED



Acting Commissioner of Police, Erala Christopher promoted eight more First Division Officers at a brief ceremony held on Friday 23 December, 2022. Three officers were promoted to the rank of Senior Superintendent and five officers were promoted to the rank of Superintendent.

While addressing the officers, the Acting Commissioner reminded all of the need to work as one team with one vision, to do what must be done to safeguard citizens, as they now play a very important role in charting the course of the organisation.

This is the third promotion exercise in the last two weeks, bringing the total number of First Division Officers promoted to 53.

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ODPM HONOURS VOLUNTEERS



In observation of International Volunteer Day, celebrated annually on December 05, The Office of Disaster Preparedness and Management (ODPM) hosted an appreciation ceremony for its hardworking and committed volunteers on Sunday 04 December, 2022, at the National Emergency Operations Centre (NEOC), Mausica.

Chief Executive Officer of the ODPM, Major General (Ret'd) Rodney Smart stated that the ODPM and by extension the nation, are grateful for the energy, enthusiasm, and dedication showed by the volunteers, in assisting persons impacted by various hazards throughout Trinidad and Tobago.



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