



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

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## REGIONAL AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPERTS TO TACKLE FIREARM RELATED CRIME



**Trinidad and Tobago has taken the lead in the hosting of the United Nation's Arms Trade Treaty's (UNATT) "Train the Trainer" Workshop, which is being held at the Radisson Hotel, Port of Spain, Trinidad, from 27 February to 03 March, 2023.**

**The aim of the workshop is to build the capacity of both local and regional ATT experts, so that implementation efforts of the Arms Trade Treaty, would be improved regionally.**

**On Monday February 27, 2023, Minister of National Security, the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds MP, attended the opening ceremony of the UNATT Workshop, which is expected to train ten (10) selected regional participants, including representation from Trinidad and Tobago, Barbados, Bahamas and Jamaica.**

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The Minister reaffirmed Government's commitment to continue seeking and creating opportunities, through the Ministry of National Security and its dedicated members, to enhance global, regional and local dialogue in hopes that the scourge of firearm related serious crime is reduced to manageable levels.

Minister Hinds stated, "At the national level, we are making strides to ensure full compliance with not only the UNATT but also the UNLIREC Caribbean Firearms Roadmap and the UN's Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects."



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## POLICE SERVICE CREDITS "SOCA" FOR SAFE CARNIVAL



**This week, Commissioner of Police, Trinidad and Tobago Police Service, Ms. Erel Christopher has credited the anti-crime initiative called SOCA, which was implemented during this year's Carnival festivities, for making it one of the safest Carnivals in recent time.**

**Securing Our Carnival Activities (SOCA) saw police officers out in their numbers, on mobile and static patrols in the streets of the city centres, at beaches, during fetes and other Carnival events, alongside well-coordinated strategic anti-crime operations across the Trinidad and Tobago.**

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**As part of the SOCA initiative, officers were activated and underwent various drills, operations and exercises, to ensure that they were ready for the road on Carnival Monday and Tuesday's parade of the bands and other festivities during the season.**

**A number of Police Service Units collaborated as part of the initiative, including the Police Mounted Branch, the Canine Unit, the Guard and Emergency Branch, the Inter-Agency Task Force and the Traffic Branch.**

**The SOCA initiative ensured a high visibility of officers during this year's Carnival season and contributed to it being a relatively safe and secure time for all revellers, spectators and partygoers.**



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## COLONEL CARTER APPOINTED TO HEAD REGIMENT IN CAYMAN ISLANDS



**Colonel Roger Carter,  
Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force**

**The Ministry of National Security congratulates Colonel Roger Carter, Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force on his appointment as Commanding Officer of the Cayman Islands Regiment.**

**Following an open assessment that attracted a broad field of candidates, a panel Chaired by His Excellency, the Governor Martyn Roper of the Cayman Islands, and including Commander Robert Scotland of the Cayman Islands Coast Guard, has appointed Colonel Roger Carter to succeed Lieutenant Colonel Simon Watson as the Commanding Officer of the Cayman Islands Regiment. He will assume the position in April.**

**Colonel Roger Carter is due to retire from the Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force in April 2023 after 34 years of service.**

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