



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

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## ODPM LAUNCHES PUBLIC ALERT NOTIFICATION SYSTEM



**A Public Alert Notification System (PANS) has been launched as part of this year's National Disaster Prevention and Preparedness Month (NDPPM). The NDPPM 2023 initiative was launched on Friday 28 April, 2023, at the Alternate National Emergency Operations Centre (ANEOC), Mausica.**

**Trinidad and Tobago's Public Alert Notification System (PANS) is a mass notification system that allows the Office of Disaster Preparedness and Management (ODPM) to provide emergency alert information nationally, to an affected area or a specific group. PANS will inform citizens of and visitors to Trinidad and Tobago of critical information during emergencies and provide timely information to protect lives and property.**

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Delivering the feature address at the event, Minister of National Security, the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P. noted that the Public Alert Notification System (PANS) is an example of Government's digital transformation initiatives, aimed at bringing innovative and lifesaving solutions to our citizens and residents. He further stated that the Government is committed to strengthening the disaster resilience of all segments of our society.

To learn more about the Public Alert Notification System (PANS), visit [www.odpm.gov.tt/PANS](http://www.odpm.gov.tt/PANS).



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## CADET FORCE CELEBRATES ITS 113TH ANNIVERSARY



**The Ministry of National Security congratulates the Trinidad and Tobago Cadet Force on reaching its 113th Anniversary.**

**Formed on May 01, 1910, the Trinidad and Tobago Cadet Force is a Voluntary Youth Organization that acquires its membership from secondary schools and is seen as the base for sourcing recruits for the Defence and Protective Services. The training of Cadets is patterned after basic military practice and its main objective is to train and inspire young men and women to be model citizens, placing emphasis on qualities such as discipline, loyalty and duty.**

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**Giving congratulatory remarks, Minister of National Security, the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P. affirmed that after the ravages of COVID-19, a fresh new wind of beginning is blowing over the Trinidad and Tobago Cadet Force. He said, "The young men and women who serve in the Cadet Force have new vigour and vitality and are ready to surmount any of the challenges put before them."**

**He assures the parents, guardians and family members of cadets participating in Cadet Units across Trinidad and Tobago, that the young cadets are in the right place to develop their great potential and the experience they gain will serve as a positive influence for the rest of their lives.**



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## MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY RECEIVES DISASTER RELIEF EQUIPMENT DONATION



Minister of National Security, the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P., received on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, a donation of Disaster Response Equipment from the People's Republic of China, on Friday 28 April, 2023.

The donation, presented by Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of China to Trinidad and Tobago, His Excellency Fang Qiu, comprised thirty (30) Emergency Tents; ten (10) Standby Generators; and five (5) Rescue Boats inclusive of Engines, Fuel Containers and twenty-five (25) Life Jackets.

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**Minister Hinds welcomed the contribution to our country's disaster readiness and resilience, noting that the donation will serve to boost the deployment capabilities of first responder agencies. He stated, "The equipment donated will come in handy and be strategically pre-positioned with our disaster response agencies, to support evacuation and other response and relief operations, to the multiple hazards that we face."**



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## LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS UNDERGO SPECIALIZED TRAINING



**Seventy-nine Law Enforcement Officers are now ably poised to boost crime fighting operations, following their graduation from a nine-month training programme administered by the National Security Training Academy (NSTA). The ceremony was held at the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service Academy, St. James, on Tuesday 02 May, 2023.**

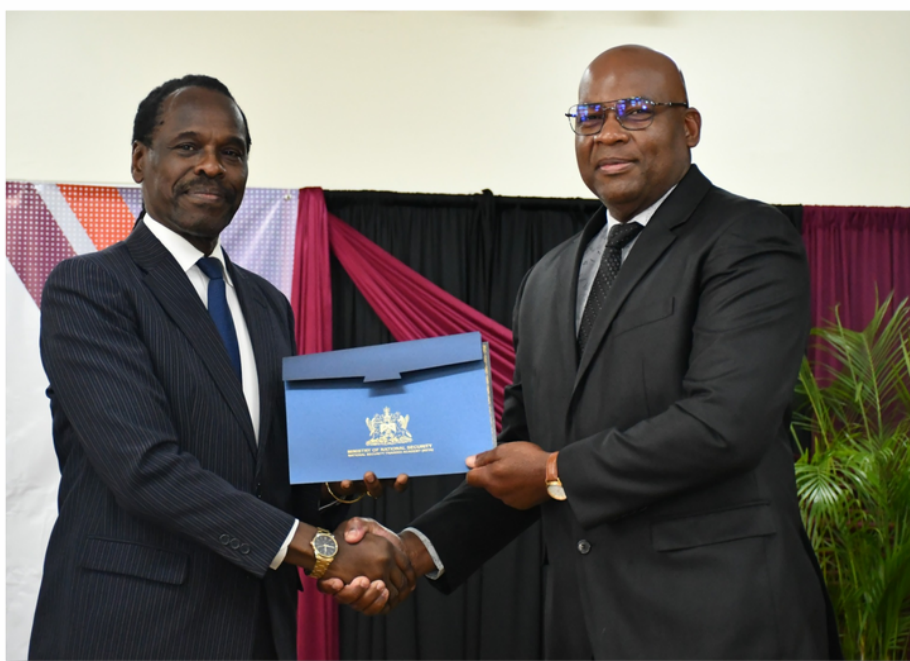
**The training programmes included the development of competencies in Crime Scene Investigation, Investigation, Law Enforcement Control Tactics, Leadership and Management, Intelligence Analysis and Surveillance Operations.**



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**Delivering the feature address at the ceremony, Minister of National Security, the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P. highlighted that, the successful completion of the training comes at an opportune time, as the Ministry of National Security is strongly focused on utilizing a multi-pronged approach to treat with Trinidad and Tobago's challenging crime situation. Minister Hinds also encouraged the graduands to adopt a spirit of collaboration and work as a united team to root out criminal practices and elements from our society.**



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## **MINISTER HINDS RECEIVES 2021 STATE PARTNERSHIP OF THE YEAR AWARD**



**On Thursday 27 April, 2023, the Adjutant General of the Delaware National Guard (DENG), Major General Michael Berry presented the 2021 Inaugural National Guards State Partnership Program (SPP) Partnership of the Year Award to Minister of National Security the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P.**

**The DENG and the Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force (TTDF) were selected for the award out of 93 SPPs worldwide. As part of the U.S. Southern Command (SOUTHCOM), the DENG has partnered with Trinidad and Tobago since 2004 through the SPP, which is a U.S. Department of Defense security cooperation program.**

**The award criteria are based on key leader and subject matter expert engagements, whole of government and society interactions and academic exchanges, including Women, Peace, and Security principles. The handover of the 2021 award to Trinidad and Tobago was delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.**

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## **MNS COMMEMORATES ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS WEEK 2023**



**In honour of Administrative Professionals Week 2023, the Ministry of National Security hosted an appreciation event and team building activities under the theme “Enhancing the Professional Woman.” The event, which was held at the Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force Reserves Headquarters on Friday 28 April, 2023, recognized the hard work and dedication of over 50 Administrative Staff members from the General Administration Division.**

**Delivering motivational remarks at the event was Inspector Avril Francis of the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service who encouraged the women present to prioritize their self-care, respect and learn from each other and give what they would like in return.**

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Led by members of the Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force, staff members put their teamwork skills to the test, as they engaged in activities that promoted problem-solving, critical thinking, leadership and effective communication.

All present at the event were treated to a buffet style lunch, dessert table and sponsored treats. This was followed by the official presentation of tokens of appreciation and certificates of participation by members of the MNS Executive.

The event was made possible by sponsors such as Linda's Bakery, Creamery Novelties, Holiday Snacks, Mr. Toppers, Carib Brewery and Angostura. Internal stakeholders also making valuable contributions to the event's success were the Counter Trafficking Unit, Cadet Force Division, Immigration Division and the Office of Disaster Preparedness and Management.



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