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POLICE SERVICE WELCOMES NEW RECRUITS



On Wednesday September 13, 2023 the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS) welcomed 97 recruits who trained for the past nine months in preparation for joining the noble profession of policing.

Batch 1 of 2022, Squads A through E, officially became police officers at a passing out ceremony held at the Police Training Academy, St. James.

Delivering the feature address at the ceremony was Minister of National Security, the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds MP who welcomed the new graduates into the service.

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He told the graduates: "You are about to embark on your career as police officers in service to our country and its people. From this day onward there is no separation of who you are as a private citizen and who you are as an officer of the law. To be regarded as an esteemed Police Officer, I urge you to be accountable to moral principles, be patient and compassionate; meticulous, transparent and honest in executing your duties and responsibilities."

Also on hand to celebrate with the recruits were: Permanent Secretary (Ag.), Minister of National Security, Mr. Gary Joseph; Commissioner of Police, Ms. Erala Harewood Christopher; DCP Curt Simon; Snr. Supt, Ali Mohammed; Asst. Supt. Kerry Lumpress; Provost, Police Training Academy, Dr. Simon Alexis; ASP Richard Taylor and ASP Gideon Dickson.

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MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY RECEIVES MARITIME SECURITY EQUIPMENT AND RIVERINE CRAFT FROM THE UNITED STATES



On Friday September 08, 2023, 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 operations centre equipment and four (4) riverine craft, from the Government of the United States of America, facilitated by the United States Embassy in Trinidad and Tobago.

Presenting the equipment at a Handover Ceremony held at the Trinidad and Tobago Coast Guard Headquarters, Staubles Bay in Chaguaramas was United States Ambassador to Trinidad and Tobago, Her Excellency Candace Bond.

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Speaking at the event, Minister Hinds acknowledged the longstanding bilateral relationship between the Government of Trinidad and Tobago and the Government of the United States of America, which includes initiatives to strengthen this country's National Security landscape and increase safety in the region.

The newly refurbished and modernised Maritime Operations Command Centre (MOCC) will assist the Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force to monitor vessel traffic more effectively, integrate the use of geospatial mapping technology, and streamline operational processes. The Riverine Craft will be a welcomed addition to the fleet of the Trinidad and Tobago Coast Guard.

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The Closing Ceremony for the Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force/ US Navy SOUTHCOM-Continuing Promise Mission 2023, took place on Friday 08 September, 2023, at the Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force Military Academy, Corinth.

Continuing Promise 2023 is an initiative done in collaboration with the Ministry of National Security, the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government, the Ministry of Finance and the U.S. Southern Command (SOUTHCOM) via the USNS Burlington. The USNS Burlington visited Trinidad and Tobago from, 02 September to 08 September, 2023. The aim of the initiative was to increase the capacity of partner nations throughout the Americas and foster international relations.

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Delivering remarks at the ceremony was Permanent Secretary (Ag.) in the Ministry of National Security, Mr. Gary Joseph, who conveyed his heartfelt appreciation on behalf of the Government and people of Trinidad and Tobago to the Captain and Crew of the USNS Burlington and US-SOUTHCOM for working together with their counterparts in Trinidad and Tobago and putting together a fantastic itinerary of initiatives during their short stay.

In attendance were United States Ambassador to Trinidad and Tobago, Her Excellency Candace Bond; Chief of Defence Staff, Air Vice Marshall Darryl Daniel; and Rear Admiral Jim Aiken, United States Naval Forces Southern Command.

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NATIONAL DRUG COUNCIL HOSTS MONITORING AND EVALUATION WORKSHOP



The National Drug Council, Ministry of National Security in collaboration with the National Transformation Unit, Ministry of Planning and Development hosted a Monitoring and Evaluation Workshop on Friday 8th September, 2023 at the Multipurpose Hall, Ministry of Works and Transport, corner Sackville and London Streets. The overall objective of the workshop was to strengthen the Monitoring and Evaluation capacity among stakeholder agencies to ensure efficiency in the monitoring of the Operational Plan for Drug Control in Trinidad and Tobago (2021-2025).

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Thirty-five (35) stakeholders from various ministries and divisions involved in the coordination and implementation of the Operational Plan for Drug Control in Trinidad and Tobago (2021-2025) participated in the workshop. The workshop was instrumental in providing participants with:

- An understanding of the principles of Monitoring and Evaluation;**
- An understanding of how to plan, design, and implement a results-framework for improved performance management; and**
- Tools to guide the development of a logic framework and results framework for the implementation of the Operational Plan for Drug Control in Trinidad and Tobago (2021-2025).**



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