



Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago
Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government

MEDIA RELEASE: Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government to recruit and train 894 Municipal Police Constables

February 10th, 2017 Kent House, Maraval – As an integral part of implementing Local Government Reform, Minister of Rural Development and Local Government Kazim Hosein, Minister of National Security, Major General (ret'd) Edmund Dillon, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government Ms. Desdra Bascombe and Ministry staff, met with the Director of the Office of Law Enforcement Policy (OLEP) Keith Renaud and his contingent to discuss the recruitment and training of eight hundred and ninety four (894) new Municipal Police Constables. Increasing the complement of Municipal Police Officers to one hundred per Corporation is a pillar of local government reform to improve citizen safety and systematically reduce the incidence of crime across the country.

The increase in staff in the Municipal Police Service will facilitate a corresponding expansion of their responsibilities to better serve the burgesses of each municipality. Advertisements inviting applications for the post of Police Constable (Range 21/24C) Municipal Police Service, Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government are expected to go out within a week and OLEP will assist the Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government and the Service Commissions Department in the recruitment and training exercise. Minister Kazim Hosein remarked that; “This is evidence of true Local Government Reform. We have a sense of urgency to increase our Municipal Police Service as it will fill the gaps in policing and concentrate on community safety and security. Minister Hosein further stated that “Now that we have the approval of the Public Service Commission, for the Permanent Secretary, MRDLG to recruit and select Police Officers for the Municipal Police Service, OLEP will be supporting this initiative and will provide the necessary training on core municipal policing functions.”

OLEP is seeking the use of the former Marabella South Secondary School as a training space in which they will provide classroom instruction, drills and defensive training, for eight batches of 30 recruits at a time. Firearms training will take place at a designated shooting range. Training will be conducted by retired police officers and other well-seasoned security officials over a four month period.

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Minister Kazim Hosein said; “The intention is to restructure the Municipal Police Service to become a single entity with regional heads so that there is a greater level of interconnectedness and uniformity in the way each municipality is policed, and to elevate and modernize the standards of protective service at the local government level.”

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