



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

### **MEDIA RELEASE**

#### **Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government takes further steps towards the appointment of additional Municipal Police**

*March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Kent House, Maraval* – Following the advertisement for the post of Police Constable (Range 21/24C) Municipal Police Service which ended on February 24, 2017, the Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government has already processed over 2900 applications and are currently entering the rest into the database to be sent to the Office of Law Enforcement Policy (OLEP). The application period is now closed and the Ministry is moving forward with the next steps of the process.

Minister Kazim Hosein noted “We have received a wonderful response from the public, with thousands of applicants expressing their interest in joining our protective service. The Human Resources Department at the Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government has been working diligently from the very beginning to prepare the advertisement, and continue now as they build the database of applicants and relay the information to OLEP. They must truly be commended for their meticulous efforts.”

After the compilation of the database, applicants will be asked to take an examination which is administered by the Service Commissions Department. The Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government has sought approval from the Service Commissions Department to update the previously used examination to ensure that it is in keeping with the intention of building a modernized Municipal Police Service that is well-equipped to deal with the issues faced in every region, borough and city. After the examination, applicants will be interviewed and undergo a medical that involves both physical and psychological evaluation. The final stage before training begins, will be to publish every potential officer’s photograph in the daily newspapers to complete the vetting process.

The Office of Law Enforcement Policy (OLEP) is partnered with the Ministry in this endeavour and will be supporting in the vetting processes, as well as handling the training. It is expected that by the end of the year, there will be a significant increase in the number of Police Constables in the Municipal Police Service.

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