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# **MEDIA RELEASE**

## **Fire Services signs MoA to standardise Vacation Leave**

**November 1 - The Chief Personnel Officer, Commander Dr. Daryl Dindial, and the Fire Service 2<sup>nd</sup> Division Association** continues to work together to establish conditional agreements surrounding the standardizing of **Vacation Leave** for Officers in the Fire Service. Commander Dindial met with the **Trinidad and Tobago Fire Service 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Divisions** on **October 27<sup>th</sup>** to sign a **Memorandum of Agreement** that regularises the entitlements of **Vacation Leave** for **Fire Officers**.

Similar to the **Memorandum of Agreement** signed with the **Trinidad and Tobago Prison Service** on **October 18 2020**, Dr. Dindial advises that the Agreement provides the same results where Fire Officers will earn **Vacation Leave** in accordance with the years of service. He further indicated that issues concerning the accumulation of leave and the approval to proceed on casual were also considered.

Commander Dindial wishes to acknowledge the stewardship of **Mr. Leo Ramkissoon, President of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Division Association** who initially identified the issue in January 2022 and continued to advocate for its resolution on behalf of his Association's membership.

The **CPO** advises that there are many other matters the State has demonstrated its intent to support and strengthen the **Trinidad and Tobago Fire Service**, for example, a new **Job Evaluation Exercise** was proposed in the recent wage negotiations. The CPO thanks all **Fire Officers** for their dedication to service and contributions to our country. He added they continue to operate in a complex and expanded multidimensional environment with their key mission being to save lives and property, in service to our people.

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