

ROYAL ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES POLICE FORCE

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PRESS RELEASE

THE RSVGPF COMPETES IN THE COMMMANDO FORCES DISTINGUISHED VISITORS PROGRAM

June 28, 2023, Kingstown – On Saturday, June 17, 2023, Deputy Commissioner, Mr. Frankie Joseph, and Training Officer Lieutenant (Lt.) William Theobalds left the state with a contingent of police officers from the Royal St. Vincent and the Grenadines Police Force (RSVGPF) to attend the Fuerzas Commando (Commando Forces) Distinguish Visitors program in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, scheduled from June 18th to June 23rd.

Other members of the delegation were as follows: Corporal 306 Jason King and Constables 459 Lexroy Charles, 279 Jevon Bascombe, 484 Marc Williams, 783 Othneil Lewis, 73 Khafra Jack, and 962 Trevonique Johnson.

The seminar focused on Special Operation Forces and included presentations from facilitators and other Military Generals from the English and Central American Region. Discussions were also held with participants from English-speaking regions on transnational crimes and current trends.

The nineteenth (19th) edition of the Forces Commando exercise (Best Warrior competition) was also held in Santo Domingo from the $11^{th} - 24^{th}$ of June in which a team from the RSVGPF

operational units participated along with Twenty-One other Teams participated. This was the first time an invitation was extended to St Vincent and the Grenadines. The RSVGPF team placed first in the category for the teams that participated for the first time. Columbia Special Forces won the tournament for the second time in a row. The events were broken down into the following categories:

Snipers

- Target engagement
- Identification of hostile and non-hostile
- Combined mission with the assault team

<u>Assault</u>

- Hostage rescue
- Firing from cover, two-man team rescue and extracting victims whilst engaging enemy targets
- Using the appropriate weapon system for the target
- Tactical movement into contact
- Building entry
- Combined mission with a sniper team

Physical training event

- Rucksack march into mission
- Aquatic event (rowing and swimming 1000 meters)
- 5-mile run into shooting
- Obstacle course

Based on the time available for preparation, the RSVGPF team performed admirably in the event. They completed all of the events in which they participated part. The Commissioner of Police and the Rank and File of the Royal St Vincent and the Grenadines Police Force extends congratulation to the team.

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