

MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SECURITY
PRESS STATEMENT

Police Reform Continues, Minister Meets Change Board

The first meeting of the Police Reform Change Board (PRCB) was today chaired by Minister Khemraj Ramjattan in the Ministry's Board Room. The Commissioner of Police and the complete Executive Leadership Team of the Police were present, along with Dr Clement Henry, Project Manager of the Citizen Security Strengthening Programme (CSSP). Also taking part were the UK Security Adviser to the President, Colonel Russell Combe, and the Minister's PA, Ms. Dianna Rajcumar.



Hon. Minister Khemraj Ramjattan and Police Reform Change Board

The advent of the PRCB came from the reform work conducted under a CSSP consultancy by well-respected international expert consultants with many years of experience working with the Guyana Police Force, who proposed the need for a Ministry forum for managing Police reform.

The main agenda item at the PRCB meeting was to agree to the proposed Terms of Reference for the Board. This includes providing strategic direction, monitoring, guidance and support to the Police in order to implement the reform programme. The PRCB will also review the progress being made by the Police with the various reform activities under way. It will also have oversight of all the strands of Police reform activities, which can then be coordinated, measured and evaluated.

A number of reports and consultancies have been delivered to the Guyana Police Force. These all contain important recommendations. It is the prioritizing of these reforms and the implementation thereof that is the chief function of the PRCB.

It is important to stress that this is not the start of reform. The process has been ongoing for some time by the Police themselves, the CSSP and the work by the UK Security Adviser as well as the locally initiated reform coming out of the GPF.

This first meeting of the PRCB is another important step and a milestone in the reform process. It also highlights the Commissioner of Police achieving his promise to make meaningful progress in Police reform by the end of March 2019. Finally, an important decision taken by the PRCB at its first meeting, was to agree that the name of the **Guyana Police Force** should be changed to the '**Guyana Police Service**'.



Police Reform Change Board Meeting



Sections of Police Reform Change Board Meeting

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