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Foreword

Dear readers,

Mauritius turns 50!

To commemorate this special anniversary of our Independence, E-News has in store for you some interesting events which will make this year "A Year to Remember".

Get a glimpse of the way the MPF organised the 'International Women's Day' to build a better future together, without discrimination and harassment towards our female counterparts.

'Our People' page puts the spotlight on those officers who were either promoted or retired or passed away during the first quarter of the year.

Indeed, learning from one another is what the Cutlass Exercise is all about. Read about these exciting new partnerships in the training corner in "Cutlass Exercise 2018 in Seychelles".

Enjoy the reading!

C. BHOJOO, PMSM
Deputy Commissioner of Police
Chairman

On the Cover



The cover illustrates Woman Officers and Police Gazetted Officers posing during the International Women's Day Celebrations and a Police tattoo during the 50th National Independence Day Celebrations.

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GOLDEN JUBILEE OF INDEPENDENCE OF MAURITIUS

On 12 March 2018, Mauritius celebrated a momentous milestone, the Golden Jubilee of Independence and the 26th Anniversary of the Republic of Mauritius with great pride and sense of patriotism at Champ de Mars.

His Excellency Sri Ram Nath Kovind, President of the Republic of India was welcomed as Chief Guest on the

Mauritian soil for this landmark event. Eminent personalities, official dignitaries and thousands of citizens from all walks of life were also in attendance.

A ceremonial parade comprising of different units of the MPF was held followed by a captivating aerial acrobatics display by helicopters and aircrafts of the Mauritian Police and Indian Navy.

The programme continued with the spectacular and amazing presentation of the Police Talent Show. It started with a demonstration by Police Scouts Group and Mini Band. Children between 7 and 15 years performed a callisthenics representing the peace symbol for our multicultural island.



Thereafter, a baton twirling and silent drill were magnificently executed by Police Constables and Woman

Police Constables of the Force followed by a breath-taking acrobatic riding demonstration by riders of the Traffic Enforcement Squad of the Traffic Branch.

The climax was a magnificent fancy drill performed by Police Officers to depict the history of the island of Mauritius from year 1500 to date showing the different stages of evolution/development throughout the years as from the year of discovery. Aerial views relayed by the Police drones were being broadcasted on the giant screens and MBC channel.



To conclude the ceremony, Police Officers from Mauritius, Seychelles, Reunion and India marched past with great pride, honour and grace.

A big hand for each and everyone who has been instrumental in one way or the other in making this event a resounding success.

Long live our MPF! Long live our Republic!

Editorial Committee

MPF CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

For the very first time in the history of the MPF, the International Women's Day was celebrated by Police on the 8th of March 2018 at Line Barracks with great pride and fervour. All women officers were invited to attend the ceremony which was held in their honour.

A ceremonial parade commanded by WCI Ramdour followed by a Baton Twirling drill show were beautifully executed in presence of the Commissioner of Police, senior officers, the rank and file as well as families and well-wishers.



Then followed a series of presentations all executed by woman officers:-

Tonfa and Rifle exercise from SSU, show by officers of the Police Dog Unit, acrobatic display by the riders from the TES, VIP evacuation by the VIPSU and concluded by a Police vehicle defile.

As a mark of commitment from the highest level, the Commissioner of Police and senior officers signed a pledge in presence of all to keep away from our workplace any form of discrimination and harassment.

Well done! Keep it up!

*WCI Boodhoo
Police du Transport*

NEWS

SMF INTERVENTION DURING THE HEAVY RAINFALL AND CYCLONE BERGUITTA

This year Mauritius has been facing an acute adverse climatic conditions. In February 2018 the country recorded an unprecedented amount of rainfall, the last of its kind being in the early 80's.



Water pumping by DRU at Poudre d'Or Hamlet

One important role of the SMF is to perform disaster rescue operations; its services is mainly required during the peak period of summer.



Tree cutting & Road clearance operation near Winners shopping complex at Vacoas

One of the newly created component of the SMF - the Disaster Response Unit (DRU) with the support of other Units have on numerous occasions been solicited to carry out such

operations during the last torrential rainfall and cyclone Berguitta right from the start of the year 2018.

SMF personnel have valiantly performed rescue operations consisting of removal of heavy obstructions and debris, tree felling operations, water pumping from flooded residences, amongst others.

The SMF will always be available and responsive to the needs of our citizens.

"WE'LL DO IT WHAT IS IT"



Sand bagging at Poste de Flacq

*Insp Ramen
Special Mobile Force*

SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATION FOR STRANDED TOURIST



Lithuanian National posing for a group photo with her rescuers

From Friday 9th February to Sunday 11th February 2018, the GIPM under the command of Major Pulcherie carried out a long and sustainable operation for the search and rescue of a stranded person in the Black River Gorges.

Mrs A.M., 31 yrs, a Lithuanian National went for a trekking alone in the Black River Gorges. Unfortunately, she could not find her way back and had to phone for assistance.

Immediately on being informed, the GIPM with the help of the Disaster Response Unit (DRU) of the 'Special Mobile Force' launched a search and rescue operation in the night of Friday till noon on Sunday. The operation was rendered difficult by the nature of the terrain and the dense vegetation. From day one, the following trails were covered: Parakeet Trail, Brise Fer, Serre File and Mare aux Jonques with the help of the helicopter, but to no avail.

On Sunday morning after geo-localisation of the lady's mobile phone, her probable location was approximately identified in a radius of 2.5 km. Different teams on ground assisted the DRU and the lady was spotted safe and sound.

The 31-yrs old lady was winched in the Police Helicopter and conveyed to the nearest health centre. It was a moment of intense emotion and great joy to have been given a new birth thanks to her "heroes" as she affectionately called them.

A great job done and congratulations to all who contributed in saving a precious life.

*Mr Pulcherie, ASP
GIPM*

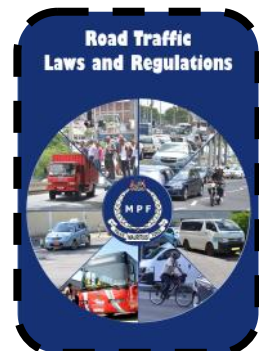
ROAD FATALITIES

152 were fatal!! This huge toll of accidents causing death in year 2017 became the prime concern of the Mauritius Police Force. While devising strategies to reduce this hecatomb, the group of Service to Mauritius Interns posted in the Force came up with a bright idea to digitalise the Road Traffic Act to allow police officers to keep abreast with all updated provisions in the Act.

The Road Traffic Act dates back to 1962. Since then, more than 800 amendments have been made. Sterling efforts have been put to hyperlink all updated regulations to their respective sections of the Act to enable Police Officers to decide cases of road traffic contraventions. Included in this digitalised version are also relevant Police forms for traffic offences and an extensive database of landmark

cases for Police Officers to consult to prepare their case. Furthermore, defences which the offender might come up with are also catered for in the Act so that the enquiring officer can better consolidate his case.

The launching of this useful tool took place on the 10th of January 2018 and is now available on COTS and a copy has been distributed to all stations. It will certainly contribute on road safety and will help the Force to achieve its vision of safer roads in Mauritius.



MPF Interns

RETIREMENT

List of Officers who have retired from the Force from Jan to Mar 2018:

SN	Name of Officer	Date	SN	Name of Officer	Date
1	CPL 4981 LALLMAHOMED Attar H.	01.01.18	29	CPL 3918 SUNASSEE Appanah	01.03.18
2	PC 6270 DEWAN Seewoosagar	08.01.18	30	CPL 694 BISSESSUR Dhaniswar	01.03.18
3	PC 5283 AMOURDON Gino Eric M.	09.01.18	31	CPL 2891 SANDAPA David Philippe	01.03.18
4	PC 9654 BULLUCK Giansam	15.01.18	32	CPL 3651 RAMSURREN Beeshan	01.03.18
5	WPCI DEEPOOA Awa Bibi	21.01.18	33	CPL 4346 JULIE Jean Michel	01.03.18
6	PC 1952 LEVASSEUR Jean N. M. Y.	24.01.18	34	PC 6461 BHAROSA Iswarduth	23.02.18
7	PS 3885 CHUNDERDEEP Coomar	31.01.18	35	WSP SAWOKY Renuka Smriti	08.03.18
8	CPL 2925 RAMCHURN Ghunshyam	01.02.18	36	SI TACOURI Drochandra	07.03.18
9	CPL 3981 DHOOPNARAIN Baboo R.	01.02.18	37	PS 4833 BOODNAH Shyam	03.03.18
10	CPL 5279 KISTNEN S. Narainsamy	01.02.18	38	CPL 3427 WONG MAN PING Jean	02.03.18
11	PS 6139 POTHANAH Devindra	06.02.18	39	CPL 1243 LAFRANCE L. Maurice	02.03.18
12	PC1167 LINGAYA John Gilbert K.	05.02.18	40	CPL 3697 MOOTOVEEREN O. Pillay	04.03.18
13	CI LAZARRE Jean Philippe Lewis	10.02.18	41	CPL 947 RAWOAH Rajdeo	05.03.18
14	SI BOYJOO Lalane	09.02.18	42	PC 1841 NEYHAUL Goorooduth	03.03.18
15	SI GHOOLOO Mahmud Raffick	09.02.18	43	ASP COURTEAU Marc C. Christian	12.03.18
16	CPL 3 APPALSAWAMY Vasoodev	10.02.18	44	CPL 3899 MADOO Jean Antonio	09.03.18
17	ACP FELICITE Jacques Desire	18.02.18	45	CPL 2697 PARAHOO Bissoondeho	10.03.18
18	CPL 901 SOOBRAITY Nazir Hossen	16.02.18	46	CPL 3320 TEELUCKDHARRY Remun V.	12.03.18
19	CPL 266 BERNARD Louis Anthony	16.02.18	47	PC 6021 JHOREE Devram	09.03.18
20	ASP RAMMA Daramraj	27.02.18	48	PC 6671 SIBNATH Navindranath	09.03.18
21	ASP MATABUDUL Dayaneedhee	01.03.18	49	SI TOOLSEE Beejay	16.03.18
22	SI DAWOOD Yousouf Sheik	01.03.18	50	CPL 3239 NAVETTE J. Richmond	20.03.18
23	SI FRANCOIS Sylvio Eddy	01.03.18	51	PC 6435 SAUHOBOO Ally Assgar	19.03.18
24	PS 1279 RAMJUTTUN Devanand	01.03.18	52	PC 6341 SUBBARAYEN Seghan	20.03.18
25	PS 4671 PEERMAMODE Nushad Aly	01.03.18	53	PS 5488 JEETUN Mooneshwar	21.03.18
26	CPL 552 DRACK Marie Jean Pierre	24.02.18	54	CPL 4425 PURAN Jitendrasing	23.03.18
27	CPL 1410 MOOTOO Devardarsen	01.03.18	55	CPL 2446 DOOKHITH Ahmud F.	26.03.18
28	CPL 1657 BANJEET Amar Raj	01.03.18	56	CPL 4000 SAKIR Louis Olivier	26.03.18

We wish to thank them for their contribution and services to the Mauritius Police Force and the community, wishing them a long, well deserved and peaceful retirement.

OUR PEOPLE

PROMOTION

The undernamed have been enlisted as Police Cadet Inspectors/ Woman Police Cadet Inspectors w.e.f. 14.02.2018:

- ♦ PS 330 BHUNJUN Vijay
- ♦ PS 3851 YUE CHAN Chan Fa Desire Christian
- ♦ PS 405 DEVASAGAPILLAY Parendamen
- ♦ PS 1399 VIRASAMI Goinden
- ♦ PS 50 AZOR Jean Marie Clifford
- ♦ PS 7190 SOOKHARRY Barathram
- ♦ PS 1118 DWARKA Oomesh
- ♦ PC 4486 PUDARUTH Pritviraj
- ♦ PC 7602 RAMCHURN Reekesh
- ♦ WPS 355 NARAINEN Sheila (ENGKUTSAMY)
- ♦ WPS 165 JEAN CHARLES-SEBLIN Rita Janita

2. Temp PS 6054 BAUNGALLY Geerjanandsing has been confirmed as Police Sergeant in a substantive capacity w.e.f. 14.02.2018.

3. PC 8841 IZOR Jean Daniel has been promoted to the rank of temporary Police Sergeant w.e.f. 14.02.2018.

4. The undernamed have been promoted to the rank of Police Corporal w.e.f. 28.02.2018:

- ♦ PC 1186 KODABUCCUS Mohamed Nasser
- ♦ PC 5871 JEEWON Rajess
- ♦ PC 5866 GOOLAUP Indraj Kumar
- ♦ PC 5692 LOWTUN Mahomedally
- ♦ PC 5860 DOORGA Kishore
- ♦ PC 5893 ROSEMOND Joseph Deny Richard
- ♦ PC 5732 SEEBALUCK Suryaduth
- ♦ PC 5810 MONTROCHE Louis Jocelin Henrico
- ♦ PC 5768 CHARLOT Marie Didier Maxwell
- ♦ PC 5704 MURTHEN Manoj

5. Mr MUSSAFEER Kapildave, ASP and Mr GUNESS Outam Kumar, ASP have been promoted to the rank of SP in a substantive capacity w.e.f. 07.03.18.

6. PS 6502 JANKEEPERSAND Ajay has been promoted to the rank of Temp Insp w.e.f. 07.03.18.

7. WPC 769 LOUISE Marie Genevieve and PC 395 VEERAPEN Aven have been enlisted as Cadet Officer (Graduates) in the field of Law and Statistics respectively w.e.f. 23.03.18.

Our warm and hearty congratulations to you all on your success and allow us to share your joy.

We also take pride in your achievements and wish you plenty of success in your new assignment.

From all members of the Force

OBITUARY

Sno.	Name	Date
1	CPL 4268 HAREEAH Jagprakash	08.01.18
2	PS 4495 RAMJAN Ikran	06.02.18
3	PC 3270 ADELE Louis Jason Stephan	16.03.18

May their souls rest in Peace.....

AUBEELUCK A. V THE STATE [2018 SCJ 30]

Knowingly receiving articles obtained by means of a crime - possession without sufficient excuse or justification - Court record needs to reflect the judicial exercise

This is an appeal against a judgment convicting the Appellant under two counts of an information which charged him with being found in possession of certain articles without sufficient excuse or justification and abstracted by means of a crime in breach of Sections 40, 301(1) and 309(1) of the Criminal Code.

Ground 4 of the Grounds of Appeal was the ground upon which Counsel for both the Appellant and the Respondent agreed would dispose of the appeal if same was to be dealt with. At the outset of her judgment, the Learned Magistrate observed that the Appellant was charged under both counts with “knowingly receiving articles obtained by means of a crime” although the information clearly charged him with the offence of “possession of articles obtained by means of a crime” under Counts 1 and 3.

The Appellate Court referred to the case of *Prayag J.P.D v The State* [2004 SCJ 29] in which it was held that a clear distinction must be drawn between these two offences since the offence of “knowingly receiving articles by means of a crime or misdemeanor” requires the prosecution to prove the element of guilty knowledge by the Accused party, whereas that of “possession without sufficient excuse or

justification” only requires the prosecution to establish possession of the stolen articles before the burden shifts on the accused party to prove that such possession is justified or sufficiently excused.

The Court held that the learned Magistrate failed to direct her mind to the constitutive elements of the charges as borne out from the information namely the possession of articles obtained by means of a crime. She thus made no finding as to whether or not the appellant had successfully discharged the onus which would have shifted on him before she found him guilty.

Consequently, they held that the judgment was materially flawed since the Learned Magistrate clearly misdirected herself when she proceeded to determine the Appellant’s guilt in respect of both counts by considering that he was charged with the offences of “knowingly receiving articles obtained by means of a crime”.

The appeal was allowed, the conviction was quashed and the information was dismissed against the Appellant.

By Hon. Judge Mr. A. Caunhye, Judge and Hon. Judge Mr. Oh San-Bellepeau, Judge

CUTLASS EXPRESS EXERCISE 2018



Crew of Mauritian Dornier Aircraft

Our National Coast Guard participated in the 7th Cutlass Express Exercise held in Seychelles from 28 Jan to 08 Feb 2018. The exercise is carried out to assess and improve combined Maritime Law Enforcement Capability and to promote National and Regional Security in East Africa.

The aim was to build partner nation capability to deter illicit activity of all types, including piracy, trafficking in persons, drugs and weapons and illegal fishing.

This year the exercise regrouped seventeen countries in Africa and was launched at the National Coast Guard base, by Chief of staff Colonel Michael Roselle of Seychelles People's Defence Force (SPDF).



Captain Manu delivering his expose

During the exercise, the Mauritius NCG Officers were deployed to various operations and planning sections. Our officers had to synchronize with the Standard

Operating Procedures for the adoption of best practices that would eventually translated in success against a real scenario.

The Cutlass Exercise has proved to be a 'MUST' as it enables African countries to be in partnership and in perfect coordination to combat illegal activities in the African coast thereby protecting the blue economy.

Mr Jawarun, ASP
National Coast Guard

2-WEEK INDUCTION COURSE FOR POLICE CADET INSPECTORS



An induction course was held for the eleven newly promoted Cadet Inspectors from 22 Feb to 14 Mar 2018 at the Police Training School, Beau Bassin.

During the course, the officers were introduced to Communication Drill, lectures on Bail Procedures by personnel from PPO, 'Officer-like qualities'

by Commander Kunal Bharadwaj, and an expose on Ethics, Integrity and Good governance by Mr. Bablee, President of Transparency Mauritius.

Subsequently, they set off on a long journey to self-development through on-the-job training scheme devised for them.

Now, they are on the rotational training at the different adjuncts of the Force.

Good luck guys...



Insp. Noonaram
Police Training School