

Remarks by Ambassador Beatrice W. Welters  
At the  
**Trinidad and Tobago Police Service  
Firearms Training  
Graduation  
St. James Barracks, Port of Spain**

January 27, 2012

Good morning:

- Commissioner of Police, Dr. Dwayne Gibbs;
- Provost of the Trinidad and Tobago Police Academy, Steve Watt;
- NCIS Firearms Team;
- Members of the press;
- Other invited guests;
- And most of all, TTPS Firearms Instructors and Armorers;

It's an honor for me to be here  
to **congratulate** you today  
on completing what I hear was  
an **intense** three weeks of training!

The TTPS  
has a **team** of **talented** trainers.  
It is my hope that  
the knowledge you gained this month  
and dedicated instruction  
will **reach** and **benefit**  
the **whole of the force**.

The US Embassy is pleased  
to continue our **successful collaboration**

with the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service through the **Police Academy**.

Multiple US law enforcement agencies have provided **train-the-trainer courses across a variety of disciplines** this year including

-Interview and Interrogation

-Criminal Investigation

-Firearms Instruction

-And a series of Instructor Development Courses, including an upcoming Master Instructor Development Course, which will allow the Academy to **certify instructors both from Trinidad and Tobago as well as from other Caribbean nations.**

The United States is focused on helping to build capacity within the TTPS.

I **commend** the Service's efforts to train its officers to **international standards** and to **achieve your mission** of **providing the highest level** of police, law enforcement and security services training.

Congratulations again to the graduates, And **my appreciation** to the NCIS team, and all the TTPS staff who helped make this course and today's program possible.

**Thank you all!**