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### Ministry of Education's security officers receive police training



**Police –trained security guards from the Ministry of Education and The College of The Bahamas pictured with members of the Royal Bahamas Police Force Training College, Ministry of Education and College officials.**

Fifteen, new Ministry of Education security officers and security personnel from the College of The Bahamas graduated from a two-week police training programme which was designed to assist them in becoming more efficient law enforcement professionals.

Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Education, Mrs. Pernell King-Rolle spoke on behalf of the Minister of Education at the closing ceremony. She told the new graduates that their job provides society with a greater level of comfort because they are on the compounds of schools particularly when parents have to drop off students during the early hours of the morning. She also noted that school security officers offer assurance to families that their love ones will be protected while they are receiving their education.

The Deputy Permanent, encouraged the officers not to take their jobs lightly because there have been cases where students have left to attend school and not return home because they would have become victims of violence. Mrs. King-Rolle admonished the officers to apply the training that they received during the two weeks, and share it with their colleagues to improve the overall security system in public schools.

Superintendent Wayne Miller, Commandant of the Police College also addressed the graduates. He told them that their front-line position can assist the police in solving and preventing crimes because they are sometimes the first on- scene investigators, and are privy to information on the school campuses.

Commandant Miller also revealed that they are lobbying to have The Police Training College upgraded to an academy so that all of the courses conducted there will be accredited by the College of The Bahamas. This would allow law enforcement personnel who train at the Police Training College to transfer their credits towards degrees in criminal justice and law at tertiary institutions locally and abroad.

The two-week course focused on The Constitution of The Bahamas; use of force, incident reporting and diary entries.