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PRESS RELEASE

**RSVGPF CLOSURES CEREMONIAL AND ALL ARMS DRILL COURSE AT OLD
MONTROSE**

February 6, 2026 – Kingstown: Precision, control, and coordinated movement were on full display at the Old Montrose Police Centre today as the Royal St. Vincent and the Grenadines Police Force (RSVGPF) concluded its Ceremonial and All Arms Drill Course with a closing ceremony that reflected the standard the programme was built to enforce.

The course ran from January 26 to February 6, 2026 and brought together 11 officers from various units within the RSVGPF. Conducted in accordance with the British Military Drill Manual, the 2-week programme demanded discipline and consistency through structured training designed to strengthen responsiveness to command, collective coordination, and professional bearing within a paramilitary organisation.

During the programme, participants underwent intensive practical instruction in marching, formations, ceremonial movements, and the handling and presentation of arms. The training was supported by theoretical sessions covering drill history, ceremonial protocol, and the significance of drill in maintaining internal order, morale, and institutional discipline.

At the closing ceremony, Assistant Superintendent of Police Wilmet John, an instructor at the Police Training School, emphasized that the purpose of the course extends beyond ceremonial

presentation. He underscored that drill develops habits that support operational effectiveness, including control under pressure, consistent response to instruction, and the ability to function as a coordinated team. He also highlighted that the graduates now carry an expectation to model these standards within their respective units and in public settings.

Training Officer Lt. Williams Theobalds also addressed the closing ceremony and reinforced that the standards developed through drill must carry into daily duty. He emphasized that the public often recognizes professionalism before it is explained, and that posture, bearing, and composure communicate discipline immediately. He reminded participants that the goal is consistent conduct, not isolated performance, and that the habits strengthened on the drill square must be reflected in everyday policing and public interaction.

Deputy Commissioner of Police Frankie Joseph, delivering remarks at the ceremony, highlighted that drill is fundamentally about control and discipline rather than performance. He pointed to control of timing, control of response, and control of self as qualities that cannot be improvised in high-pressure situations and must be developed through deliberate training. The Deputy Commissioner further noted that the RSVGPF's paramilitary identity is practical and organizational, shaping how authority is exercised, how command is followed, and how discipline is maintained across ranks and units. He emphasized that strong internal discipline remains essential to maintaining external order and public confidence.

The RSVGPF continues to invest in training that strengthens readiness, professionalism, and institutional standards across the organisation. The Force extends thanks to Assistant Superintendent of Police Wilmet John, the instructors of the Police Training School, and all supporting personnel for their contribution to the successful delivery of the programme, and commends the participating officers for their discipline, effort, and commitment throughout the course.

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