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PRESS RELEASE

Corporal Mohammad Lavia Successfully Completes US Army Leadership Training

November 6, 2024 - Kingstown: Exemplifying dedication, grit, and a relentless pursuit of excellence, Corporal of Police Mohammad Lavia has returned from successfully completing the rigorous Infantry Basic Officer Leader Course (IBOLC) at Fort Moore, Georgia (USA). His achievement stands as a beacon of what is possible within the Royal Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Police Force (RSVGPF), reflecting not only his commitment but the potential and caliber of our officers.

Over the course of 19 intensive weeks, from June 11th to October 30th, 2024, Corporal Lavia stood alongside 160 participants, including 11 international military students hailing from countries such as Trinidad and Tobago, Jordan, Thailand, Lebanon, Poland and Slovakia to name a few. This diverse assembly of officers brought together a wealth of experiences and perspectives, enriching the learning environment and fostering international camaraderie.

The Infantry Basic Officer Leader Course (IBOLC) is a demanding program that combines intensive classroom learning with hands-on field exercises, shaping officers into effective leaders in complex operational settings. Participants, including Corporal Lavia, immersed themselves in critical areas such as Troop Leading Procedures, where they refined their strategic planning and decision-making through high-pressure, simulated missions. This in-depth training pushes officers to think decisively, lead confidently, and adapt to evolving challenges.

Participants were pushed to their limits through intensive day and night exercises across challenging terrains, sharpening their skills to move with precision and confidence under any conditions. The training also emphasized Battle Drills, placing officers like Corporal Lavia in high-stakes scenarios that required quick thinking, strategic coordination, and effective communication.

These experiences reflect the real-world complexities of field operations and embody the values of teamwork, integrity, and leadership that are at the heart of the RSVGPF.

Corporal Lavia's successful completion of this rigorous program underscores the trust and high expectations placed in him by the Commissioner of Police and the rank and file of the Royal Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Police Force (RSVGPF). His determination to elevate his skills and knowledge serves as an inspiration to his colleagues and sets a standard for others to follow within our organization.

Throughout his journey, Corporal Lavia has demonstrated qualities essential to strong leadership, integrity, decisiveness, and the ability to bring people together. The expertise and insights he brings back to the RSVGPF will strengthen our capabilities and further enhance our service to the public.

We take this opportunity to recognize, celebrate and congratulate Corporal Lavia's outstanding performance. As we reflect on this milestone, we anticipate the impact he will have as he continues to contribute meaningfully to the RSVGPF and the citizens, residents and visitors we serve.

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