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Regional Cybercrime course underway in Honiara

The Royal Solomon Islands Police Force (RSIPF) Commissioner Matthew Varley today officially opened a Pacific regional two-day course on introduction to cybercrime investigation for police officers at the Rove Police Headquarters, Honiara. This course will be held from 26-27 November 2018.

The 18 participants at the course are from the Federated State of Micronesia, Guam, Kiribati, Nauru, Papua New Guinea, Republic of Marshall Islands and Solomon Islands. Ten of the participants are officers of the RSIPF.

The course forms tier one of a three tiered Cybercrime Investigations program that has been developed by the Cyber Safety Pasifika Team managed by the Australian Federal Police (AFP) through the Pacific Police Development Program. The Tier one-Introduction to Cybercrime Investigations will dwell on the following areas:

- Explanation of what different computer and internet terminology means
- Understanding of how the internet operates
- Understanding of the difference between various forms of cybercrime
- Introduction to digital forensics

The objectives of the course underway in Honiara are;

- To mark the first time the Tier One Introduction to Cybercrime Investigations has been delivered.
- Provide participants with the skills necessary to begin their career in cybercrime investigations and technology enabled crime.
- Introduce participants to methods and techniques to conduct effective online investigations.
- Once successfully completed participants will be able to progress to the next level of cybercrime investigations training.

The course is being facilitated by Jamie Gillespie from the Asia Pacific Network Information Centre who also partners AFP on the delivery of the Tier two Cybercrime Investigations program.

During the opening of the training, Commissioner of RSIPF Matthew Varley says, "This Cyber Safety Pasifika Program is very important for the Pacific region which need all of us to work together to improve our skills to combat cybercrime."

Commissioner Varley says, "Obviously the threat for the Pacific region is very serious and I can tell you as police chief of Solomon Islands, this is one of the agenda during the Pacific Island Chief of Police (PICP) meeting in Nauru some few months ago."

Commissioner Varley welcomed the other participating Pacific island countries at the course and the Cyber Safety Pasifika instructor from Australia who is here under Solomon Island Police Development Program (SIPDP).

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