



14th January 2021

RSIPF rescues eleven people at sea in Western Province

Officers of the Royal Solomon Islands Police Force (RSIPF) at Gizo Police Station in Western Province have rescued eleven people drifting at sea between Choiseul and Western Province on 10 January 2021.

Commissioner of Police Mostyn Mangau says, “The eleven people on board a bray boat powered by 40 Horse powered engine. They left Tunoe Village, Katurasele in South Choiseul to Gizo after Christmas and New Year Holiday. While travelling on the fine sea they have encountered mechanical problem with their engine and drifted.”

Commissioner Mangau says, “The matter was reported to Gizo Police Station by relatives after they have been informed of the incident through mobile phone.”

Mangau says, “Police officers left to search and recued the eleven people at sea and transport them to Gizo. One of the passengers was taken to Gizo hospital as he was having fever.”

“I would like to remind boat owners and skippers of the importance of sea safety. Before you travel, please plan your trip properly. Make sure your boat is seaworthy and you’re Out Boat Motor (OBM) is serviced and maintained, “says Commissioner Mangau

Commissioner Mangau adds, “If you require help, at sea call the Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre (MRCC) on phone 21609 or 27685 or the toll free phone 977; or call the RSIPF National Communication Centre on phone 23666 or the toll free phone 999. Safety at sea starts with you. IF YOU ARE NOT TOO SURE, STAY ASHORE”

//End//

Media inquiries

RSIPF Media Unit:
24016 or 23800 Ext 239

Email:
rsipf.media@rsipf.gov.sb

The Royal Solomon Islands Police Force (RSIPF) was established in 1954. Its mission is ‘To provide a safe and peaceful Solomon Islands by strengthening relationships with the community’. The RSIPF strive to provide efficient and effective policing services for the Solomon Islands and expect RSIPF officers to adhere to the RSIPF values.

For ongoing news and information, please go to www.rsipf.gov.sb

Follow us on Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/rsipf