

# Royal Solomon Islands Police Force

**Media Release** 

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## **RSIPF** officers promoted to senior ranks

Eight officers of the Royal Solomon Islands Police Force (RSIPF) have been promoted to different senior positions within the RSIPF during a brief ceremony held at the Rove Police Headquarters in Honiara today (30 December 2021).

Speaking at the ceremony, Commissioner Mostyn Mangau told the officers, "Your promotions are challenging as you take on the new leadership positions to drive the RSIPF."

"Your promotions are significant for RSIPF and the people of Solomon Islands. The future of RSIPF is vested on your shoulders. I as your Commissioner will work closely with you in your new senior positions. We are so fortunate to have the Australia Federal Police (AFP) Policing Partnership Program (RAPPP) and the Solomon Island Police Support Program (SIPSP) to support us."

"Leadership comes with responsibilities, responsibilities come with challenges but as a team we can achieve our goals. The RSIPF Strategic Directions and core values set a clear direction for us. Even our national motto is very clear: 'To lead is to serve'," says Commissioner Mangau.

"We need strong leadership in this organization to take command and control of officers. Your promotion today is a Christmas gift that comes with challenges ahead as we go to New Year's Eve. Organization lacks discipline and you are here to lead our officers with good examples to direct the force," says Mr Mangau.

The newly promoted officers are:

- Superintendent John Foru was promoted to the rank of Chief Superintendent as a Director National Intelligence Department.
- Superintendent Leonard Tahimana, promoted to the rank of Chief Superintendent as Director National Crime and intelligence Department;
- Inspector Wilken Miriki promoted to the rank of Superintendent as Operation Manager Western Province
- Inspector Lionel Kapisa promoted to the rank of Superintendent as Deputy Director National Respond Department
- Inspector Hudson Mala promoted to the rank of Chief Superintendent as Director Strategy and Policy
- Inspector Francis Ramoni promoted to the rank of Chief Superintendent as Director National Response Department (NRD).

- Inspector Laisalyn Mua promoted to the rank of Chief Superintendent as Chief of Staff to the Commissioner.
- Mr Wilson Wakiohunu promoted to the rank Superintendent as the Director Police Infrastructure Department

The new promotions, approved by the Police and Prison Services Commission, will take effect immediately.

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