



Royal Solomon Islands Police Force

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24 RSIPF officers promoted to the rank of inspector

A total of twenty-four officers of the Royal Solomon Island Police Force (RSIPF) were promoted to the rank of inspector today (23 July 2025) at Rove Police Headquarters.

Four female officers were among those twenty-four officers promoted to the rank of inspector. The promotion is for the middle management level of the RSIPF organisation here in Honiara and the provinces.

The promotion process has been thorough and transparent, ensuring that each candidate was evaluated fairly based on merit, experience, and their contributions to the RSIPF organisation.

Those who promoted officially endorsed following careful recommendations and approval made by our distinguished panel, who conducted consultations with the Ministry of Public Service to ensure adherence to the highest standards of professionalism and governance.

Acting Commissioner of RSIPF Mr James Aitorea, in his brief remarks during the promotion ceremony, said this promotion is not a privilege, but it is a great duty you must have, dedicated to you by the nation to manage and lead officers under your supervision according to the standing orders of the RSIPF organisation and the expectations of the people of this country.

Commissioner Aitorea said this promotion is a great obligation that you must carry, which is entrusted to you from your performances during your work in the RSIPF organisation. It is not something that you will enjoy as a privilege.

Mr Aitorea said you are promoted because you can lead, manage and strengthen this RSIPF organisation. So, I ask you to stand by the standing orders of this organisation and serve your people with integrity and honesty.

The representative spokesperson of the newly promoted officers, Inspector Oliver Buira, during the promotion ceremony, said it is our duty when we are called anywhere at any time; we take those responsibilities.

Newly promoted Inspector Buira said the responsibilities vested in us are not easy, but we have to unite so that we can carry on our duties effectively. So, on behalf of the newly promoted officers, we thank you for entrusting us to carry out our duties.

List of RSIPF officers promoted to the rank of inspector:

Inspector Clera QILAPALUSU-Provincial Coordinator
Inspector Marion Ava Tuhenua- Operation Manager, Central Province
Inspector Timothy TEMAPI-Coordinator-Western Province
Inspector Kevin KUATA- Operation Manager, Makira Province
Inspector Duddley SURUAU- Chief Engineer, Maritime
Inspector Lawrence ISA- Choiseul Province
Inspector Harry Brown FITITEI- Coordinator-Traffic Centre
Inspector Mark ARIMANA-Coordinator -RSIPF FIRE Service
Inspector Desmond F RAVE- Supervisor -RSIPF Media
Inspector Brian TAMOLI- Police Maritime
Inspector Joshua PUTE-Coordinator Training
Inspector Zachariah Salopuka- Coordinator Honiara City
Inspector Leonard ROKOTO- Western Province
Inspector Casper Junior NIUI- Executive Officer (XO) Second Captain -Maritime
Inspector Jefferson Tony Volaka- Interpol -Officer In-Charge
Inspector Tony To'oga- Officer In-Charge Malu'u Police Station
Inspector Ellen Kinita- Deputy Director -Logistics
Inspector Geoffrey Angi-Coordinator, Malaita Province
Inspector Oliver BUIRA- National Criminal Investigation Department (NCID)
Inspector Susan MALA- Staff Officer, Deputy Commissioner National Security and Operation Support
Inspector Brian KAURA- Officer-In charge- Workshop
Inspector Audrey SUHATA- Makira Province
Inspector Robin Mepirke- Temotu Province
Inspector Samantha KIKONI- Shift Supervisor

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Captions and photos

Image 1: Some of the newly promoted officers posed for a photo after the promotion with some senior members of the RSIPF.

Image 2: Inspector Marion Ava Tuhenua, operation manager, Central Province, received her letter of promotion from the acting commissioner of the RSIPF, Mr James Aitorea.

Image 3: Inspector Harry Brown, FITITEI coordinator, Traffic Centre, received his letter of promotion from the acting commissioner of the RSIPF. Mr James Aitorea

Image 4: Inspector Brian TAMOL I – Police Maritime – received his letter of promotion from the acting commissioner of the RSIPF. Mr James Aitorea

Image 5: Right-Acting Commissioner of RSIPF Mr James Aitorea gives his remarks during the promotion ceremony.

Image 6: Some of the female officers promoted to the rank of inspector posed for a photo after the promotion ceremony.

Image 7: Representative of the newly promoted officers, Inspector Oliver Buira gives his remarks on behalf of the newly promoted officers.

Image 8: A maritime officer receives his letter of promotion from RSIPF Commissioner Mr James Aitorea during the promotion ceremony.

Image 9: Far left, the chaplain of RSIPF offering prayer to officiate the promotion programme.

Image 10: Centre Inspector Mark Arimana posed for a photo after his promotion.

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The Royal Solomon Islands Police Force (RSIPF) was established in 1954. Its mission is 'To provide a safe, secure and peaceful Solomon Islands'. The RSIPF strive to provide efficient, capable and responsive policing service and expect RSIPF officers to adhere to the RSIPF values.

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