



Erla Christopher

Mrs. Erla Christopher enlisted in the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service on April 19th1982, at the age of 19. Upon her Passing Out from the Police Training College, St. James, she was posted to the Central Division where she performed general policing duties as a constable.

Having successfully completed the promotion examinations, Mrs. Christopher elevated through the ranks from Second Division Officer to First Division Officer where she was posted to various sections within the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service, namely Finance, Administration, Court and Process, and the Human Resource Branches. In these sections she served as First Division officer in the ranks of Superintendent and Senior Superintendent.

After being promoted to the rank of Assistant Commissioner of Police, Mrs. Christopher was appointed to head Administration, where she managed all administrative operations of the Police Service.

Having a passion for people and community, it was only befitting when she was posted as Assistant Commissioner in charge of the Community Relations. During her tenure, Mrs. Christopher again left an indelible mark and served with distinction to foster stronger relations and greater collaborations between the police and communities.

Mrs. Erla Christopher is one of the female pioneers within the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service holding several titles such as the first female to serve as the Special Reserve Police Adjutant, the second female to head the Special Reserve Branch, and second female to be trained at the Federal Bureau of Investigations National Academy in the United States of America. These positions were all served with distinction and excellence.

Throughout her career, she has been awarded with several inter-department commendations for dedication to duty, showing keen initiative, and outstanding work, to name a few.

Mrs. Christopher now holds the post as the Deputy Commissioner of Police with the responsibility of the Administration and is the youngest officer to sit on the executive of the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service. Deputy Commissioner of Police Erla Christopher continues to serve with PRIDE and is an empowering example that in a male dominated organisation, gender nor age offers her any barriers.