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RSIPF officers undergo motor vehicle collision investigation course

Officers in the Traffic Department of the Royal Solomon Islands Police Force (RSIPF) are currently undergoing a two-week training course on motor vehicle collision investigation at the Roya Police Headquarters in Honiara 30 September – 11 October 2019.

The aim of the Course is to enhance the skills and capability of RSIPF Traffic Officers to manage motor vehicle collision scenes and conduct thorough investigations more effectively with a long term objective to rolling the training out to all RSIPF frontline officers. The Course will provide the skills to give expert opinion evident in a Court and demonstrate the latest best practice in collision investigation.

"The last noted Crash investigation course was conducted in 2014 and so it is time we do another one given the staff turnover in the Traffic Department. Furthermore the RSIPF has identified a gap in the crash investigation capability which has led to criticism in the Coroners and Magistrates Courts," says Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) National Capital and Crime Prevention, Simpson Pogeava.

ACP Pogeava adds: "Since the last collision investigation course was run, Random Breath Testing (RBT) has been introduced in Honiara and some of the provincial centres. The World Health Organisation has also gifted a Kustom LaserCam 4, laser speed detection and measuring device fitted with a camera. The device can be used to accurately map collision scenes and provide evidence for the Courts and other Judicial bodies."

"We look forward to the officers completing the training and applying their new skills on our roads and also passing on the skills to other officers within the RSIPF," says ACP Pogeava.

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