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PRESS RELEASE

ACTING PRIME MINISTER PRESENTS RSS MEDALS TO POLICE OFFICERS FOR SERVICE IN DOMINICA

July 12, 2019 – Acting Prime Minister, Honourable Gregory Bowen on Friday presented Regional Security Systems (RSS) medals to officers who were deployed to Dominica in the aftermath of Hurricane Maria in 2017.

The 67 officers were deployed as part of the RSS mission which rendered humanitarian and security assistance to the people of Dominica after Hurricane Maria ravaged the island in 2017. Their duties included the distribution of relief supplies, provision of security, enforcement of the curfew and assisting with the reconstruction of buildings.

Minister Bowen commended the honorees for upholding the noble mission of the RSS and for serving selflessly. He said, “You clearly demonstrated that we are in fact our brother’s keeper. Back in 2004, the situation was reverse when we needed the support of our regional colleagues after Hurricane Ivan decimated our country.”

Minister Bowen noted that there are elements in society who take advantage of the vulnerable even in times of disaster. He said, “It therefore requires, more often than not, deployment of specially trained personnel to assist in re-establishing order and stability to facilitate relief and recovery efforts. It is within this context that Grenada’s contribution through the RGPF, as part of the RSS, proved to be of tremendous value.”

Acting Commissioner of Police, Mr. Edvin Martin was one of those honoured at Friday’s ceremony. Speaking on behalf of all honourees, Mr. Martin said service is not rendered in anticipation of recognition or reward. “However, when your service is recognized and rewarded, as is done today, it adds another dimension to one’s sense of purpose and accomplishment, and gives the assurance that your sacrifice was indeed worthwhile.”

Mr. Martin who served as the commander of the RSS contingent, also commended the officers. “I observed with admiration, the professionalism with which the officers in each rotation seamlessly gelled with the RSS company and merged with officers and soldiers

from other countries, in pursuit of a common mission. The depth of our training and military skills manifested itself in the automatic transformation of attitudes and adaptation to a very challenging environment.”

One of the medals presented Friday was given posthumously to the late Ashton Calliste, who died during a training exercise last year. The medal was received by his brother Akinson Calliste.

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Note to Editors:

Photo Captions

- Acting Prime Minister, Honourable Gregory Bowen pins the RSS on Acting Commissioner of Police, Mr. Edvin Martin who was among the 67 officers of the Royal Grenada Police Force honoured at Friday’s investiture ceremony.
- Group Photo featuring the honourees with Acting Prime Minister, Hon. Gregory Bowen, Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of National Security, Mrs. Sally Ann Bagwan Logie, Acting Commissioner of Police, Mr, Edvin Martin and other senior officers of the RGPF.