

New recruits completed Police Training Course

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1 June 2012 The Ministry of Police, Fire Services and Prisons held its graduation ceremony for 32 new probationary constables who completed the Tonga Police Recruit Course at the Police Training School in Longolongo on May 31.



The awards were presented by Australian Federal Police advisor, Mr. Peter William on behalf of the Acting Police Commissioner, Commander Taniela Faletau.

This year's recruits are made up of 32 recruits who have completed 24 weeks of training. Of these graduates are nine women and 23 men, with the top student being awarded to Pelikani 'Aho. This is the first time this course was implemented, which included not only physical training but aptitude, literacy and numeracy course.

The police constables had completed the first six months of their training and were to continue to the final phase of workplace assessment for 18 months before they can become police constables, and receive their diplomas.

The Acting Police Commissioner Commander Faletau said that this was part of the Tonga Police Development Program and congratulated the new recruits for being the first to study under the program.

"It is important to develop the level of training and policing skills of Tonga police officers to match with the new developments in Tonga and worldwide, in this 21st century", he said.

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