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### **RBDF Prepares for Electoral Period**

**Defence Headquarters, 08 SEPT. '21 (RBDF):** In the interest of national security, the Royal Bahamas Defence Force is currently preparing to mobilize marines throughout The Bahamas alongside the Police Force to assist with providing security during the electoral period.

Because election time provides a platform for opposing views to confront one another, it is a vulnerable time when emotions and tensions run high. Therefore, military and law enforcement agencies tasked with providing security must remain in a state of readiness to mitigate any potential threats or risks.

Marines are currently being refamiliarized and prepared primarily on crowd control, rules of engagement, and civil unrest tactics.

With COVID-19 still an ongoing challenge, the Royal Bahamas Defence Force would like to remind the public to take safety precautions, such as avoiding handshakes, physical distancing – especially when waiting in lines to vote – wearing a mask and regular sanitizing.

The Royal Bahamas Defence Force is mandated to assist in maintaining law and order in conjunction with law enforcement and will continue to prioritize the safety and security of the Bahamian public.

**Photo 1 shows:** Senior Commander Frederick Brown and the Officers and Marines prepare to assist with security details during the electoral period. **(RBDF Photo by Able Seaman Michael Turner II)**

**Photo 2 shows:** Senior Lieutenant Prescott McPhee and the Officers and Marines prepare to assist with security details during the electoral period. **(RBDF Photo by Able Seaman Michael Turner II)**

**Photo 3 shows:** Defence Force Officers and Marines preparing to assist with security details during the electoral period. (RBDF Photo by Able Seaman Michael Turner II)

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