TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO POLICE SERVICE

ANTI-Corruption Investigations Bureau
The Anti-Corruption Investigations Bureau was established vide Cabinet Minute No. 20 of January 11, 2002, under the Ministry of the Attorney General.

It is the premier department in the TTPS with responsibility for investigating matters involving corruption.
STRATEGIES AND INITIATIVES

To reduce the incidence of corruption in Trinidad and Tobago by hosting and conducting Anti-Corruption Awareness Seminars in the Private and Public Sectors.
LOCATION

The unit is located in the A.S Bryden Building situated at #33 Independence Square South, Port of Spain.
VISION STATEMENT

“To be the National Provider of Professional Policing Services.”
VISION STATEMENT: ANTI-CORRUPTION INVESTIGATIONS BUREAU.

To be a catalyst in promoting the highest level of integrity in public life by being the provider of professional investigative services.
MISSION STATEMENT

To promote SAFETY, SECURITY and STABILITY for the nation by upholding the laws firmly and fairly while ensuring prompt courteous and professional service in partnership with the communities.
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ANTI CORRUPTION INVESTIGATIONS BUREAU.

To establish and maintain confidence in public and private institutions by conducting prompt, unbiased and professional investigations into all matters by applying all available modern technology, with a trained and competent staff, in partnership with the public.
MANDATE OF THE A.C.I.B

To investigate expeditiously and thoroughly all reports and allegations of corruption against :-

1. Government officials
2. Public Officers
3. Police Officers
4. Public and Statutory Bodies
OBJECTIVES

1. To develop Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) in accordance with:

a. The Laws of Trinidad and Tobago.
b. Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act 1997
c. Standing Orders of the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service.
The Superintendent ACIB must be informed within 24 hours by the Inspector or Assistant Superintendent of such report.

The Superintendent must within 24 hours, assign an officer to pursue enquires into the report and set deadlines for the completion of investigations.
ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

The A.C.I.B. managerial structure is designed along a hierarchical framework headed by the Superintendent who has the overall responsibility and is supported by two (2) Inspectors. The Human Resource Capital is further sub-divided into two (2) teams; A&B each headed by an Inspector. Personnel from the Guard Unit perform a 24 hour guard service at the Bureau.
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DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- To investigate reports of Corruption tactfully, diligently, and in a professional manner.
- To collect and preserve the integrity of evidence for presentation in Court.
• To provide sound advice to members of the public reporting matters which are not considered acts of corruption and considered to be of a civil nature.

• To deliver lectures, seminars, exhibitions to members of both the Public and Private Sectors.
To provide training to Police Officers relative to Corruption and related offences.

To provide manpower to assist in Patrols and other duties as detailed by the A.C.P Anti-Crime Operations and other Executive Officers.

To perform uniform duties as determined by the exigencies of the Service e.g. Carnival, Election.
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- Treat all information with the strictest confidence.
- To identify and implement Training needs for staff development by obtaining training in investigative techniques for all members of staff.
- To develop Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for the Bureau by identifying a commonality in procedures of the Bureau’s business in tandem with the TTPS.
- To encourage ‘Camaraderie’ among staff. Various social events were conducted in promoting social interactions and relationship among staff.
STATUS OF REPORTS

- Reports Closed, 41%
- Reports Detected, 19%
- Pending-Awaiting Legal Advice, 40%
PROSECUTIONS INSTITUTED

Charges: 848
Persons/Companies Charged: 224

- Matters Pending: 62%
- Matters Dismissed: 12%
- Persons/Companies Discharges: 14%
- Persons/Companies Convicted: 12%
MODE OF REPORTS:

Reports dealt with at the A.C.I.B. generally originate from:-

- Correspondence from Commissioner of Police
- Walk-in from the general public
- Reports from Government Departments
CLASSIFICATION OF REPORTS

At the A.C.I.B. reports are generally categorized into three (3) classes:-
• General Fraud-General Fraud are those reported by members of the public.

• Government Fraud- Government Fraud refers to reports emanating from Government Departments and Statutory Bodies

• Information-Information refers to matters that do not constitute criminal impropriety and civil action is advised.
SOME COMMON CORRUPTION OFFENCES

Corruptly Soliciting Money - Prevention of Corruption Act. 11:11
Corruptly Receiving Money - Prevention of Corruption Act. 11:11
Uttering a Fraudulent Document - Forgery Act. 11:13
Making a False Statutory Declaration - Perjury Act. 11:14
Perjury - Perjury Act. 11:14
Perverting the Course of Justice - Contrary to Common Law
Misbehavior in Public Office - Common Law
Larceny - Larceny Act. 11:12
THE ROLE OF THE A.C.I.B. INVESTIGATOR

Investigators mainly concentrate their energies in a three-pronged manner:

- **Prevention** - by way of outreach programs such as seminars eg. Lectures at Government Agencies, Police Divisions and Branches.
- **Detection and Institution of Criminal Charges** - by diligent investigation and institution of charges where there is sufficient evidence to establish a prima face case.
- **Covert Operations**
KNOWLEDGE REQUIRED

➢ A knowledge of the elements of a crime and the ability to distinguish between a criminal and civil matters.

➢ Appreciation of the ingredients necessary to establish acts of corruption and other related offences.

➢ A proper understanding of the requirements of the Judges’ Rules and Administrative Directions.
To be au-courant with the constitutional rights and entitlements of persons.

A knowledge of the laws of evidence particularly as it relates to oral and documentary evidence

Court procedure and etiquette;

Be familiar with the requirements of the Police Standing Orders.

Knowledge of the general duties of a Police Officer.
REPORTS AGAINST POLICE OFFICERS: - POLICY
S.O. #10, PARAS 19&20

OBJECTIVE:-

To streamline operations at the office in relation to the handling of reports made by members of the public against police officers.
CONSTRAINTS

- Obtaining Information / Documents in a timely manner from external agencies such as private / Government institutions.
- Shortage of Manpower
- Location of the Anti-Corruption Investigations Bureau, and accommodation for staff
- The unwillingness by individuals to support further investigations after making reports. Usually citing reprisals as the reason for the lack of co-operation.
Lack of Training program for staff example: Forensic Investigations, Intelligence Gathering and Analysis, Information Technology, Financial Crime Investigations, Cyber Crimes etc.

Lack of technological equipment such as Projectors, voice recognition software, digital cameras, recording equipment, bulk scanner etc.
RECOMMENDATIONS

- The creation of legislation for the protection of persons making reports of alleged corruption. (Whistle Blower Legislation)

- Legislation be amended to ensure that state enterprises are held accountable for refusing to produce documents.

- The strength of the ACIB brought up to its sanction strength
Suitable accommodation, equipment, facilities and relocation of the Anti Corruption Investigations Bureau;

Legislation for Procurement issues.

ACHIEVEMENT YEAR ENDING 2010

To reduce crime and protect citizens by conducting prompt, unbiased and professional investigations.

To reduce corruption in Trinidad and Tobago by developing an awareness on the issue of Corruption by hosting seminars and lectures throughout various sections and branches of Trinidad and Tobago Police Service and the Country as a whole.

To develop efficient communication strategies with stakeholders, thereby improving our service delivery to the public.
ESSENTIAL ATTRIBUTES

Discipline
Self-Motivation;
Confidentiality;
High Ethical Standards;
Communication and Interviewing Skills;
Good Oral and Writing Skills;
Dedication and Commitment to duty;
Amenable to Training; and
A sense of Team Spirit
OTHER ATTRIBUTES THAT ARE ADVANTAGEOUS

- Creativity and Innovation;
- Computer Literacy;
- Basic Accounting Knowledge;
- Public Relation Skills;
- Good Organizing Skills;
- Presentation Skills;
- Formal Legal Training; and
- Valid Driver’s Permit
On receipt of a report against a Police Officer, the Duty Sergeant or in his /her absence the next senior person must be notified immediately.

The informant would be interviewed by the Duty Sergeant, facts of the report recorded and the Duty Inspector informed.

Where such reports are made on a week-end or public holiday the assigned duty officer must be informed for guidance and appropriate action to be adopted.