

PROFILE OF COMMISSIONER OF POLICE
MR.HENRY GREENE, DSM



Commissioner of Police, Mr. Henry Greene, DSM, took over responsibility for the Guyana Police Force on Friday 24th July, 2006, when then Commissioner of Police Mr. Winston Gordon Felix, DSM, proceeded on pre-retirement leave. He is the ninth national of Guyana to command the Force since its establishment on July 1st, 1839.

Commissioner Henry Greene who was born on April 06, 1954, received his early education at the Dolphin Government School and later Queen's College. He subsequently spent one year at Charlestown Secondary School and attended the College of Education for Secondary Teachers Training Centre, Turkeyen, now known as the Lilian Dewar College, for one year between 1972 and 1973.

He was enlisted into the Guyana Police Force on February 15, 1974 with the regulation number 9411. Since then he has worked assiduously and, as a consequence, accumulated a wealth of knowledge and experience which he has brought to the helm.

After completing his initial training program in 1974 at the then Police Training School, which has since been renamed the Felix Austin Police College, Mr. Greene was transferred to 'E' Division, as it was then, and worked at Wismar and Mc Kenzie police stations until 1976. He was promoted to the rank of Corporal in November 1976.

Academically qualified and already showing the qualities and attitude of a future leader, Henry Greene was identified and appointed a Cadet Officer on January 01, 1978.

Prior to his appointment as a Cadet Officer he was stationed in 'B' Division during 1976 where he worked at Central and #51 Police Stations and later the said year he went to 'F' Division where he performed duties at Bartica, Kwapau and Paruima stations.

Greene's movement in the Force continued and in 1977 he worked at Vigilance, Enterprise Outpost and Cove & John in 'C' Division, and in 1978 went back to Berbice where he was stationed at Central Police Station. In 1980 he was posted to the Tactical Services Unit (TSU).

Two years later he was posted to 'A' Division where he performed duties at Operations Room and as Airport Security Officer until 1983 when he returned to 'B' Division for another stint in that Division.

In 1984, consequent upon his vast experience and knowledge, the Force administration appointed him Deputy Commander of 'E' Division and in 1985 he held the similar position in 'D' Division.

In 1985 Henry Greene commenced studies at the University of Guyana for the Diploma in Public Administration and graduated with a distinction in 1987 as the Best Graduating Student at the DPA which earned him the Prime Minister's Medal. During 1987 to 1990 he studied for the Degree in Public Administration, graduating with credit and between 1993 and 1994 studied for the Post Graduate Diploma in International Relations.

In 1986, Commissioner Henry Greene was posted to Headquarters as Head of the Research and Planning Unit until being appointed Commander of 'C' Division in 1990. Later that year he returned to Headquarters as Head of Staff and subsequently Assistant Commissioner 'Operations' in 1991.

The following year, he was again made the Head of Staff and then moved to the Immigration Department in 1993 where he worked as the Deputy Chief Immigration Officer. The year 1994 saw him commanding 'A' Division and the following two years as Head of Research and Planning and Assistant Commissioner 'Operations', both for a second term, until 1997 when he was posted as Commander 'A' Division for another period.

Commissioner Greene returned to the University of Guyana in 1997 and studied for the LLB gaining a credit and moving on to the Hugh Wooding Law School, Trinidad between 2000 and 2002. At the Hugh Wooding Law School he earned himself credit as the Best Graduating Student in Advocacy and represented the Law School at the Inter Law School Moot Competition final. Henry Greene was accepted at the Bar in Guyana in October, 2002.

Henry Greene returned to Police Headquarters as Assistant Commissioner 'Administration' in 2002 until charged to head the Criminal Investigations Department in 2004, a position he held until his recent appointment and during which time he performed duties as Commissioner periodically.

Commensurate with his transfers and postings came his promotions. Commissioner Henry Greene, DSM, received his first promotion to Corporal in 1976 after which he was appointed a Cadet Officer in 1978. He was subsequently promoted to the rank of Assistant Superintendent in 1980, Deputy Superintendent 1982, Superintendent 1984, Senior Superintendent 1987, Assistant Commissioner 1992 and Deputy Commissioner in 2001.

The Commissioner's academic Curriculum Vitae is also punctuated with several other professional, overseas and local courses. These comprise Instructors, Junior Officers, Leadership and Command Courses at the Felix Austin Police College; the Overseas Command Course at the Police Staff College, Bramshill, England 1981; the Executive Development Course at the RCMP Canadian Police College, Ottawa 1996; Disaster Management Course at the U.W.I Trinidad 1996; Terrorism Seminar in Washington 2002; and additionally Project Management coordinated by the CDB in Georgetown 1991; the Defence Planning and Resource Management Course at the Centre for Hemispheric and Defence Studies, Washington, USA in 2004 and Strategic Defence Studies at the U.S Southern Command, USA.