



**Remarks by Commissioner of Police Ellison Greenslade at the
Full Military Funeral Service for the late Inspector Rudolph Strachan (Ret)
Friday March 5th, 2015**

Mrs. Strachan, I want to thank you, your children, Inspector Rudolph Strachan's brother, his brother in law, and all of his family for your respectful dispositions and unity as you grieve. What a fitting way to honor a man, whom you all love, by reflecting the measure of who he was by your actions and dispositions.

My senior executive leadership team and all members of the Royal Bahamas Police Force join me in thanking you for the sacrifices that you have made over the years in many family Island postings and for the good examples that you have set.

You beloved husband, Father, brother, and relative, was a decent man and a consummate professional. He was in a position of authority yet he was humble. He was in a position of authority yet he was respectful. He was in a position of authority yet he was concerned about others. He was in a position of authority but he always kept his feet firmly planted on the ground.

Family, he embraced me as a young police officer, when I had barely one year service on the Force, and gave me the same respect and opportunities that he gave my seniors.

I worked along with him as a police motorcyclist for over three years and I counted every day under his leadership a joy. He guided and encouraged us all and he showed us love. Thank to his good examples, we had a good role model to emulate.

Rudolph Strachan served at a time when respect was the hallmark of Bahamians and, more specifically, the hallmark of police officers. The Force was not a perfect place but there seemed to be a common recognition of high standards, discipline, and respect for rules, procedures, and for one another. This respect extended to the wider community. This was not very long ago. This was in our lifetime.

I believe that we have slipped badly as a people. Many of us have strayed far from the boundaries of decency and respect. I hope that our fellowship here this morning will serve as a reminder of the obligations we have to return to all that is right and decent and to add value to Forces' rich legacy like Insp. Rudolph Strachan did.

Officers assembled in this Church this morning, I wish to thank you for answering the call to turn up yesterday, and today, to honor our fallen brother. At some future point all of our families will sit right where Rudolph Strachan's Family now sit. Therefore, we must live to live again and we must never forget.

Mrs. Strachan and family, on behalf of my senior executive leadership team and all members of the Royal Bahamas Police Force, including Reserve Police Officers of all ranks, my wife and family, I offer condolences to you and pray that almighty God will grant you comfort and peace during this difficult time of bereavement.

Thank you.