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#### **Trinidad and Tobago Fire Service Role and Function at Events**

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The Trinidad and Tobago Fire Service is the sole organization tasked with the responsibility of providing Fire/Life Safety Coverage at Public events in accordance with the Fire Service Act 35:50. In addition to which, guidance is referred to from the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 101 Life Safety Code in its determination of the coverage at public events.

Therefore, in order to ensure that the public's safety is not compromised the Trinidad and Tobago Fire Service has set policies that are directly structured to guide promoters in the hosting of their events.

Furthermore, when promoters apply for and are granted the licence by a Magistrate to host an event, they are bounded by Law to implement and adhere to the necessary standards and requirements which are set by the Trinidad and Tobago Fire Service.

In recent times, the Trinidad and Tobago Fire Service has been forced to close the gates at events as a result of the blatant disregard to the provisions under the licence, particularly pertaining to the capacity submitted by the promoter to the Licencing Committee, and granted by the Magistrate. These contraventions, directly affect the Fire/Life Safety Coverage provided by the Fire Service since the capacity of the venue is one of the factors for determining the number of fire officers to be deployed and in turn, how effectively the Fire Service can carry-out its functions in the event of any untoward occurrence.

In this regard, the Trinidad and Tobago Fire Service will continue to put the safety of the public first.

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