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# **RESTORATION OF THE ROYAL BAHAMAS POLICE FORCE BIER**





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# BAHAMAS POLICE FORCE BIER

1950-1980



1950 Jeep Land Rover

In the year 1950, a replica of the first Bier Jeep (**The 1950 Land Rover**) was used by the Royal Bahamas Police Force.

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1980-2001



1980 Jeep Wrangler

In the year 1980, the Royal Bahamas Police Force Transport Garage, purchased this **1980 Jeep Wrangler C17**.

In 1980; one of 8 acquired, all-manual transmission but the only one with power steering. Operators/Officers: **Tommy LaRoda**, and **Cyril Gibson**.

The Officer in Charge at this time was **Mr. Chino Knowles**.

This is the old Bier Jeep that drove **Sir Milo Butler & Sir Linden Oscar Pindling** to their final resting place.



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2001-2021



**2001 Jeep Wrangler Sport**

The **1980 Jeep C17** was retired and replaced by the **2001 Jeep Wrangler Sport 4 x 4 (4.0 L)**

The Officer in Charge at this time was **Mr. Jeffrey Johnson.**

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2021-



**2018 4-Door Refurbished Jeep Wrangler**

In 2021, Superintendent Warren L.D. Johnson (Fleet Director of the Transport Garage) retired the 2001 Jeep Wrangler.

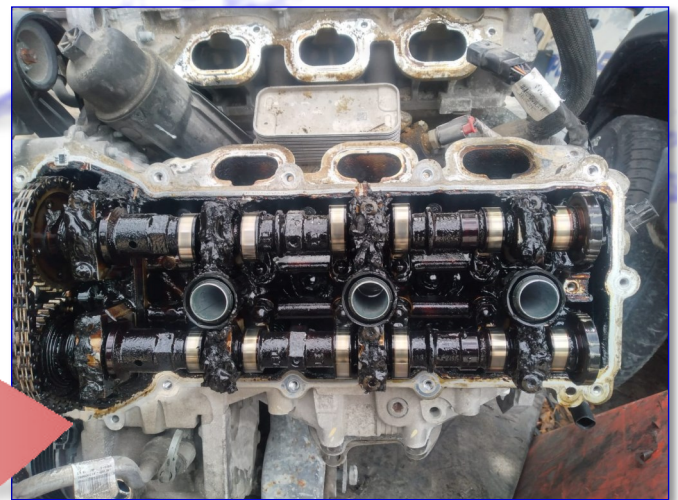
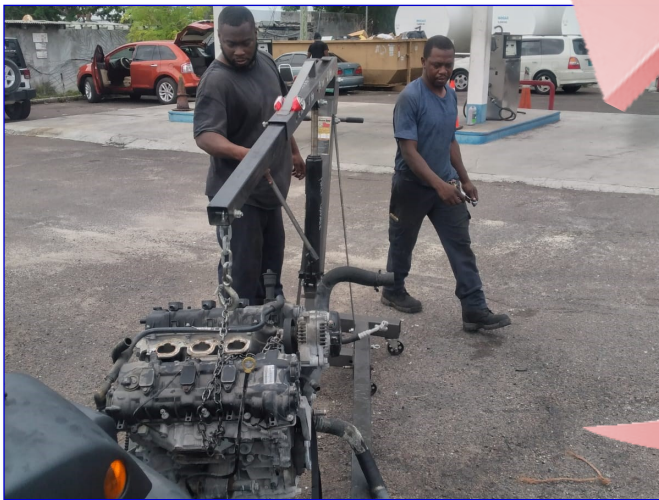
This vehicle was replaced with a fully overhauled and refurbished **2018 4-Door Jeep Wrangler**. This is the first of its kind to be used for this purpose.



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## The Refurbishment/Restoration Process

Mechanic Staff headed by Sgt. Thompson overhauling the engine of the Jeep.



**Mechanics: Sgt 2507 Thompson, Cpl 3331 Johnson, & P/C 3379 Gilbert.**



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## Preparation for Painting.



## Preparation cont'd



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Base Coat just before Painting.



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Officers from the Communications Branch **Installing Lights** for the first time in a Bier Jeep



Installation Cont'd



Officers Cpl 3759 Godfrey  
& P/C 3750 Lightbourne



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2018 Wrangler Jeep  
With base coat *prior to* buffing.



2018 Wrangler Jeep  
With base coat *after* buffing.





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## Body Work Crew

(From Left to right):

Cpl. 3099 Hanna, Sgt. 2896 Frazier, Cpl 421 Cunningham, P/C 4056 Lockhart



# BAHAMAS POLICE FORCE BIER



The complete replacement of the 2001 Jeep Wrangler Sport was absolutely necessary after approximately (20) years of service in order for the RBPF to properly maintain its sacred tradition of honoring our dead that their families would see our appreciation of service to God and Country.

Superintendent Warren L.D. Johnson

Officer - In - Charge

RBPF Transport Garage



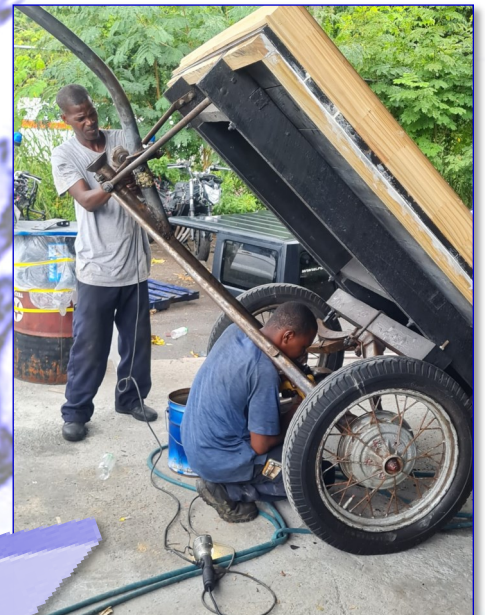
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## The Bier Restoration Process

The Funeral Carriage; which was just over (71) years, was also in need of major repairs and refurbishment.

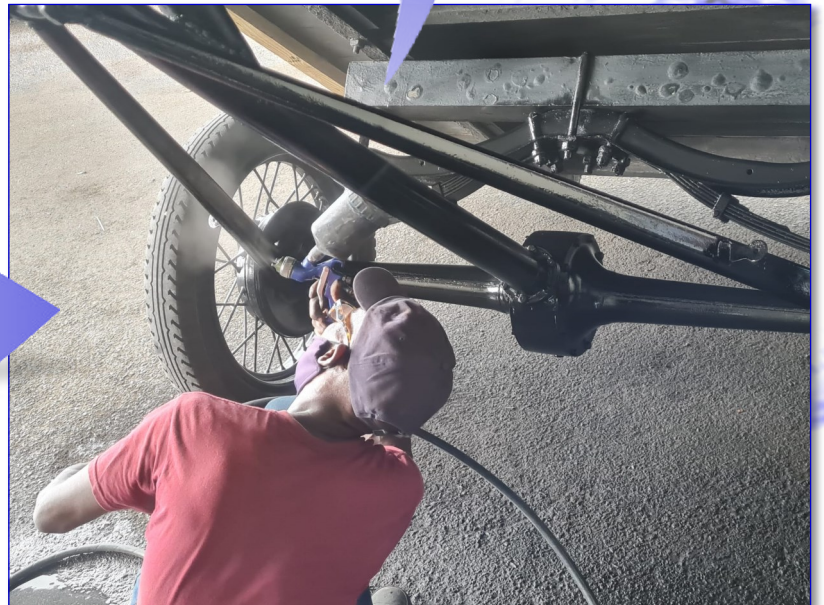


Stripping off of years of old rust and paint.





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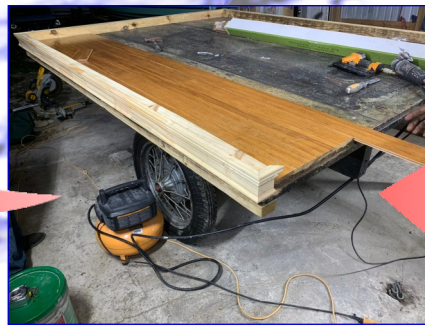


**P/C 2139 Brown** restoring chassis and under-carriage of Funeral Carriage.



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Restoration of the funeral carriage also required that all of the old rotten, wooden support beams needed to be replaced.



**Officers Sgt 2177 Huyler & P/C 2139 Brown**



Treated, polished  
Bamboo was selected  
for the re-flooring of  
the funeral carriage.





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Installation of the Crown Molding for the top of the funeral carriage.



**Sgt. Dion Pennerman**  
was identified to begin  
fabricating the blue velvet  
skirt for the carriage.





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**W/Sgt. 1778 Donnell Ferguson** c/o Transport Garage insisted that a woman's touch be included and designed a mustard valence to offset the blue velvet skirt - which was fabricated by Maggie Drapes.

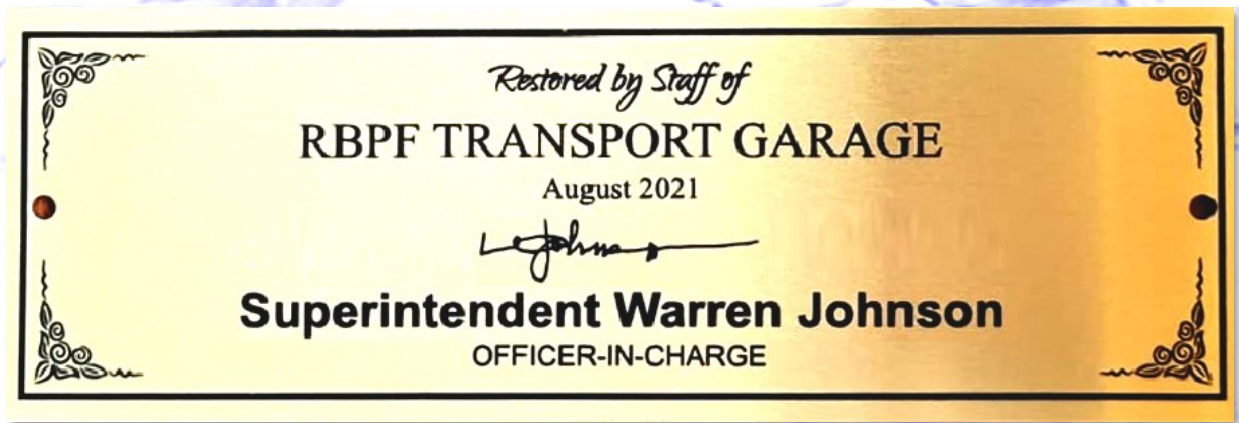


**Gold is for State or Parliamentary funerals.**





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**Red is for Police funerals.**





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## State Funeral of Sir Arthur D. Hanna





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## State Funeral Cont'd





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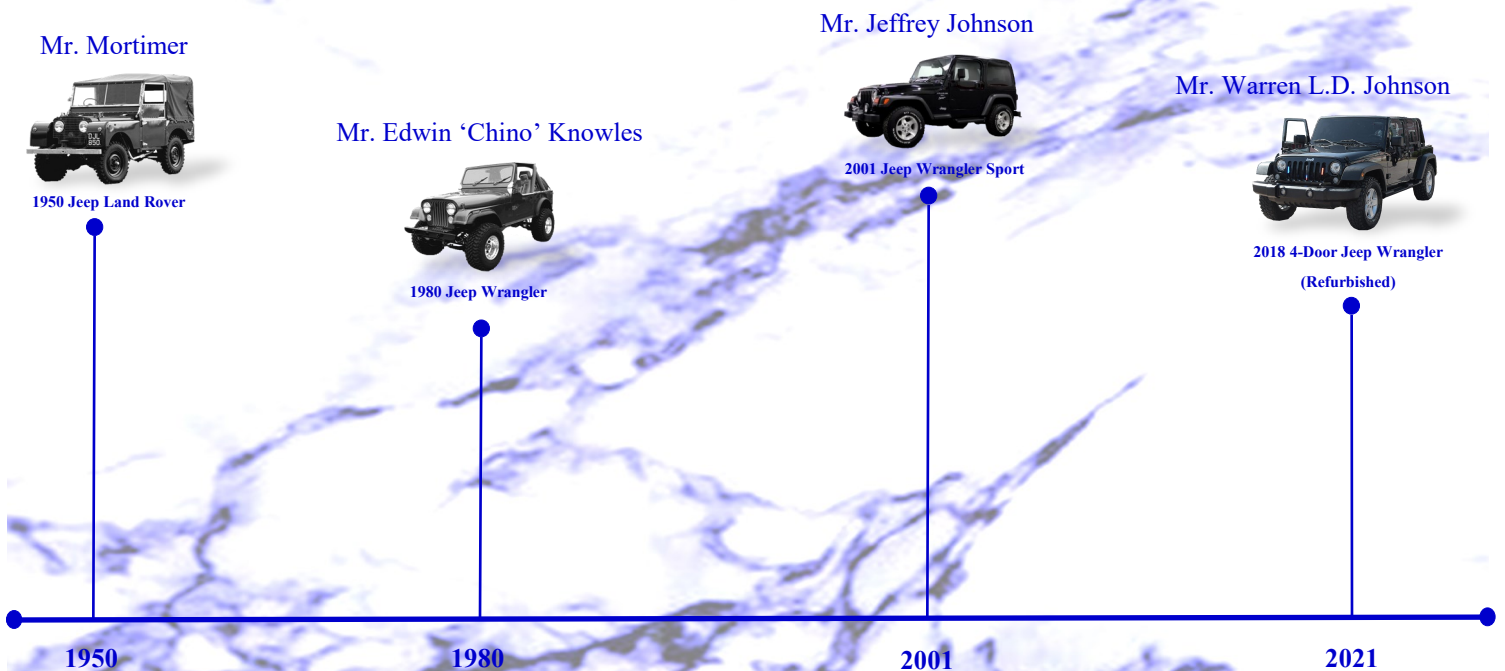


Former Superintendent Laroda



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## BIER TIMELINE



This timeline shows the time periods in which a Bier was used and the corresponding Commanding Officers during their tenure.



**POLICE FORCE GARAGE COMMANDERS**

**Mr. Bob Oldham**

**Mr. Donald Chandler**

**Mr. Mortimer**

**Mr. S.R. Wilson**

**Mr. Paul Thompson**

**Mr. P. A. Rolle**

**Mr. Edwin 'Chino' Knowles**

**Mr. P. A. Rolle**

**Mr. Salathiel Wilson**

**Mr. Jeffery Johnson**

**Mr. Matthew Davis**

**Mr. Prince Smith**

**Mr. Tommy Allan LaRoda**

**Mr. Kevon Deveaux**

**Mr. Derrick Burrows**

**Mr. Anthony Rolle**

**Mr. Harry Williams**

**Mr. Warren L.D. Johnson**



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