

Regional approach to accident collision

OVER 20 police officers from Barbados, St Vincent, Trinidad, St Lucia and Dominica came together to participate in the level 2 Collision Investigation course, which seeks to arm officers with the necessary skills to effectively deal with all aspects of collision investigation.

The two week programme, whilst enhancing the skills of the officers, also ensures that there is an equal level of knowledge throughout the region.

Addressing the officers at the closing ceremony, which was held at the Regional Police Training Centre, Supt.

Albert Freeman from the Royal Barbados Police force he urged them to ensure that they strive for high levels of investigations at all times.

Noting the need to improve the standard of accident reporting across the region, he said "I will speak to about some of the points you will face in your career and what is expected of you know you have finished."

"I want to emphasise on accident investigation and filing accident reports for the general public."

"One of the biggest problems in CARICOM come from the fact that people need to have accidents reports done as individuals to settle matters."

"You have been given the opportunity to improve the standard in the whole CARICOM area. When you go back to your forces it is expected that you will share your knowledge with your colleagues."

Suggesting that officers are essential to the claims process after an accident, he urged them to operate with haste and professionalism at all times stating: "Insurance will not settle an accident unless there is some intervention from you."

"Don't only look at this as a course, look at the responsibility you have as an economic situation, a family situation, the role that you play in people's lives. . . . It is up to you to ensure that whatever you do is done professionally and speedily."

Social care minister lauds NAB programme

THE recreational programme of the National Assistance Board (NAB) has received a nod of approval from Minister of Social Care, Steve Blackett.

During a tour recently of the Roy Thompson Memorial Centre in College Savannah, St. John, Mr. Blackett said he was impressed with the work of the participants, and the quality of

the exhibits on display.

"It is wonderful to see the young, and not so young, engaged in such activities. . . . We will look towards expanding the programme. One of the things I will be discussing with the Director of the NAB, and the board of management there, is the development of programmes to get the men involved. . . . I think the problem is that men's

interests lie elsewhere," the Social Care Minister stated.

He also suggested introducing a number of recreational activities such as dominoes and draughts in order to attract men to the programme.

The touring party, which comprised officials from the Ministry of Social Care, also visited the NAB and Welfare

Department's offices at Six Roads, St. Philip and the St. Philip South and St. Philip West Constituency Council's offices located at Rices, St. Philip.

They were also treated to a dance and exercise routine by part-time instructor, Kim Rock.

The NAB's recreational programme is held every Wednesday at the St. John location. (SM/BGIS)



Rihanna's mother Monica Fenty, arriving at the official launch of Reb'l Fleur yesterday at Cave Shepherd.

Reb'l Fleur unveiled

THE screams echoed through Cave Shepherd yesterday, when Rihanna's mother Monica Fenty graced the store to officially launch her daughter's debut signature scent Reb'l Fleur.

Arriving in a stretch Limousine, Fenty walked the red carpet into Cave Shepherd greeting hundreds of Rihanna's fans who thought she would have made a surprise appearance.

Reb'l Fleur is described as daring, sexy and truly memorable; a fruity mix

of red berries, plum, peach, coconut water, violet and Hawaiian hibiscus, in reflection of Rihanna's roots.

It clearly portrays Rihanna's chic style as the elegant bottle, which glows from inside, is beautifully designed in the shape of a stiletto heel when turned upside down.

In a video presentation highlighting her long list of successes in only six years, it was noted that the name Reb'l Fleur was actually inspired by the

nickname 'Rebel Flower' her grandmother would call her as a child.

It was also revealed that Rihanna said that the fragrance is about her passion for individuality -being expressive and empowering, but also emotional and intriguing.

Fenty expressed her excitement, in the memorable launch created by Cave Shepherd.

She pointed out that the launch was the celebration of a product produced by the determination and perseverance of

her daughter.

"Through her achievements there was always an enthusiasm to share with the world, especially with her fans something that was more personal, something that was an expression of her passion, her determination and individuality; an expression of herself that we can all enjoy, just as she would."

"Today Rihanna would like to say I hope you would enjoy 'a true Bajan Fragrance,'" she added. (TL)

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