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PORT POLICE JOIN PROTECTIVE SERVICES IN MODERN POLICE TRAINING



Ag. Head of Security, Kelvin Birch, presents a certificate to a participant of the training

In 2013, 83 employees of the Port Police Department attended the National Security Training Academy, located at Camp Cumuto, where they underwent a series of training courses in police work to upgrade their skills. This year, Ag. Security Superintendent Kelvin Birch is working towards ensuring that even more security personnel are trained. He envisages a highly trained, qualified and competent workforce that reflects modern international standards which support training as the cornerstone towards the achievement of this goal.

At the Academy, training for members of the Protective services has been redefined, as evident by the modules being offered. These included: Forensic and Crime Scene Awareness, Crime Scene Management and Reporting, Cybercrime Identification and conversational Spanish. The latter has become necessary due to the close proximity of Trinidad and Tobago to the South American mainland, particularly Venezuela.

Thirty officers enrolled in the programme for this year's first Semester which is scheduled to be completed by the end of March. On the completion of each unit, officers are awarded a Certificate of Participation for their participation and commitment to the programme.

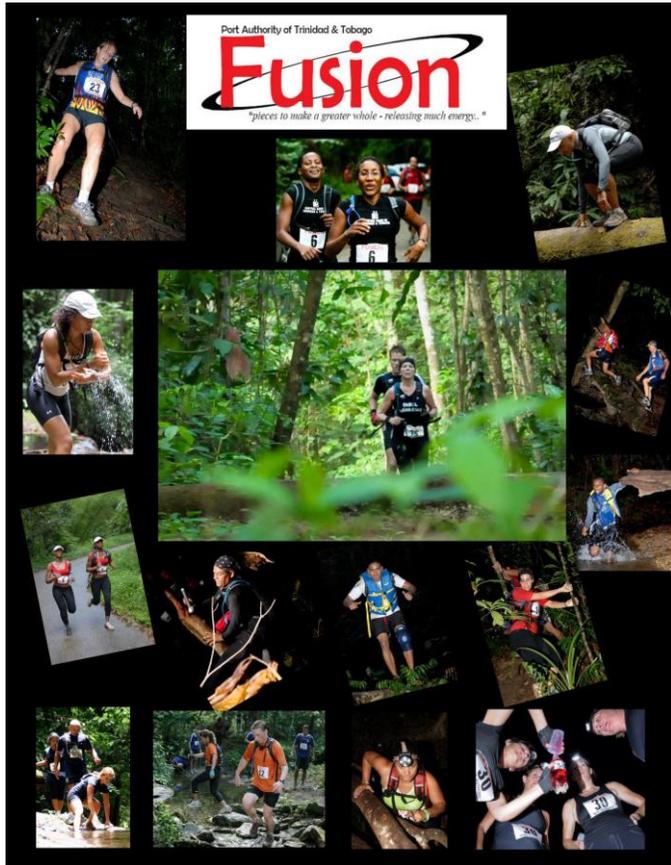
A BUSY CARNIVAL AT FERRY SERVICE



Over the period 28th February to March 5th (Carnival Friday to Ash Wednesday) over 18,000 passengers travelled on board the fast ferries. There were no sailings on Carnival Monday, however for the five-day period, Ash Wednesday recorded the highest number with 5021 passengers. Carnival Friday followed closely with 4,555 passengers.

While many Trinidadians are ardent participants in the Carnival celebrations, some often opt to escape the revelry and just 'take it easy'. In keeping with the tradition of years past, this year the ferry service provided a safe, reliable vehicle for those who preferred the sand, sea and serenity of the sister isle.

FUSION VIII 2014 TO BE HELD IN THE SISTER ISLE



It's official. Fusion VIII will be held on 31st May 2014 in Tobago, so get ready to visit the sister isle for the Arrival Day holiday and experience more than just the sea and sand of Crusoe's paradise.

This year, mountain biking will be added to the day-long adventure race event. This is just a hint of what you can expect, should you decide to take up this team challenge which tests your mental and physical ability. The event usually consists of three legs of races and a mental task. Teams comprise four persons of both genders and all ages.

Visit the FUSION Facebook page for more information and photos of this exciting event, of which the Port Authority of Trinidad and Tobago is once more the proud title sponsor for the eighth year.

FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR DAVE ELCOCK



Ag. CEO POSINCO, Kathleen Maxwell, presents Dave with a farewell gift

On the 28th February, the Port Authority of Trinidad and Tobago bade farewell to David Elcock of the Insurance Department who retired after almost 35 years of service. His last post at PATT was Port Administrative Officer III where he dealt with Risk Assessment.



Hubert Constantine, SWWTU Executive, says some positive words about his relationship with Dave

At the retirement function a number of Mr. Elcock's colleagues gave their accounts of how he touched their lives positively. Even though he had different roles to play in each of their experiences at the port, they were all consistent in saying that he was dedicated and went above and beyond

what his duties required with a helpful and optimistic attitude.

Among those who said a fond farewell to Mr. Elcock were: Ag. GM/CEO - Sharon Mark, Ag. Human Resource Manager- Vernessia Moise, Union Representative - Hubert Constantine and Port Police Constable - Kent Rowley.

The evening was spent reminiscing and extending well-wishes and blessings to David. It was definitely a bittersweet event and in the words of the Ag. GM/CEO to Mr. Elcock, "There is life after the Port."

SPORT CLUB ASSISTS IN TURTLE CONSERVATION



The Port crew with the bags of debris collected on the beach

The maxi taxi left the Port's compound at 6:30 am on Sunday 9th March and headed for Orosco Bay, Mathura. On board were members of the Port Authority Sport and Cultural Club who set out on a clean-up drive hosted by Nature Seekers, a Turtle Conservation Group, to rid the beach of debris which poses a threat to the turtles during the nesting season.

It was the Club's third year participating in the event which attracted a wide cross section of the national community, among them members of the financial

sector and commercial banks, schools and the energy sector.



A look at the mountain of debris collected on the clean-up drive

With ten filled garbage bags to their credit, Port employees departed the beach at 12:00 noon and headed back to Port of Spain, having demonstrated the theme of the clean-up: 'Bring your gloves, sunscreen and lots of energy and get the job done'.