

ROYAL ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES POLICE FORCE

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PRESS RELEASE

RSVGPF EXPANDS ITS WALKABOUTS AND TOWN HALL MEETINGS

March 13, 2024: Kingstown – The Royal St. Vincent and the Grenadines Police Force (RSVGPF) has expanded its Walkabouts and Town Hall Meetings in the communities of St. Vincent and the Grenadines (SVG). The main goals of the activities include but are not limited to:

- 1. Build a closer working relationship between the police and the public.
- Engage the public on matters relating to Crime Prevention, Safety and Security, Public Order, and the National Firearms Amnesty.
- 3. Solicit recommendations about ways in which the police and the public can work together to curb incidents of crime and create safer communities.

In addition, the RSVGPF will sensitize residents about the National Firearms Amnesty which commenced on 01st March 2024 and will conclude on 31st May 2024. The objective of the amnesty is to enhance and improve community safety and security by reducing the ongoing threat of illegally held firearms and ammunition in the state and, reducing the likelihood of such firearms falling into the hands of criminals as a result of break-ins, theft, or accidental loss.

The Amnesty seeks to achieve this objective by giving persons the opportunity to surrender illegal firearms in their possession to the RSVGPF and other authorized agents – including, Ministers of Religion, Justices of the Peace, Attorneys -at- Law, Members of the House of Assembly, and the

holder of a Firearm Dealers Licence without being arrested, charged or prosecuted. The Amnesty also extends to replica or imitation firearms, ammunition, and any parts of firearms.

To this end, the RSVFPF and its partners will continue its series of Walkabouts and Town Hall Meetings as listed in the table below:-

EVENT	DATE	PLACE	TIME
WalkaboutGun Amnesty Town Hall Meeting	March 21, 2024	Edinboro/Ottley Hall	4:00 p.m.
		Edinboro Hard Court	6:30 p.m.
Walkabout	March 28, 2024	Greggs/Lauders	4:00 p.m.
Gun Amnesty Town Hall Meeting		Lauders Buying Station/Lauders Boxing Plant	6:30 p.m.
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WalkaboutGun Amnesty Town Hall Meeting	April 04, 2024	Sandy Bay	4:00 p.m.
		Miller's Junction	6:30 p.m.
• Walkabout	April 11, 2024	Bequia	4:00 p.m.
Gun Amnesty Town Hall Meeting		Port Elizabeth (Under the	
		Almond Tree)	6:30 p.m.
WalkaboutGun Amnesty Town Hall Meeting	April 18, 2024	Choppins	4:00 p.m.
		Choppins Junction	6:30 p.m.
WalkaboutGun Amnesty Town Hall Meeting	April 25, 2024	Campden Park/Lowmans Hill	4:00 p.m.
		Campden Park Hard Court	6:30 p.m.

The RSVGPF solicits the cooperation of all concerned to help remove illegal firearms from the hands of criminals and from 'off the streets' of St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

Together we can, "KEEP THE COUNTRY SAFE FROM ILLEGALLY HELD FIREARMS"

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