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PRESS RELEASE

EASTERN DIVISION RECOGNISES OUTSTANDING OFFICERS

February 14, 2023, Kingstown – On Friday 10th February 2023, the Divisional Commander of the Eastern Division, Superintendent of Police (SOP), Mr. Hesran Ballantyne held an award ceremony to recognize and reward **twenty-two (22)** police officers and auxiliary police officers under his command for outstanding performance and dedication to duty in 2022.

The ceremony was held at the Georgetown Police Station under the theme “.....”. Inspector Henry Providence, second in command of the division was the Master of Ceremony. The Commissioner of Police, Mr. Colin John, the Deputy Commissioner of Police, Mr. Frankie Joseph, other senior officers, community leaders, and family and friends of the officers were in attendance.

In his wide-ranging address to the gathering, SOP Ballantyne gave an overview of the Eastern Division. He informed that the division spans from the North Union bridge to Fancy and includes the Colonaire, Georgetown, Sandy Bay, and Owia Police Stations. According to SOP Ballantyne, “upon taking command of the division **in 2022**, I quickly realized that one of the major issues that affected the division was insufficient staff to

serve the residents in the community according to the vision I have for policing the district. That however did not stop me from putting strategies in place in conjunction with my officers and residents to deal with the overall crime situation in the division.”

According to the Divisional Commander, some of the crimes that are of concern in the division include Praedial Larceny, Firearms, burglaries, assaults, and traffic offences. “Praedial Larceny is of grave concern, and we must put measures in place to ensure that farmers get the full benefit from their root crops and livestock that they have invested in. I am equally concerned about the number of traffic offences in the division. In 2022, there were five (5) road fatalities resulting from the tragic accident in Sandy Bay.”

In highlighting some of the successes in the division for 2022, SOP Ballantyne stated “having checked the records at the Georgetown Police Station up to October 31st, 2022, I observed there were fifty-four (54) reports with a defendant/ suspect. As a result, I prepared a list, held a meeting with the staff, and gave instructions that extra effort must be made to investigate the files and bring the culprits to justice. Because of this initiative, my officers increased the arrest and conviction rates in the division and I want to congratulate them for their hard work.

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The Divisional Commander concluded his remarks by outlining some of the goals in the Eastern Division for 2023 and beyond which includes:-

1. Meetings with various stakeholders to discuss issues of policing in the district and ways to improve it
2. Hosting of fortnightly/ monthly radio programs to sensitize the public on what the police are doing to ensure their safety.
3. Periodic visits and presentations to schools
4. Place greater emphasis on police youth clubs to lure the youths in the community away from violence and criminal activities.
5. Enhance staggering patrols (Country, Foot & Mobile) with the hope of reducing and preventing the occurrences of crimes.

6. Traffic clamp down – ensure the speedy prosecution of persons who violate traffic regulations.
7. Training young Police Officers in Accident investigations, Crime Scene Management, Conducting Electronic Interviews, Traffic Laws and offences, etc.
8. Organize Church Parades with various churches in the division.

Commissioner of Police, Mr. Colin John also addressed the award ceremony. He commended Superintendent Ballantyne for his leadership and the men and women on their performance in 2022 and the for the plans and programmes they division has put forward to deal with crime and community relations in 2023.

The event was sponsored by the following businesses and individuals.....

SOP Ballantyne on the behalf of the RSVGPF, thanks all the sponsors for their invaluable contribution to the successful hosting of the award ceremony.

List of Awardees for 2022

Inspector Henry Providence

- For unwavering support, dedication, and commitment to the Eastern Division in 2022

Geroni John, PC 764

- Best Investigator
- Most Outstanding Police Officer at the Georgetown Police Station
- Most Outstanding Police Officer in the Eastern Division

Best Police Station in the Eastern Division

- Sandy Bay Police Station

Osley Michael, Cpl. 380

- Most Outstanding Fire Officer at the Georgetown Police Station

Chevron Laborde, Cpl. 339

- Most arrests in 2022

Juliette Pilgrim, Cpl. 513

- Most Outstanding Traffic Officer at the Georgetown Police Station

Marcus Patrick, PC 781

- Most Outstanding Transport Driver in the Eastern Division

Juliana Parris, PC 722

- Most Outstanding Traffic Personnel in the Eastern Division

Joel Young, PC 826

- Outstanding Performance and dedication to duty in 2022

Roy-Carl Defreitas, PC 726

- Outstanding Punctuality and Devotion to Duty

Rohan Cobbler, PC 860

- Most Outstanding Police Officer at the Sandy Bay Police Station

Fergus, PC 977

- Outstanding Performance and Dedication to Duty

St. Clair Minors, PC 1000

- Most Outstanding Police Officer at the Owia Police Station

Joran Samuel, PC 1014

- Outstanding Performance and Dedication to Duty

Kishford Craigg, PC 360

- Most Disciplined Police Officer in the Eastern Division

Azadan Stapleton, PC 1083

- Most Improved Police Officer in the Eastern Division

Nanton, PC 1103

- Outstanding Performance and Dedication to Duty

Antonio Ryan, PC 1115

- Most Outstanding Police Officer at the Colonaire Police Station

Erran Arrindell, PC 425

- Most Outstanding Young Police Officer

Traffic Warden (T.W) Carol Innis

- Most Outstanding Traffic Warden in the Eastern Division

Dexter Hoyte, APC

- Outstanding performance and Dedication to Duty

Gailene Lennon

Outstanding Performance at the Georgetown Police
Station

Altricia Phillips

- Appreciation for Invaluable Contribution and Dedication to the Eastern Division.

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