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RSVGPF Police Youth Clubs Kicks off Summer Camp

July 25, 2024 - Kingstown: Embracing the mission to empower the next generation, the Royal Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Police Force (RSVGPF) officially inaugurated its Police Youth Club Summer Camp on July 22, 2024. The event, held at the Central Leeward Secondary School, marks the start of a transformative two-week program aimed at educating and inspiring the nation's youth. This year, the camp is honored to host participants from the Royal St. Lucia Police Force (RSLPF) Police Youth Club, promoting regional cooperation and youth development under the theme "Empowering Youths for Success."

"We are here to empower and uplift our youth, providing them with the tools and environment they need to thrive," declared Ms. Lou-anne Thomas, Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of National Security. She spoke passionately about the critical role of initiatives like the summer camp in empowering the nation's youth. She underscored the importance of creating a safe environment that fosters open participation, helps build positive relationships, and encourages the formation of new bonds. Ms. Thomas expressed her strong support for youth development programs, highlighting their long-term benefits.

Sergeant Janine Martin of the Royal St. Lucia Police Force (RSLPF), highlighted the importance of building lasting friendships and unity among the campers. She emphasized the value of working together with open hearts and minds to create unforgettable experiences for all participants, team members, and organizers. Sgt. Martin's words set a tone of camaraderie and mutual respect that will define the camp experience.

Minister Dr. Hon. Orando Brewster, Minister of Youth and Area Representative for the Central Leeward Constituency, extended a warm welcome to all campers, including those from St. Lucia. He encouraged them to create positive memories, learn new things, and share their knowledge for a healthy exchange of ideas. Minister Brewster pledged his continued support for the Police Youth Club and wished the campers a successful and enriching camp experience.

Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) in charge of Crime, Mr. Trevor Bailey, reassured attendees about the camp's safety and comfort. He emphasized the importance of investing in the nation's children and expressed pride in the RSVGPF's role in nurturing young people. ACP Bailey addressed the challenges faced by today's youth and stressed the need for positive engagement to prevent involvement in criminal activities. He urged the campers to focus on their education, recognize their parents' sacrifices, follow their supervisors' instructions, and respect their peers.

The ceremony also featured a generous donation of five basketballs, five footballs, and various stationary items from Gaymes Book Store, handed over by Mr. Dennis Gaymes. This contribution will greatly enhance the camp's activities, providing essential resources for the participants' development.

The RSVGPF Police Youth Club Summer Camp promises to be an engaging and educational experience, offering participants opportunities to learn, grow, and build lasting friendships. This event underscores the RSVGPF's commitment to the development and empowerment of the nation's youth.

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