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13 Junior Customs Officers Begin Introductory Training Course

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Thirteen (13) junior customs officers have begun a three (3) week training course that is focused on equipping the officers with the basic competencies needed to be successful in their roles.

The Junior Officers Basics Training course is facilitated by the Caribbean Customs Law Enforcement Council (CCLEC) and the Virgin Islands Public Service Learning Institute (VIPSLI). The officers will be trained in areas including Communication, Legislation, Situation Diffusion, Prohibitions and Restrictions, Ethics and Integrity and Invoicing.

Deputy Governor, Mr. David D. Archer, Jr in remarks at opening session said the training underscores the Government of the Virgin Islands' commitment to ensuring public officers across all disciplines are adequately trained in their fields, contributing to the delivery of exceptional services.

Mr. Archer, Jr. also reminded the officers that their service to the Virgin Islands is critical in both securing its borders and financial interests.

He commended the officers for their commitment to the Territory, and reminded them of his availability to provide support whenever needed.

Commissioner of Customs (Ag.) Mr. Greg Romney said the training is providing a foundation for all officers to stand on, and will contribute to the understanding of basic functions needed to excel in their roles.

Mr. Romney said, "Our junior officers beginning this critical training is testament to the commitment to building a Customs Department that meets the vital regional and international standards, for the effective management of our borders. At the end of this course, these officers will be better equipped to contribute to the Territory as Law Enforcement Officers."

His Majesty's Customs Department's relationship with the Caribbean Customs Law Enforcement Council allows for strategic collaboration on the training of public officers, further advancing their skills and abilities standards that align with international expectations.

The Government of the Virgin Islands remains committed to the continued learning and development of public officers through the Virgin Islands Public Service Learning Institute.

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