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MEDIA RELEASE

CoP Praises Cops, Partners as Smooth Operations Recorded Throughout Carnival 2024

Police officers as well as their key partners in national security have ensured that Carnival 2024 continues smoothly and without any major incidents, Commissioner of Police, Erla Harewood-Christopher, has revealed.

Commissioner Harewood-Christopher made the announcement earlier today following the annual Carnival Walkabout in Downtown and Uptown, Port-of-Spain, where she commended police officers for staying true to their oath of office.

The CoP, who accompanied Minister of National Security, the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds, Chief of Defence Staff, Air Vice Marshall, Darryl Daniel, Commissioner of Prisons (Ag.), Deopersad Ramoutar, Commissioner of Prisons (Ag.), Gold and Silver Carnival Commanders, Assistant Commissioners of Police (Ag.), Kelveyn Thompson and Winston Maharaj, respectively, along the parade route and judging points, addressed the media and provided a status of operations within the past 48 hours.

Addressing the rumours of perceived manpower shortages, the top cop said that, up until the time of the tour, there was no indication that police officers had absconded from their duties and that because of their meaningful presence throughout the festivities, events were not interrupted by any form of major disturbances.

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She credited these successes to the cooperation and trust of the public and the multiagency approach adopted by the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service's (TTPS) Carnival Team this year, coordinated by ACPs (Ag.) Thompson and Maharaj.

The TTPS, with the support of the Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force, Trinidad and Tobago Municipal Police, Trinidad and Tobago Fire Service, Transit Police Unit, Parliament Police Unit, and various other key partners, provided logistical support and security to over 200 events throughout the season which continues until midnight.

According to the CoP, the TTPS continues to monitor all activities and has increased road and crime suppression exercises leading up to and beyond the finale, as it anticipates the usual cool-down activities on Ash Wednesday at various locations.

Citizens and road users are again cautioned to act responsibly by arranging reliable and trusted transport to and from events, avoid excessive alcohol and drug consumption, remain vigilant of surroundings and cooperate with the authorities.

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