



PRAYERS AND
RECOGNITION CEREMONY
FOR THE
PUBLIC SERVICE

Monday, 8th October, 2018
Central Administration Complex Grounds
9:00 a.m.



Message from His Excellency the Governor

I am delighted to provide a message for inclusion in the Public Service Week 2018 recognition ceremony booklet under the theme of “Transforming Together”.

The Public Service of our Territory has undergone huge changes since last September, and is immensely different from the Public Service most have joined 20, 10, or even 5 years ago. Professional development, training and the acquisition of new skills are a must.

It is the public officers who provide the services that our community needs, from basic utilities to the regulatory framework upon which businesses depend to have the confidence to invest and engage in commercial activities. Following the events of last year, public officers have been showing their service and dedication by supporting the Territory as it recovers. I am grateful for all of your contributions.

Today we are here to celebrate the 156 persons who have over many years given consistently to this mission of service. We applaud the honourees for their dedication, steadfastness and determination. We are grateful to you all. I urge each one of you to push forward with a resolve to move to higher levels of achievement as we tackle the challenges ahead.

Today, not only signals the opening of Public Service Week 2018, but I am pleased that today marks the launch of the Workplace Health and Safety Policy and will introduce the Joint Workplace Health and Safety Oversight Committee. This is symbolic of the growth of the Public Service and I welcome the strides made to ensure we prioritise our most valuable resource, our people.

Once again, best wishes to all our honourees.

Thank you for your years of service and congratulations.

Augustus Jaspert



Message from Premier of the Virgin Islands

At the heart of Public Service Week 2018 is recognising and honouring our Public Officers for the important contributions that they make and the impact their work has on the input and output of our Territory.

Our public officers demonstrate resolve and inspire optimism in the various sectors of Government service. They are the engineers and educators, social workers and service officers, and their individual and collective contributions drive us forward on the path toward a stronger, better and greener tomorrow.

Congratulations to the 156 extraordinary men and women who are being recognised for their longstanding dedication to the Public Service. We take notice and pay tribute to you all for your hard work and dedication.

Let me commend the Department of Human Resources for continuing this initiative to highlight the shining stars of the Government of the Virgin Islands, while motivating other officers to aspire to stardom.

Additionally, I am pleased to see the vision of “One Public Service: Transforming Together” through the successful launch of the Workplace, Health and Safety Policy and the Joint Workplace Health and Safety Oversight Committee. These are the type of initiatives that play an integral role in the way we demonstrate excellence, integrity and commitment.

On behalf of the Government of the Virgin Islands, I express my deepest appreciation to all our public officers. During this entire week, we recognise you - the many who teach our children, maintain our roads, protect our environment, enforce our laws and guard our prisons. We recognise your resolve, your aptitude and your resilience.

I encourage you all to embrace this year’s Public Service Week theme: “One Public Service: Transforming Together”, as we continue to harness the power of unity and impact to ensure excellence.

Dr. D. Orlando Smith, OBE



Message from The Deputy Governor

Public Officers,

I sincerely anticipate our annual celebration that encourages comradery and togetherness. The annual Public Service Week celebration gives all public officers an opportunity to foster healthy relationships throughout the Public Service in a spirit of cohesion.

I encourage you to participate in and support all of this week's activities; come out and represent your teams. Go Supersonics...Panthers...Warriors...Eagles! Although the friendly competition is always fun, this year, our focus is on rebuilding through community outreach programmes for our fellow public officers like the Virgin Islands Fire and Rescue Services and the Public Library. Lend a hand, offer support and give selflessly to these community service projects.

As public officers, we play a vital role in society. We must always measure our values, our ethics, and our actions as we serve the Government, fellow public officers and most importantly, the public. I am proud to be a public officer! I am equally proud to lead such a talented group of workers. I take this opportunity to congratulate all persons being recognised today for 10, 25 and 35 years of service.

Today marks not only the opening of Public Service Week, but significantly, also marks the launch of our Workplace Health and Safety Policy and the Joint Workplace Health and Safety Oversight Committee. I offer the support of my office as you embark on this very important role in ensuring the health and safety of all public officers.

As we commence Public Service Week 2018, let us embody this year's theme, "One Public Service: Transforming Together". Let us continue to grow and transform together aiming at becoming better versions of ourselves to better serve our clients. This mentality must continually transcend; not only during this week but throughout the entire year.

Happy Public Service Week 2018!

David D. Archer, Jr.



Message from The Director of Human Resources

It's Public Service Week 2018, can you believe it!

One of the most special moments during Public Service Week is the occasion when we set aside time to recognize public officers who have accomplished years of service milestones.

For 17 years, teams have worked feverishly to organise annual events and carefully select awards as an expression of the Service's gratitude to officers.

In review, this year's recognition has a heightened sense of appreciation as each officer being honoured has a role to play in the restoration and the transformation of the Public Service. As officers, we have not always been fully acknowledged as the engine of the Service. However, as part of the new Public Service, we are all charged to remember to place people as a priority.

This recognition ceremony is a marker, as the Service's Workplace Health and Safety Policy will be launched and the Joint Workplace Health and Safety Oversight Committee will be formally established. The phased implementation of the policy and related activities is an essential part, amongst other commitments, to support officers' safety and health at work.

Colleagues, be inspired as you reflect on the challenges you have overcome, new skills you have developed and the invaluable lessons over the last 10, 25 and 35 years. Thank you for remaining in the humble duty of public service; we celebrate your accomplishments thus far.

On behalf of the Department of Human Resources, enjoy the week's activity and your moment of honour!

Michelle Donovan Stevens



Order of Ceremony

Chairperson Mrs. Geraldine Ritter-Freeman
Office of the Premier

National Anthem Mrs. Stacy Headley
Ministry of Education and Culture

Territorial Song Mrs. Stacy Headley
Ministry of Education and Culture

Invocation Mr. Joshua Edwards
Department of Human Resources

Welcome Mr. Andrew Monsanto
Water and Sewerage Department

Melodies of Praise Public Service Praisers

Remarks His Excellency the Governor
Augustus J. U. Jaspert

Prayer Dr. Joycelyn Hoyte
National Bank of the Virgin Islands

Remarks Dr. The Hon. D. Orlando Smith, OBE
Premier and Minister for Finance

Musical Rendition Public Service Choir

Remarks Mr. David D. Archer, Jr.
Deputy Governor

Instrumental Jeremy Vanterpool
Financial Services Investigation Agency

Featured Address **Mr. Clyde Lettsome**
*Former Permanent Secretary,
Premier's Office and
Ministry of Natural Resources and Labour*



Order of Ceremony continued...

Recognising Our Public Officers

Memoriam TributeMoment of Silence and Symbolic Balloon Release

35 Years of ServiceHis Excellency the Governor
Augustus J.U. Jaspert

25 years of Service Dr. The Honourable D. Orlando Smith, OBE
Premier and Minister for Finance

**Launch of
Workplace Health and Safety Policy and
Joint Workplace Health and Safety Oversight Committee**

10 years of ServiceMr. David D. Archer, Jr.
Deputy Governor

Words of CongratulationMrs Michelle Donovan Stevens
Director of Human Resources

Unity Prayer (*1 Cor. 1:10*)All Teams to Recite

Song "*I Need You To Survive*"All Teams to Recite



Prayer for Unity

Now I beseech you, brethren,
by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ
That ye all speak the same thing,
and the there be no divisions among you;
But that ye be perfectly joined together
in the same mind and
in the same judgement;

AMEN

1 Corinthians 1:10



“I Need You To Survive”

I need you
You need me
We're all a part of God's body

Stand with me
Agree with me
We're all a part of God's body

It is His will that every need be supplied
You are important to me
I need you to survive

I pray for you
You pray for me
I love you
I need you to survive

I won't harm you
With words from my mouth
I love you
I need you to survive

[Sopranos:]
It is his will that every need be supplied
You are important to me

[All:]
I need you to survive



Honourees

35 Years of Service

Benjamin, Charles
Cruickshank, Koval
Donovan, Uleary G.
Howe, Bewadney
Romney, Ashmore
Scott Frederick, Marquerite
Thomas, Orris
Williams, Portia

Inland Revenue Department
Ministry of Education & Culture
Ministry of Education & Culture
Police Department
Inland Revenue Department
Ministry of Education & Culture
Inland Revenue Department
Immigration Department

25 Years of Service

Alexander, Thomas
Benjamin, Christilyn
Bess, Misheal
Blyden-Caines, Terrecita
Bolondia, Clair
Davis, Ivin
Donovan, Ashley D.
Fahie, Marilyn D.
Fortune, Dexter
Francis, Herbert
Fraser, Christine
Freeman-Matthew, Lizeth
George, James
George, Lester O.
George, Steve S.
Guishard, Warren
Hill, Leann
Howson, Monica
Jennings, Clyde
Johnney, Bill D.
Joseph, Sonia
Leonard, Malcia J.
Maduro, Duncan
Mills, Melva F.
Nibbs, Fonster
Nibbs, Jacqueline
Penn-Charles, Enid
Percell, Rodney L.
Phillip, Seymour

Ministry of Education & Culture
Ministry of Finance
Ministry of Education & Culture
Attorney General's Chambers
Water & Sewerage Department
Public Works Department
Town & Country Planning Department
H M Customs
Department of Waste Management
Water & Sewerage Department
Ministry of Education & Culture
Ministry of Education & Culture
Police Department
H M Customs
Police Department
Public Works Department
Ministry of Health & Social Development
Ministry of Education & Culture
Water & Sewerage Department
Police Department
Ministry of Education & Culture
Attorney General's Chambers
H M Customs
H M Customs
Department of Motor Vehicles
Ministry of Education & Culture
Ministry of Education & Culture
Public Works Department
H M Prison



25 Years of Service *continued...*

Pickering-Cline, Germain
Powell, Walden P.
Rabsatt, Anna A.
Rabsatt-Audain, Lashan
Rhymer-Garrin, Letaye D.
Richards, Elvis
Riviera, Harriette A.
Romney, Carlmun
Smith, Kimba M.P.
Smith, Ereia E.
Thomas, Cyril
Trumpet, Job
Walters, Bryan
Waters, Ingrid P.
Williams-Ollivierre, O'Carol

Immigration Department
Fire & Rescue Services Department
Ministry of Finance
Ministry of Education & Culture
Ministry of Education & Culture
Police Department
Ministry of Education & Culture
Water & Sewerage Department
Police Department
Ministry of Education & Culture
Police Department
Police Department
Public Works Department
Ministry of Education & Culture
Police Department

10 Years of Service

Agard, Nathalie S.
Alexander, Gelzimo R.
Alexander, Nathalie
Baisden, Yolande F.
Bakker, O'Neal B.
Baltimore, Jermaine T.
Baptiste, Desmond
Barry, Kelvin M.
Benjamin, Sarah
Blyden-Malone, Arlet
Brown, Curtis
Brown, Kishema
Browne, Otis
Bryan, Bevan
Buckley, Louis
Callwood, Amy
Callwood, Leonardo
Carter, Kervin
Carter, Joan
Charles-Green, Marcia
Chinnery, Selvina
Christian-Williams, Stepheney
Christopher, Tanya E.
Cornelius, Lorrette
Creque, Akeam T.

BVI Post
Water and Sewerage Department
Ministry of Education & Culture
Public Works Department
Police Department
Department of Information & Public Relations
Ministry of Education & Culture
Public Works Department
Supreme Court
House of Assembly
H M Customs
Central Statistics Office
Agricultural Department
Ministry of Communications & Works
Police Department
H M Customs
Labour Department
H M Prison
Ministry of Education & Culture
Inland Revenue Department
Ministry of Education & Culture
Ministry of Education & Culture
Social Development Department
Public Works Department
Police Department



10 Years of Service *continued...*

Davis, Dale	Ministry of Education & Culture
Etienne, Michel	Police Department
Fahie, Kimberly	Civil Registry & Passport Office
Fevrier, Strassa	Ministry of Education & Culture
Forbes, Dominic H.	Attorney General's Chambers
Forbes, Sherkhoya	Land & Survey Department
Forbes, Travis	Water & Sewerage Department
Fraites-Ollivierre, Patrice	Department of Information Technology
Francis, Anelle	Police Department
Freeman, Germaine	H M Prison
Frett, Tiomi	Ministry of Education & Culture
George, Anthony B	Deputy Governor's Office
George, Areriel	Immigration Department
George, Rena	Trade, Investment Promotion & Consumer Affairs
Graham Liston	Water & Sewerage Department
Grant, Arthur	Immigration Department
Greene, Tamika	Ministry of Education & Culture
Guishard, D. Romeo	Public Works Department
Gumbs, Tasha	Central Statistics Office
Hadaway, Carlos	Ministry of Education & Culture
Harrigan, Vinnice C.	Ministry of Finance
Harrigan, Winston A.	Public Works Department
Hazel, Clint	Supreme Court
Henley-Hodge, Shavon	Department of Human Resources
Henley-Vanterpool, Shaniqua	Ministry of Education & Culture
Henry, Leona	Department of Information Technology
Henry, Mauricia	Inland Revenue Department
Henry, Shawn	Police Department
Hodge-Rymer, Ishma	Ministry of Finance
Horton, Argel	Conservation & Fisheries
Hughes-Smith, Mavis	Immigration Department
Igwe, Dickson	Ministry of Education & Culture
Isles, Michael	Police Department
Jack-Bobb, Sonya	Ministry of Education & Culture
Johnson, Damian	H M Prison
Leonard-Isles, Mareta	H M Customs
Letteen, Shem	Ministry of Education & Culture
Lettsome, Gwenda	Ministry of Education & Culture
Levons, Gregory A.	Water and Sewerage Department
Liburd, Sherry L.	Treasury Department
Maduro, Sharlene	H M Prison
Matthew Denzil	Ministry of Natural Resources & Labour
Maynard, Shiniqua	Ministry of Education & Culture



10 Years of Service *continued...*

McLean, Nathan	Fire & Rescue Services
Mills, Diana	Police Department
Moses, Kyle	Ministry of Natural Resources & Labour
Nelson, Carmen	Police Department
Penn, Dylan	Town & Country Planning Department
Peters, Jana	Attorney General's Chambers
Phillip, Andra	Department of Information & Public Relations
Phipps, Moses	Facilities Management Unit
Ramirez, Daneulin	Ministry of Education & Culture
Richards, Sylvia L.	Land & Survey Department
Robin, Dillon	Water & Sewerage Department
Rouse, Denice	Immigration Department
Saleh, Shadee	Virgin Islands Shipping Registry
Scatliffe, Darwin	H M Customs
Scatliffe, Joy	Trade, Investment Promotion & Consumer Affairs
Scatliffe, Michael	Virgin Islands Shipping Registry
Seaman, James	H M Prison
Smith, Beverly	Ministry of Education & Culture
Smith, Sharlene	Ministry of Education & Culture
Smith, Sheneka	Immigration Department
Springer, Bernice E.	Police Department
St. Hillaire, Aldwyn M.	Police Department
Telemaque, Marie	Ministry of Education & Culture
Thomas, Gertrude	Police Department
Thomas, Joey	Inland Revenue Department
Thomas, Listra G.	Immigration Department
Thomas-McLean, Akescia	H M Prison
Thompson, Lavanta S.	Attorney General's Chambers
Toney, Curtis	Department of Agriculture
Trumpet, Irvin	H M Prison
Tyson, Tyana	Environmental Health Department
Varlack, Christopher	Archives & Records Management
Walters, Margaux	Social Development Department
Wheatley, Gail	Police Department
Williams, Wensley	Public Works Department
Wong, Hubert	Ministry of Education & Culture



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