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Foreword

Dear readers,

We are pleased to bring to you this 2nd edition of our quarterly e – news.

In the wake of the launching ceremony of the ERS Transport Squad in the 'News' page at the initiative of the Commissioner of Police, we take a look at the main aims of the squad together with its operational activities. In line with the changing developmental challenges and globalization, the Police Crime Prevention Unit inaugurated a Sub-Unit at Port Mathurin in Rodrigues. In the same corner, in adhering to our Strategic Directions – 'Increasing Speed of Interventions', we invite you to have a glimpse of the efforts put up by the MPF to improve the fleet of Police Vehicles by acquiring new ones to ensure a better service to the Community.

Finally, we also explore how, at the initiative of the Sports Officer, an Outdoor Gym was inaugurated to help Police Officers in their physical fitness and mental health.

'Our People' page shed highlights of how two police officers of ERS Metro used their inquisitive skills to prevent a case of theft at Shibani Finance and a glimpse of the SADC Election Observation Training. 'Retirement' and 'Promotion' at pages 6 & 7, list the name of officers who have retired and those promoted during the second quarter of the year.

In 'Education' corner, we take an insight of a Supreme Court Judgement on 'How to disprove the defence of alibi'.

On another note in the 'Training' page, read about the two workshops held at the Police Training School Beau Bassin on 'Domestic Violence & Child Abuse' and 'Psychological Challenges of being a Police Officer'.

We hope you enjoy this issue of Police e-news.

C. BHOJOO, PMSM
Deputy Commissioner of Police
Chairman

On the Cover



The cover illustrates two Police Officers posing in front of their vehicles of the newly created ERS Transport Squad and Police personnel performing physical exercise at Line Barracks Outdoor Gym.

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LAUNCHING OF THE ERS TRANSPORT SQUAD



The Transport Squad (ERS-TS) which functions under the aegis of the Emergency Response Service (ERS) was set up to respond to the growing challenges in the Public Transport System. The primary aim of the squad is to prevent cases of larceny with violence/aggression against bus drivers/conductors and passengers, thereby ensuring a safe Public Transport System.



Another objective of the squad is to deter illegal taxi/van to operate and other issues related to the safety and security of road users.

The squad is actually based at La Tour Koenig Police Station to cater for the increasing transport safety issues particularly in the regions of Pte aux Sables, Grand River North West, Albion, Stanley, Port Louis and Tombeau Bay.

Since its creation and full operational activities in April 2018, the Squad has effected 8 arrests, established over 850



contraventions and has conducted over 200 awareness sessions on safety and security with bus employees and passengers.

WCI Boodhoo
ERS Transport Squad

SETTING UP OF A CRIME PREVENTION SUB UNIT IN RODRIGUES



Since its creation in 1989, the Police Crime Prevention Unit (CPU) based at Rose Hill has as operational objectives creating awareness on crime prevention among the population. With the advent of globalization, there is now a necessity to extend its services to other islands of the Republic of Mauritius.

To that effect, a sub Crime Prevention Unit was launched

on Tuesday 03.04.2018 at Port Mathurin Police Headquarters by Mr. Reekoye, ACP 'Crime' in presence of Mr. Nicole, ACP, Divisional Commander Rodrigues Div., and other senior officers.

To mark the event, various activities were held to reinforce the collaboration between



Police and the Rodriguan Community

It has been rightly said by Benjamin Franklin:

"An ounce

of prevention is worth a pound of cure." With this initiative in creating awareness amongst the inhabitants, the Police look forward to a crime free society.

WPC 739 Speville Hortense
Crime Prevention Unit

NEWS

ACQUISITION OF NEW POLICE VEHICLES



In its continuous endeavour to enhance Police service to the community and in line with the objectives of the Commissioner of Police to better equip each and every Division/Branch/Unit of the Force, the MPF has acquired 136 new vehicles of different Make & Capacities. Since January 2018, 2 Microbuses, 4 minibuses, 10 cars, 52 Vans, 1 Lorry, 66 Motorcycles and a Recovery Truck have been acquired.

Most of these vehicles are dressed by the PRDU Graphic Team as per the battenberg pattern for distinguished high visibility and equipped with audible warnings which undoubtedly prove to be a deterrent to crime occurrence.



The majority of these vehicles have already been allocated to the different units of

the Force to improve their mobility and ensure a better service to the community.

In the same line Police will also receive delivery of 10 SUVs in August 2018 and 107 additional D/Cab Vans by October 2018. This will undoubtedly contribute to a Police which will be more visible, prompt service in our interventions thus adhering to Our Strategic Directions - Increasing Speed of Interventions.

PS 4882 Lutchmun
Transport Guard Room

THE LINE BARRACKS OUTDOOR GYM



On 31.03.2018, Mr Taujoo, PMSM, DCP and Sports Officer inaugurated an Outdoor Gym for Police Officers. It is situated near Line Barracks Football Pitch where many Officers have easy access to train as per their own timings for their physical fitness, mental health and overall well being.

The outdoor gym offers a wide range of equipment, allowing people to try out different workout activities in the fresh air. Equipment like Waist twister, Double Rower, Double Health walker, amongst others, allow users to do spin, aerobic workout and strength training.



The Mauritius Police Force is providing every opportunity for members of the Force to develop a keep-fit culture. This outdoor gym is a testimony of efforts being done to promote regular fitness exercises for a healthy Police.

Cpl 5395 Jundoosing
Chief PTI Special Support Unit

TWO POLICE OFFICERS FOILED THE PLANS OF MISCREANTS ATTEMPTING TO BREAK INTO SHIBANI FINANCE PORT LOUIS



On Tuesday 12.06.2018 at 0315 hrs, crew of ERS Metropolitan (RM 4) composed of PC's 9862 Sookur and 3586 Luchmun received a phone call from OPS Room PL 'N' to attend a request at Shibani Finance at Corderie St, Port Louis where a larceny breaking is suspected.

On spot, the alarm was activated but there was no response from the watchman. The two Police Officers used their inquisitive skills and forced open the door of the building to locate the watchman.

The floor of the room was partially broken and a safe found thereat had its top



partially damaged and tools and equipment used to force access into the building were scattered.

They freed the watchman and whilst patrolling the vicinity, arrested a suspect. PC's 9862 Sookur and 3586 Luchmun successfully prevented a theft of a huge sum of money kept in a safe of the institution.

Subsequently, on Friday 15.06.2018 at the Police Headquarters, they were individually congratulated by the Commissioner of Police Mr. Karl Mario NOBIN, PMSM, for their commitment, alertness and courage displayed in the course of their duties.

*Insp Korimbocus
Emergency Response Service*

SADC REGIONAL PILOT SHORT AND LONG TERM ELECTION OBSERVATION TRAINING



The Southern African Development Community (SADC) launched its pilot regional short and long term election observation training in Pretoria, South Africa from 1 to 12 May 2018. The curriculum is based on the region's electoral experiences and the revised SADC Principles and Guidelines Governing Democratic Elections.

The training presented a key milestone in the region's election observation training. The revised SADC Principles and Guidelines Governing Democratic Principles introduce the electoral cycle approach which involves the use of long term observation techniques by the SADC Electoral Observation Missions (SEOMs). The long term approach will enable SADC observers to have a more holistic approach for assessing pre-election, election and post-election periods of national elections held in SADC countries.

The training modules focused on the role of observers and covered a range of topics which included conflict analysis, assessing legal and constitutional frameworks; gender and electoral processes in the SADC region, report writing, and the use of information technology in election observation.

Two Police Officers from the Police Headquarters were privileged among the forty participants drawn from varied backgrounds, including experts in gender, security, conflict resolution, political and electoral affairs, as well as members of the SADC Electoral Advisory Council (SEAC), participated in the training.

*S/Insp Lepoigneur
Police Research & Development Unit*

OUR PEOPLE

RETIREMENT

List of Officers who have retired from the Force from April to June 2018:

SN	Name of Officer	Date	SN	Name of Officer	Date
1	CPL3004 BURHOOA Satiadeo	01.04.18	32	SI ETTOO Dev Anand	25.05.18
2	CPL 4132 MAUNHOO Mohunsingh	01.04.18	33	PC 6229 RAMSURN Digbeejaye	28.05.18
3	CPL 4446 GHORAH Soodesh	01.04.18	34	ASP CHAMROO Mumtaz Ali	30.05.18
4	PS 2846 JEETUN Premchand	01.04.18	35	CPL 3797 RAMPARSAD Dhunesswar	01.06.18
5	CPL 2859 JADAKHAN Noorani	01.04.18	36	CPL 3422 TRITON Michael Louis	01.06.18
6	CPL 3061 TENGRY Jhammansingh	01.04.18	37	CPL 3527 DOWLUT Ahmed Swaley	01.06.18
7	CPL 3466 DWARKA Veenesh	02.04.18	38	CPL 3768 KUREEMBOKUS M. Salimkhan	01.06.18
8	CPL 4742 CHUKOURY Dewraj	02.04.18	39	CPL 5166 NARSOO Dhoorendre	01.06.18
9	PC 6448 AUDIT Surendra	04.04.18	40	CPL 5334 BAHORUN Soobiraj	01.06.18
10	PC 6563 SEEWORUTTUN Ashok K.	06.04.18	41	CPL 5367 DOULUB Daniel	01.06.18
11	CPL 2953 KHENTAL Guness	06.04.18	42	CPL 5415 RAJOO Balrajsingh	01.06.18
12	CPL 3806 SEENIVASAGUM S. P. Patrick	09.04.18	43	PC 7068 GOORAPAH Balmick	01.06.18
13	CPL 2631 MAHADAWOO Lal	14.04.18	44	H/ Pce Att BHUGWAN Deoduth Rai	01.06.18
14	WCPL 99 COONJUL Sandhya R.	25.04.18	45	SI DAWOOJEE Abdool Kader Ibrahim	03.06.18
15	CPL 5474 NATHOO Noutam	26.04.18	46	SI WOOTTUM Seewooduthsing	04.06.18
16	CPL 946 SUNGALEE Vasudeven	26.04.18	47	PC 6367 CAROMBAYENIN Veeren	04.06.18
17	CPL 925 GUNGADIN Bipindranath	27.04.18	48	ACP HUSNOO Bhaye Fareed	05.06.18
18	PC 449 BAGNOUX Louis G. Gilbert	30.04.18	49	ASP PILLAI Rajoo	05.06.18
19	H/Pce Att HEERALOLL Bissoon	30.04.18	50	SI DAWOONARAIN Hurry	06.06.18
20	CPL 3412 MARIE Ricardo	01.05.18	51	CPL 2737 FLORENT Louis Noel Josian	08.06.18
21	CPL 3766 KOODORUTH M. Raffick	01.05.18	52	WSI KISTNEN Yovanavallee	08.06.18
22	INSP SALABEE Satish Prakash	02.05.18	53	CI GUNGABISSOON Sewsankar	09.06.18
23	PS 6429 TOMIAH Viswaraj	02.05.18	54	H/Pce Att. JUGGEEWON Kreshoondutt	09.06.18
24	INSP NOWLUCK Sanjay Kumar	02.05.18	55	CPL 2191 CASEEDOSS Radhamohun	13.06.18
25	CPL 657 ELLIAH Parmanand	03.05.18	56	CI MOHESH Balmick Rissi	15.06.18
26	CPL 633 DOOREEMEAH M. Reshad	03.05.18	57	CPL 3244 POLIGADU Vidyassoo	16.06.18
27	S/Pce Att SEEWODHARY Vishwadeo	07.05.18	58	CPL 1684 NOOKANAH Rajendra	28.06.18
28	CPL 5373 GHORAH Nitin Kumar	10.05.18	59	CPL 2647 SEEBOCUS Dhanraj	29.06.18
29	PC 9667 LOBIN Yashvindra	11.05.18	60	CPL 3710 RAMANAH Rama	30.06.18
30	CPL 2403 CHOONKA Ameer Uddin	15.05.18	61	CPL 911 SOOKRAJOWA Rajendra K.	29.06.18
31	PC 923JUHOOR A. Latiff Khan	19.05.18	62	CPL 4341 GOORIAH Shrinivas C.	30.06.18

We wish to thank them for their contribution and services to the Mauritius Police Force and the community, wishing them a long, well deserved and peaceful retirement.

PROMOTION

The undernamed have been confirmed as Police Sergeants in a substantive capacity :

<i>SNo</i>	<i>Name of Police Officer</i>	<i>Date</i>
1	TPS 7846 BHEEKHOO Jalal Ud Din	10.05.18
2	TPS 5127 DASSOO Pradeep Raye	18.06.18
3	TPS 4570 DHUNOO Sujensingh	18.06.18
4	TPS 1005 BUNDHOO Rajiv	18.06.18

The undernamed Police Attendant/ Senior Police Attendant have been promoted as Head Police Attendant :

<i>SNo</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>
1	BOONEEADY Rajjush	25.04.18
2	JALIM Devanand	16.05.18
3	JUGGEWON Kreshoondutt	01.06.18

Our warm and hearty congratulations to you all on your success and allow us to share your joy.

We also take pride in your achievements and wish you plenty of success in your new assignment.

From all members of the Force

OBITUARY

List of officers who passed away from 01 April to 30 June 2018

<i>SNo.</i>	<i>Name of Officer</i>	<i>Date</i>
1	PC 6418 RYCHA Utam	09.04.18
2	PC 895 HOORMUTALLY Somduth	13.04.18
3	PC 6522 MOOTHOSAAMY Nanda Rajen	13.04.18
4	CPL 3374 MAULLOO Rajeswar	25.04.18
5	Police Attendant / Senior Police Attendant GUNNUCK Swaraj	25.04.18
6	Band Constable 3584 DATTAY Liviano Benito	24.06.18

May their souls rest in Peace.....

OUR PEOPLE

BOODNAH P. V THE STATE, 2018 SCJ 91**HOW TO DISPROVE THE DEFENCE OF ALIBI?**

There is no obligation upon the prosecution to show that the appellant could not have been at all the places he alleges he was. It is sufficient for the prosecution to establish that the appellant was at the scene of the crime at the material time.

In *Boodnah v The State 2018 SCJ 91*, the appellant, was convicted for the offence of making use of offensive words in a public place in breach of section 28(1)(f) and 2 of the Criminal Code (Supplementary) Act. He appealed against his conviction. One of the grounds of appeal was that “the Learned Magistrate erred in her conclusions that the prosecution has disproved the alibi of the Appellant”.

It was held that it was rightly concluded that the prosecution had adduced sufficient evidence to disprove the alibi raised by the appellant. The following extract of the case of *Foollee v The State [2004 SCJ 251]*, was quoted:

“...Whilst the burden of proof is always on the prosecution, it is clear that when evidence capable of proving the case against the accused and of disproving his defence is adduced by the prosecution, there is a kind of “tactical burden” which is borne by the accused in the sense that if he does not adduce evidence in rebuttal he may well find the case proved against him: in other words, the evidential burden shifts to the accused...”

In was held in the present case (*Boodnah v The State 2018 SCJ 91*) that the evidence of Mrs S, the main witness for the prosecution, was analysed by the trial Court which found no contradictions in her testimony. Her version was found to be consistent throughout. The trial Court was convinced of the trustworthiness of Mrs S and had the privilege and benefit of seeing her deposing before it and subjected to a rigorous cross-examination by appellant’s Counsel. Indeed the line of cross-examination of the appellant’s Counsel showed that the appellant’s presence at the locus at the material time was not challenged but was in fact accepted. Therefore, the learned Magistrate cannot be faulted for having accepted the evidence of Mrs S that the appellant was present at the site at the material time, had urinated and had used filthy words in public in front of her and her children. After having pitted the oral evidence of Mrs S against the appellant’s unsworn version contained in his out-of-court statement, the trial Court had satisfied itself of the plausibility of Mrs S’s version that she had not fabricated the whole story against the appellant, and was perfectly entitled to conclude that the prosecution had disproved the alibi raised by the appellant in his out-of-court statement.

As stated in *Mooniaruch v The State [2010 SCJ 21]* cited in *The Director of Public Prosecutions v Camoin [2011 SCJ 129]*, “It is trite law that, once an alibi is raised, it is for the prosecution to rebut that alibi... However, there was no obligation upon the prosecution to show that the appellant could not have been at all the places he alleged he was. It was sufficient for the prosecution to establish that the appellant was at the scene of the crime at the material time.”

The following extract from *Babeea v The State [1997 SCJ 239]* is also cited in *Boodnah v The State 2018 SCJ 91*: “in accepting the version of the complainant, the learned Magistrate was indirectly rejecting the version of the Appellant that at the material time he was at his place and not at the site. As the learned Magistrate did not misdirect herself as to the burden of disproving the alibi, we find no cause to intervene.”

**C/Insp Moosoohur, R
Staff Officer, Central CID**

CAPACITY BUILDING OF FRONT LINE POLICE OFFICER ON POLICING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND CHILD ABUSE



The Police Training School (PTS), in collaboration with the Ministry of Gender Equality, Child Development and Family Welfare, has conducted a three-day roll-on workshop on "Policing Domestic Violence and Child Abuse" in four batches at PTS, Beau Bassin as from Tuesday 22 May 2018.

The aim of the workshop was to develop and enhance the knowledge, skills and attitude of Police Officers to deal with cases of Domestic Violence and Child Abuse in a professional manner.

A total of 200 Police officers have been trained up to now.



**'TELL ME AND I FORGET,
TEACH ME AND I MAY REMEMBER,
INVOLVE ME AND I LEARN'**

· B. Franklin

**M.I. Bhunnoo, SP
Police Training School**

WORKSHOP ON PSYCHOLOGICAL CHALLENGES OF BEING A POLICE OFFICER

Policing is a never-ending world. To help our Police Officers cope with the



increasing physical, mental and emotional challenges, the Police Training School (PTS) hosted the first workshop on psychological challenges faced by our colleagues on the frontline. The training was initiated and conducted by the Police Psychologists based at PTS, Beau Bassin in different batches.



The one-day workshops were kept very interactive, ice breakers as starter, followed by sharing moments, activities

like role plays and impromptu presentations where officers identified challenges, suggested potential solutions and presented them for a class debate. The training ended in a Zen atmosphere by a brief meditation session by the resource persons of Brahma Kumari Raja Yoga.

During the evaluation, the participants voiced out their appreciation for the warm interaction with the different resource persons. They even undertook to develop their soft skills, get involved in more healthy activities like daily physical exercise and meditation.

**S. Doyal
Police Psychologist
PTS Beau Bassin**

TRAINING