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Litterbugs beware: Litter wardens are back!

Kent House, Maraval. June 30, 2016: The Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government has engaged 147 litter prevention wardens who will assume their positions on Monday July 4th 2016. In preparation for their duties, the successful candidates took part in an orientation programme on Thursday 30th June at the Chaguanas Borough Corporation.

The litter prevention wardens were hired through a competitive recruitment process which began in April with the advertising of vacancies. Over 400 applications were received, including from many applicants who worked previously as litter prevention wardens and whose contracts came to an end earlier this year. The Litter Prevention Wardens programme has been in place for over 10 years and has recently been restructured to ensure greater effectiveness in promoting cleanliness across the country.

Senator the Honourable Franklin Khan, Minister of Rural Development and Local Government said, “In a perfect world there should be no need for litter wardens. Citizens should be proud and patriotic enough to keep their surroundings clean without coercion and without need for enforcing a penalty however, we have a serious problem in Trinidad and Tobago as far as littering is concerned. As such, the Ministry of Rural Development and Local Government, through the 14 Municipal Corporations, has put in place this programme to keep litter off the streets of our nation by designating guardians whose job it is to enforce the laws of the land.”

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Minister Khan added, “I encourage these newly recruited litter wardens to perform their duties with a sense of duty and a spirit of excellence so that we can bring about a change in the mentality of citizens. I may not be liked for saying this, but just as I am working myself out of a job as Local Government Minister with the proposed local government reforms, it is my hope that you will work yourselves out of this job one day because that would mean that the citizens of Trinidad and Tobago would have cleaned up their act and your skills could be gainfully employed in other ways. Until that day comes, I expect that you will work along with the Municipal Corporations to which you have been assigned to help keep Charlie away as the SWMCOL slogan says.”

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