UPDATES TO FUNCTION BOOKS

The Minister of Justice has appointed the company Balance to tackle the current operational situation within the Ministry of Justice.

Balance Consultancy will be tasked with the updating of the function book for the entire Justice Department. The updating of the function book will encompass the reorganization of Ministry of Justice after 10-10-10.

Steps will involve the identification of functions and job descriptions and the coordination of the process with the (central) Human Resources department of the Ministry of General Affairs.

WELCOME

I’d like to welcome you to the very first issue of the Ministry of Justice Newsletter. We are excited that this project has now come to fruition. I trust that every one of you that receives this newsletter will find it quite helpful, and informative. Our aim is to keep you up to date on the happenings within the Ministry and all of its departments.

If you have questions or feedback regarding the information herein or the newsletter in general, please don’t hesitate to reach out through email or phone. We look forward to keeping you informed!

THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE
HON. VAN HUGH C. DE WEEVER
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The function books have been updated and are currently being established for the departments that did not have any in place.

The updated function books have been delivered to the Body of Unions (GOA) in order to follow the required legal trajectory which includes the formal approval from the Council of Ministers (COM).

Cooperation from each department has been an integral part in the successful completion of this important project.

We would like to thank the previous governments and the unions for their cooperation and assistance.
MINISTRY OF JUSTICE LAUNCHES FACEBOOK PAGE

As part of improving our communication to the public, we have launched a Facebook page specifically for the Ministry of Justice. This page will be updated with information and ongoing projects. Be sure to visit and like the page, and don’t forget to share with your friends.

Visit new page @ministryofjusticesxm

UPDATES TO MINISTRY OF JUSTICE WEBPAGE

We are planning to revamp the Ministry of Justice web page. The page will be home to more information on policies, procedures and any pertinent information. As we make these changes, we welcome your feedback on how we can make this portal more user friendly and work for you. Don’t hesitate to contact us with your suggestions!

IMPORTANT NOTICE
CERTIFICATE OF CONDUCT ADMINISTRATIVE FEE INCREASE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2019

The Minister of Justice, Honorable Van Hugh C. de Weever hereby informs the general public and valued clients that the administrative fee associated with the processing of a Certificate of Conduct was increased from ANG. 45, = to ANG. 50, = (see the Official Publication AB no. 44, 2016). The increase in fee will be implemented effective January 1, 2019. The application process remains unchanged and will continue to be handled by the Public Service Centers (Government Building in Philipsburg and Simpson Bay Fish Market).

PROGRESS AT PRISON

Over a year has passed since Irma devastated our little island of Sint Maarten, leaving many buildings destroyed in her wake. The Pointe Blanche prison suffered a number of damages and has been a topic for reconstruction for quite some time.

We are pleased to mention that after all this time, the long overdue work has started at the prison.

Compartment walls in the courtyard have been replaced, and the inmates were able to use the outside recreation area during the holidays. The walls will be painted by the inmates in the next coming weeks.

Other recent activities, include the regulation of pest control, purchase of two new stoves and two exhaust fans for the kitchen which are to be delivered soon.

The roof over the main area is finished and the additional roofs of the Kitchen and Administration areas should be completed by the end of January.

Although it may have taken some time, it is now visible that progress is being made and everyone at the prison, employees as well as inmates can look forward to more favorable conditions.

We’re also pleased to announce that English as well as GED classes have started.
A MOMENT IN HISTORY

On October 10, 2010, at the stroke of midnight, the St. Maarten flag was hoisted to symbolically mark the end of one era and the birth of new Country St. Maarten. The folded Netherlands Antilles flag was presented to the St. Maarten Museum to preserve as a symbol of the dismantled Netherlands Antilles. With the St. Maarten song playing in the background, roars and applause rang out from the crowd that gathered to witness the ceremony when the St. Maarten flag, designed by Roselle “Ms. Rosie” Richardson in 1985, was hoisted.

KEEPING YOU UPDATED

This newsletter has been created to keep everyone in the Ministry as well as the general public updated on everything Justice. It will be sent out regularly so that information is equally spread and no one is left out of the loop.

Please feel free to share any announcements, updates and of course achievements that you would like to be added to this newsletter.

DECOS/JOIN TRAINING FOR EMPLOYEES

The Ministry of Justice will actively roll out training programs for employees on the Decos system. The system is being reprogrammed to optimize its use and of course help employees store and locate documents in a more efficient manner. The goal of the Ministry is to ultimately go paperless by introducing a more automated advice process. Processing of important documents will be done via this platform thereby increasing efficiency, relieving time constraints, protection of personal information and alleviate some cost burden on the budget.

“This will be a great win for members of the Ministry by streamlining processes and having one central location to manage pending projects.”

With Decos Connect, it will be possible to integrate the servers of the various departments in the Ministry, allowing for a smooth flow of communication and data. While the software has already been in use throughout the Ministry, with new and improved programming, it will become an invaluable tool in making the lives of employees much easier when it comes to performing their daily tasks on the job.

More details will follow on this training for each department as it comes available.

We are committed to providing the people and island of Sint Maarten with the best services.

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The Ministry of Justice would like to wish every one of you a safe, prosperous and happy 2019!

happy new year

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