KPSM FUNCTION BOOK SIGNED

On Monday June 3rd, 2019, Minister of Justice, The Honorable Cornelius de Weever in the presence of the Police Chief Carl John and the management team, representatives of the NAPB, ABVO and WICSU along with a number of employees at KPSM, signed the Decree for the formalization of the new structure for the employees of KPSM. This short but historic ceremony took place in the Conference room on the first floor of the Police Head Quarters Philipsburg. Minister de Weever congratulated all members of KPSM and representatives of the unions.

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If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to reach out through email or phone. We look forward to keeping you informed!

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FOUR LAWS PASSED

The Ministry of Justice has been working diligently to have the necessary laws passed for proper working of our system. During the first half of 2019, the below laws were passed. While there are other laws still undergoing processing for approval, the below laws have been passed. These laws are published on the National Gazette for public access, allowing the people of Sint Maarten the opportunity to review.
EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT
MR. LUDGENNE DE WIND

Q. What is your function?
A. My current function is Chefdek on the Dutch Caribbean Coastguard Cutter Poema.

Q. How long have you been working with the Ministry of Justice?
A. I have been working for the Ministry of Justice for nearly thirteen years now.

Q. Who inspires you?
A. My father. He always wanted me to be productive and to mean something in life.

Q. What are you passionate about?
A. I am passionate about being on the ocean when it is quiet. It gives me the opportunity to take my mind off of the moving world. I also am passionate about the feeling I get being able to do something for the country while the public is sleeping safely at home. It makes me feel good to be able to protect them without them even knowing that I’m out there doing so.

Q. Who would you like to swap places with for just one day?
A. I would like to swap places with Dan Bilzerian for a day.

Q. If you could visit anywhere in the world, where would you go?
A. I would like to see some real pyramids in Egypt one day.

Q. What’s your secret talent that no one knows about?
A. Most people don’t know that I can make music.

Q. What do you do in your free time?
A. I like to party, travel, go to the gym and of course try to be productive at the same time.

Q. What’s the best thing that has happened to you so far for 2019?
A. There are a lot of great things that have happened to me in 2019, but the best things are simple. I was able to see most of my family members together and happy in one place.

Q. Tell us one thing about yourself that you would love to share with your colleagues.
A. I would like for them to know that you have to stay positive no matter what happens and try to better yourself at anything that you do.

A MOMENT IN HISTORY

On October 11, 2016, for the first time in St. Maarten’s history, employees who fall under the Justice Ministry received full insurance coverage for Accidental Death and Dismemberment. This was made possible by the Minister of Justice; Edson Kirindongo who collaborated with the three unions ABVO, WICSU and NAPB, which represent the Justice workers, to negotiate and provide coverage for the staff.

NAGICO Insurances was selected as the insurer of choice after winning the bid which included 5 other insurance companies. At the signing ceremony, the insurance company revealed that since the offering was announced, other territories and Government departments had contacted them to query about similar offerings. Since taking office, Minister Cornelius De Weever has ensured that this coverage has been maintained.

KPSM COPS & KIDS PROGRAMME 2019

The Sint Maarten Police Force (KPSM) concluded its Cops & Kids programme which is part of their year plan with sports day activities that concluded at the John Cooper/Jose Lake Sr. Ball Park. Minister of Justice Cornelius de Weever would like to firstly congratulate the participating schools and students that took part in the Cops & Kids programme commend KPSMs leadership, the coordinator, and participating officers for a job well done.

The overall winner of the 2019 annual Cops & Kids sports day was the Leonard Conner school. Genevieve De Weever Primary school placed 2nd the Seven-day Adventist school placed 3rd, Dr. Martin Luther King placed 4th and the Sister Regina school placed 5th.
BIKE DONATION TO SXM POLICE PATROL

Retired New Haven Police Captain, Patricia Helliger will be donating seven bikes to the bike patrol of the St. Maarten Police Force. Helliger made this announcement to Minister of Justice, Cornelius De Weever, Chief of Police Carl John and Assistant Chief of Police Benjamin Gout on Monday, May 13, 2019.

“I am very grateful to Ms. Helliger a daughter of the soil for the donation she is making to the Police Force, the bike patrol can definitely use these additional bikes,” said Minister De Weever.

MS. DANICA ELYSE NAOMI ZICHEM APPOINTED AS BAILIFF

The Minister of Justice appointed Ms Danica Elyse Naomi Zichem on the basis of Articles 1 (2) and 17 (3) of the Bailiff Regulations, as a bailiff as of May 1st, 2019. Ms. Zichem has been appointed to the registered office in Sint Maarten. Full announcement can be found in the National Gazette in the May 10th edition of the publication. Join us as we congratulate Ms. Zichem on her recent achievement.

JUDICIAL FOUR-PARTY CONSULTATIONS TO BE HELD IN ST. MAARTEN

in July of 2019, The Ministry of Justice of Sint Maarten will be host to the semi-annual Judicial Four-Party Consultations (Justitiele Vierpartij Overleg (JVO). In attendance will be delegates from The Netherlands, neighboring islands of Aruba and Curacao, and of course the Sint Maarten delegation.

This meeting is crucial for the continued strengthening and cooperation of law enforcement and evaluation of Kingdom laws as it pertains to the Justice sector.

PROTOCOL SIGNED BETWEEN IMMIGRATION AND POLICE FORCE

On Friday, May 31, 2019, Minister Cornelius De Weever signed a protocol along with Mr. Carl John of the Police Force and Mr. Richard Panneflek of the Immigration Department. This protocol is a major stepping stone in the collaboration of efforts between the two departments. All parties are pleased to have achieved this milestone, and look forward to continued progress in the protection of the residents of Sint Maarten.
INTELLIGENCE CENTER ST. MAARTEN FORMALIZED

The cooperation agreement for the formalization of the Intelligence Center Sint Maarten (ICSM) was officially signed on Friday, June 14th, 2019.

The collaborating partners are namely: Police Force Sint Maarten (KPSM); Interpol Sint Maarten (NCB Philipsburg); Financial Intelligence Unit (MOT); Public Prosecutor's Office (OM), Customs Sint Maarten, National Detectives Sint Maarten (LR), Dutch Caribbean Coast Guard (KWCARIB) and Detective Cooperation Team (RST).

Formalizing this cooperation agreement which has already been operational over the last few years in a pilot phase, ensures the long-term continuation of existing collaboration with the common objective of protecting, maintaining and strengthening the rule of law and national security in St. Maarten.

The agreement gives the partners more incentive to exchange information and expertise. The tasks of each partner can now be carried out in a more focused manner and products and services can be developed jointly.

Moreover ICSM serves the international and cross-border interest. It will assist with international requirements imposed on the various law enforcement organizations on Sint Maarten.

Minister of Justice Cornelius De Weever was present to witness this signing and is extremely pleased to see the entities within the Ministry of Justice make these strides towards working more closely together to benefit the citizens of St. Maarten.

MINISTER DE WEEVER CONGRATULATES COAST GUARD

Minister of Justice, Cornelius De Weever would like to congratulate the Dutch Caribbean Coast Guard for a very successful recruitment drive held here on St. Maarten on Saturday, June 22, 2019 at their substation in Simpson Bay.

Minister De Weever attended the event and was very pleased with the organization and the flow of our young people looking or exploring the option of the Coast Guard as a future career. Thirty-six applied on the spot and 22 left with applications to be completed and submitted.

“This gives me great hope to see our young people interested in law enforcement,” said Minister De Weever.

ADDITIONAL STAFF AT CUSTOMS AND PRISON

In keeping with the objectives of the governing program and agreements made with strengthening the justice chain 20 additional prison guards and twelve customs officers have been hired at the respective entities.

“Training for these twenty prison guards will begin immediately, and this is a welcome event as the prison has been suffering from a shortage of prison guards for quite some time,” said Minister De Weever.

“I am extremely happy to see that 20 local young men and women have been hired to fill the much needed posts at the facility.”

As it relates to the 12 newly hired customs officers, they will be following the Customs Officer training, and will fill the gap of the personnel shortage at the department. Interviews were held earlier this year, and 12 motivated, young dynamic men and women were selected.

“I am elated to have the Customs Department staffed with these young dynamic individuals who will now fill the void within the Customs Department, which is a very important department within our justice ministry,” Minister De Weever.