Police Commissioner says ‘rogue cops must go’

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Police Commissioner Seelall Persaud has emphasized that the Guyana Police Force (GPF) must turn a clean slate if the force looks to improve its operations and regain the trust of the Guyanese community to carry out their work protecting citizens.

Seelall was at the time speaking at the 176th anniversary parade of the GPF on Saturday morning as an annual part of the Force’s celebration.

The Commissioner in his remarks thanked the officers for a good well done – maintaining law and order during Guyana’s recent elections period.

He added that the APNU+AFC administration has indicated a lot of changes for the force hence police should be better equipped to carry out their functions.

The Commissioner stated, “These changes say to me that we will be resourced, we will have the tools that are necessary for us to do our jobs, that our welfare will be looked at...however there will be a greater demand on us for accountability and improved delivery of services,” he stated.

Persaud also urged the officers to do their best and serve the force with pride, which will in turn restore its good name adding that standard operational procedures were developed and a lot of officers were trained in order to deliver the quality of service that the people expect.

He also emphasised that rogue cops must go stating that, “We have to get rid of those who damage the image of the force.”

The results of the Latin American Public Opinion Project 2014 National survey of Guyana have indicated that Guyana has the lowest level of police trust in the region.

This was revealed today as the United States Embassy in Guyana hosted an information session to inform the Guyanese public of the findings of the 2014 Americas Barometer survey conducted by the Vanderbilt University.
The Scale used was 0 – 100, with 0 being the least trust and 100 being the most, and Guyana recorded a score of 35.3, ranking the lowest out of the countries of the Americas which were surveyed.

In this 2014 survey which was conducted in Guyana during the period June 4 – July 12, 2014, the results showed that trust in the police decreased over time.

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It’s a known fact that Guyanese have no trust in the force a long time ago. The PPP allowed this, because it suited their purpose. Look at the level of madness that was taken for police work? Which part on this planet that such behavior would’ve been acceptable? Now hear this, some ranks that were chosen to operate at SOCU were found to unacceptable, because they have failed a lie detector test, and was therefore sent back to their unit. What nonsense is this? if those ranks fail, they should’ve been dismissed. We all know that they’re unsuitable for SOCU then they’re also unsuitable to be in the force. What idiocy is this? Could Mr. Seelall Persaud please explain? Damn

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