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St Kitts-Nevis Chamber of Industry and Commerce's Quarterly Luncheon Addresses Crime and Business Security

Basseterre, St Kitts, July 13, 2023 — The St Kitts-Nevis Chamber of Industry and Commerce successfully held its Quarterly Luncheon on July 11, 2023, at the St Kitts Marriott Resort. With over 100 Chamber members in attendance, the event focused on crucial discussions surrounding crime and business security in response to the recent surge in criminal activities.

President Michael Davis expressed gratitude for the impressive turnout and highlighted the need for a safe business environment. He emphasized the loss of human capital due to criminal involvement and called for immediate action. President Davis urged collaborative efforts between the private and public sectors to implement initiatives and strategies aimed at reducing crime and violence within the Federation.

The luncheon's highlight was the comprehensive presentation by the new Commissioner of Police, Mr. James Sutton. Commissioner Sutton emphasized the significance of crime prevention and security measures for the business community, presenting seven pillars for successful crime prevention. He discussed various strategies, including the utilization of technology, cybercrime protection, and collaborative initiatives with the Customs & Excise Department to address border protection and illegal imports. Commissioner Sutton's insights and dedication to a secure business environment left attendees inspired.

The question-and-answer session allowed Chamber members to express their appreciation for the Commissioner's presentation. The engaging discussion provided valuable guidance and practical strategies to enhance security protocols, ensuring businesses can flourish in a safe environment.

Mr. Kevin Taylor, the Executive Director of the Chamber, expressed his delight with the success of the Quarterly Luncheon. He reaffirmed the Chamber's commitment to fostering meaningful dialogues and knowledge sharing that directly benefit members and the Federation. The Chamber extended gratitude to Commissioner Sutton for accepting the invitation and delivering an exceptional presentation.

Chairman of the Manufacturing Division, Mark Wilkin, echoed concerns regarding safety and security. He informed the audience about the newly established "Security & Crime" Committee within the SKNCIC. This committee will work with stakeholders to develop strategies and initiatives aimed at reducing crime and violence within the Federation.



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The luncheon also welcomed five new members to the Chamber: Akilah Byron-Nisbett, A L Evelyn Ltd., GigaMedia Ebusiness Solutions, Global Dr. Coach, and K.R. Architectural Services.

The St Kitts-Nevis Chamber of Industry and Commerce remains dedicated to fostering collaboration, innovation, and growth within the business community. The Chamber will continue organizing events and initiatives that contribute to a secure and thriving environment for businesses across the islands.

About St Kitts-Nevis Chamber of Industry and Commerce:

The St Kitts-Nevis Chamber of Industry and Commerce is a leading business association dedicated to promoting economic growth and development in St Kitts and Nevis. With a strong membership base and a commitment to fostering collaboration, the Chamber serves as a voice for the business community, advocating for their interests, and providing resources to enhance business success.

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