

PUBLIC ROLE IN SAFETY FOR CARNIVAL

During the Carnival season, police officers are usually out in their numbers to ensure public safety. But Tobago Emergency Management Authority (TEMA) director Allan Stewart is urging responsible behaviour from residents and visitors alike. Stewart said: "All of us have a responsibility to act within reason and to be circumspect as it relates to our own personal safety

and also the public in regards to property and how we may associate with others, ensuring safety to all."

Policy makers and the protective services alone cannot ensure public safety, Stewart said, remind the public that it also has a role in ensuring every person is safe during celebrations.

"If you are consuming alcohol," Stewart added, "it is necessary for you to understand

that you have to do that within reason at a particular limit. Because you may be a danger to not just yourself but also (other) members of the general public.... (Also) it's important that we secure our property: things like jewellery, our homes, our cars." The TEMA director said parents should know where their children are at all times so they can protect them from potential danger.

DUNCAN HONOURED AT NATIONAL YOUTH AWARDS

Colin Duncan was one of ten Special Olympics Athletes recognised during the Youth Awards of the First Citizens Sports Foundation Awards at the HYATT Regency Hotel in Port of Spain, Trinidad on Friday (January 29).

Duncan was selected by Special Olympics Trinidad and Tobago (SOTT) for his achievements in the sport of bocce during 2015. He was accompanied by his mother Mrs Vera Gibbs-Proctor and Miss Clevanic Cupid his coach. The Scarborough native, who attends the Happy Haven Special School, had a productive year in 2015. At the local Special Olympics National Games, Duncan, 43, won a Gold medal in the Bocce Singles competition and a gold medal in the team competition. At the 2015 Special Olympics World Games, in Los Angeles California, Duncan's form continued as he captured gold in the team competition, silver in the singles competition and was fourth in the doubles competition. Duncan was also a 1999 champion in athletics at the Special Olympics World Games in North Carolina.



SINGLE PAN CHAMPS: Winners of the Single Pan Band category Metro Stars play "Like a Boss" during last night's (February 2) THA Pan Champs competition at the Dwight Yorke Stadium Parade Square.

CLOSURE OF FIRST CITIZENS CAR PARK, SCARBOROUGH

The First Citizens Car Park in downtown Scarborough will be closed to the public from 6 p.m. on Friday February 5 and all day on Saturday February 6, 2016. The closure is to facilitate the Junior Parade of the Bands for Tobago Carnival 2016.

Vendors and the general public are therefore being advised to remove all property from the area, including vehicles, trailers, carts tents and any other fixtures to allow for unrestricted use of the car park. Surrounding areas, including public

walkways and sidewalks adjacent to the car park will also be closed to pedestrians. This is in addition to the Gardenside Car Park, which will be closed from February 5 at midnight, to Wednesday February 10 at 6 a.m.