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His Majesty’s Customs and the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force (RVIPF) have officially signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) establishing a formal and structured partnership to govern the seizure, handling, transfer, and destruction of contraband.

Commissioner of the Custom’s Department Mr. Greg Romney (Ag) said he is happy to see this structured partnership take place.

He said, “The Customs Department and the Royal Virgin Islands have always co-operated in joint operations in the past, I am very pleased to see the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding which will structure and solidify the collaboration from these two key Government entities”

The MOU was designed to enhance transparency, ensure legal compliance, promote public safety, and strengthen interagency coordination. This structured framework will support effective information sharing and operational cooperation, contributing to successful legal proceedings and improved enforcement outcomes.

Meanwhile Interim Acting Chief of Police, Mr. Richard Ullger said, “Creating a safer community is the best interest of the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force, and now that the MOU was inked we are even more committed and further strengthened to continue to give the community full support”.

The agreement is aligned with the HM Customs Contraband Policy – DSHD Policy (100) and reflects a shared commitment to best practices in contraband management.

The MOU and associated policy were implemented in accordance with Recommendation 45 of the HMICFRS Law Review, Volume 1, reinforcing both agencies' dedication to accountability and good governance.

The Customs Department, is one of the revenue-collecting department of the Government of the Virgin Islands. The department is also is also responsible for the protection of society by the prevention and interdiction of restricted and prohibited goods from entering the Territory.

In the meantime, the mission of the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force is to keep the people, places, and communities of the Virgin Islands safe.

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