

Employee Profile – Drucilla Benoire



“Left...right....left....right Abouttt Turn” this is what came to mind when I was told Ports Police was the next department to be featured in this edition of SLASPA in Focus’ employee profiles section. However, in comes Mrs. Drucilla Benoire, all smiles in her casual clothes – as I called her in from her vacation for her interview – all ready to get down to business. A far cry from the stoic policemen you see being portrayed on TV. Talk about not conforming to the stereotypes that all policemen are men, or serious and have no life outside of work. I asked Mrs. Benoire a series of questions pertaining to her job, life, family etc. and was – I must admit – impressed by her achievements thus far.

Mrs. Drucilla Benoire started her tenure at SLASPA on July 1st, 1983 as a Constable. And if you were good at math you would realize that she has been working at SLASPA as long as it has been in existence...25 impressive years, as she is the only female left at SLASPA from her graduating year. She has risen through the ranks and is now a Corporal within the Ports Police Department here at SLASPA. “I have enjoyed working at SLASPA, because SLASPA has no restrictions as to employees who would like to improve themselves. As a matter of fact, they encourage employees to do so. For instance, the Training department holds supervisory training sessions and provides information on other courses that employees might be interested in” says Mrs. Benoire.

Port policing, is a very serious job. A Ports Police has to ensure that the safety and security of all port users and their goods and the Authority's plant, property and equipment are all operating and conducting business in a safe environment.

A question I ask all my interviewees including Benoire was what do you like about your job and working at SLASPA. And as a relatively new employee here, listening to what a seasoned employee had to say, her answer really made me smile. Benoire indicated that "I love that my job exposes me to different people. I meet VIP's, mentally disturbed and everyday individuals. In this job I have learnt how to adjust myself to the persons I meet. You must treat everyone equally, but some visitors to the port like disabled individuals need extra care in getting around and we can provide the assistance they need. I also appreciate that SLASPA afforded me the opportunity to further my education. By this time next year, I would have attained my Associates Degree in Criminal Justice which would enable me to further assist my department and co workers in our overall duties."

Beaming during the interview, Benoire admitted that she is her mother's only daughter and was spoilt rotten by her parents. Anything she wanted, she got...not because she was spoilt but through sheer determination. Benoire is happily married with four kids, two boys and two girls and enjoys spending time with her family. Benoire indicated that one of her personal interests is ensuring that her family is happy and healthy, exercising and keeping fit.

We at SLASPA congratulate and commend Mrs. Drucilla Benoire for a job well done and wish her success in her future endeavours!