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Southland Gaming Donation of \$43,000 Helps VIPD Revitalize K9 Corps in St. Thomas-St. John District

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ST. THOMAS — The V.I. Police Department announced Monday the revitalization of its K9 Corps in the St. Thomas-St. John District, thanks in part to a generous donation from Southland Gaming.

According to a release issued by V.I.P.D. Public Information Officer Toby Derima, in April, executives from Southland Gaming presented a donation of \$43,000 to the V.I.P.D. to increase the K9 capacity in the district, enhancing the V.I.P.D.'s mission of crime-fighting across the territory.

On July 1, Shaine Gaspard, chief executive officer of Southland Gaming, and Jason Charles, community outreach director at the gambling company, visited Police Headquarters to meet with Police Commissioner Trevor Velinor, Assistant Police Commissioner Mario Brooks, St. Thomas / St. John Chief of Police Steven Phillip, and the officers of the Department's K9 Corps, along with the new police dogs.

Assistant Police Commissioner Brooks thanked Gaspard and Charles for the donation from Southland Gaming, according to the release.

"Promise made, promise kept. This is a clear indication that Southland Gaming supports not only the men and women of the VIPD, but the community on a whole. We look forward to our continued partnership with Southland Gaming," Mr. Brooks said.