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Oil spill training for energy companies

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In the aftermath of 2014's destructive oil spills, public and private energy companies are being schooled by US consulting company Mattison Jaxon on dealing with industrial and environmental disasters.

However, Energy and Energy Affairs Minister Kevin Ramnarine said the four day workshop on Incident Command Systems (ICS), organised by his ministry, had nothing to do with Petrotrin's major spillages into the Gulf of Paria in December 2013 and the Guaracara River last August.

He said the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) approved workshop was a requirement of the National Oil Spill Contingency Plan aimed at bringing energy companies up to international standards.

Speaking at the launch of the workshop yesterday at Petrotrin's Staff Club at its Pointe-a-Pierre Refinery, the minister explained that ICS was a uniformed reporting system used in incidents such as oil spills and major accidents. He said the training would allow companies to efficiently manage those emergencies.

"The course is being attended by state enterprises, ministries and the private sector, and we see it as part of a thrust of the ministry in 2015, in addition to our national facilities audit of the energy sector to strengthen the overall Health Safety and Environment side of the business," he said.

"It is an international standard and it is a standard we want to have introduced to Trinidad and Tobago for better management of incident and accidents."

The course is being facilitated by Mattison Jaxon's CEO Joyce M Moyes and included participants from Petrotrin, Repsol, bpTT, National Petroleum, EOS Resources, Coast Guard, the Maritime Division of the Ministry of Transport, Environmental Management Authority and Occupational Health and Safety Authority.



Joyce Moyer, CEO of Jaxon Mattison Consulting LLC, addresses participants during a workshop on Incident Command System at Petrotrin Staff Club in Pointe-a-Pierre yesterday. Photo: RISHI RAGOONATH

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Judge begins summing up



High Court judge Malcolm Holdip has instructed jurors in the Vindra Naipaul-Coolman murder trial to leave their emotions out of their deliberations in the case. He gave the advice in the Port-of...

Questions over headcount of street dwellers



Near epidemic. This was how Port-of-Spain mayor Keron Valentine described the street dwelling population in the city before a Joint Select Committee (JSC) meeting in Parliament yesterday.

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Man at Queen's Hall, St Ann's, by Noble Douglas Lilliput Foundation for the Arts.

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Bruce, 39, lives in his childhood home with his mom. After his dad died some years ago, he inherited the property: a five-bedroom flat house on 6,000 square feet of land.

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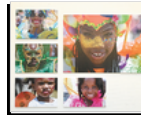
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