



NYPD COMMUNITY AFFAIRS BUREAU COMMUNITY OUTREACH DIVISION

NYPD is a melting pot of all ethnicities, cultures and countries and that was ever so evident at the 2016 West Indian Day Parade in Brooklyn New York. More commonly called the Labor Day Parade you see subtle hints of their Caribbean heritage on police officers along the parade route and being escorts for the floats. Showing their Caribbean connection by wearing flag wrist bands, flag pins, and the more blatant flag hanging from their pockets; these officers relish in the camaraderie of the day with their fellow West Indians. One of the little known divisions within the NYPD is the Community Affairs Bureau Community Outreach Division where there is a liaison dedicated to the Caribbean community, and with much pride I must say the division's commanding officer is himself is of Guyanese parentage and even spent much of his youth in Guyana. Overall the Community Outreach Division is responsible for working hand in hand with all New York City residents, immigrant populations, clergy of all denominations and LGBT communities; also having liaisons for the Hispanic, Asian, Hispanic and Eastern European cultures.

Having spent ten years in the NYPD Community Affairs Bureau I know the value of the NYPD Community Outreach Division where police officers from various cultural backgrounds work to break down the barriers between the NYPD and communities around New York City. The mutual respect created, results from the officers understanding of particular cultures and the community's ability to speak to an officer that shares a common background. The NYPD Caribbean Liaison is invaluable to all West Indian cultures around New York City; helping to solve social and governmental issues new West Indian immigrants may encounter and fostering events that help new immigrants adjust to life in the United States. Over the years the NYPD Caribbean Liaison has hosted job fairs, business networking events, town hall meetings and conferences with the Caribbean representatives to the United Nations. Also, maintaining their availability to address any issues in predominately West Indian neighborhoods.

The Caribbean Law Enforcement Foundation is collaborating with the NYPD Community Affairs Bureau Community Outreach Division to further improve the relationship between the Caribbean Community and the New York Police Department. The officers and supervisors of the NYPD Community Affairs Community Outreach Division are some of the best personnel serving the City of New York and continue to do so with honesty, integrity and placing the citizens of New York as their first priority.



COMMANDING OFFICER NYPD COMMUNITY AFFAIRS BUREAU OUTREACH DIVISION
INSPECTOR GRIFFITH WITH SOME OF HIS OFFICERS AT THE WEST INDIAN PARADE

For information about the NYPD Community Affairs Bureau Community Outreach Division, click the link below:
http://www.nyc.gov/html/nypd/html/community_affairs/community_affairs.shtml#