

PRESS RELEASE

THE TUNAPUNA/PIARCO REGIONAL CORPORATION APPLAUDS ITS RODENT CONTROL UNIT



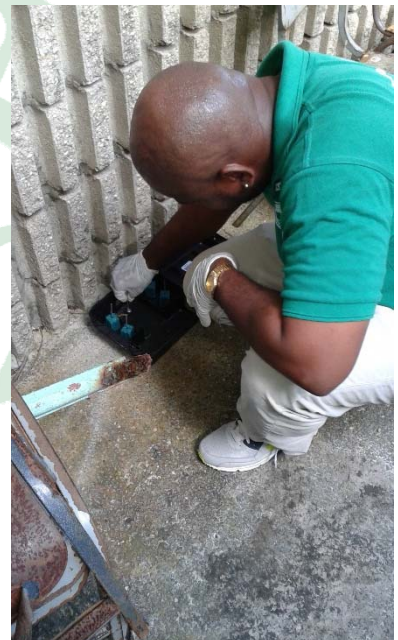
The Council and Administration of the Tunapuna/Piarco Regional Corporation commends its Rodent Control Unit of the Local Health Authority of the Corporation for the exceptional job the Unit has been doing.

This Unit is responsible for survey baiting, rechecking and replenishing of rat bait within households and public premises. This aids in the reduction of the rodent population as well as the risk of transmission of diseases such as leptospirosis.

The Tunapuna/Piarco region covers one of the largest areas under the local government and with the continuous infrastructural development and increases in the number of burgesses to serve, this Corporation is proud to have a well-equipped and efficient Rodent Control Unit. On average of 3000 premises are inspected monthly. Premises visited include schools, libraries, hospitals, and private residences.

The Tunapuna/Piarco Regional Corporation advocates the Integrated Pest Management approach which emphasises the need for behaviour modification as well as environmental management. In this way, the Corporation recognizes that the technical capabilities of Rodent Control must work hand-in-hand with education, as behavioural practices do play an important part in the prevention of diseases. As part of an ongoing educational drive, Officers from the Rodent Control Unit of the Tunapuna/Piarco Regional Corporation have been visiting primary schools throughout the Region where they conduct presentations about sanitation, rodent behaviour and habitat and the prevention of diseases.

The Tunapuna/Piarco Regional Corporation continues to fulfil its mission in serving the burgesses of the region. Moreover, the Tunapuna/Piarco Regional Corporation wishes to remind burgesses that they are responsible for keeping their surroundings clean which will go a long way in assisting the Corporation to eradicate rodents and other pests.



The Tunapuna/Piarco Regional Corporation's Public Health Committee Chairman, Councillor Esmond Forde stated "the rodent control unit of the Corporation's Local Health authority is one of our best functioning units, comprising a dedicated, efficient, effective and competent team. This

unit is onBOARD and truly represents what the Tunapuna/Piarco Regional Corporation is about.... providing the best services to our burgesses and community."