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NAWASA continues proactive approach to workers' safety

September 11th, 2012, St. George's, Grenada: Sixty five (65) employees of the National Water and Sewerage Authority (NAWASA) are now equipped with a life skill in First Aid thanks to a two day workshop provided by the Authority and facilitated by Director of the Grenada Red Cross Mr. Terry Charles and Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Mr. Kelly Francis.

First Aid training can play a significant role in the workplace said Mr. Charles. "Being able to administer effective First Aid in the event of a life-threatening injury or sudden illness in the workplace can save lives. Employers who train their employees to know what to do in the event of an incident in the workplace empower them to recognise and correct identified hazards and make better choices which could lead to a reduction in the incidence of workplace injuries. NAWASA therefore needs to be commended for their initiative."

Head of NAWASA's Human Resources Department Mrs. Pansy Ventour says, "First Aid training is an important and reasonably inexpensive way to increase the safety awareness of employees. Trained employees are often more safety conscious because they are more aware of injury causing situations. This is as a direct result of first aid training received."

A proper and rapid response to non-life-threatening injuries can also directly improve the healing and recovery process. This means injured workers who receive effective first aid following an injury may be able to return to work in a shorter time frame and with less treatment time and costs. An additional and invaluable benefit is that these employees are now certified to provide First Aid in their homes and communities.

Training of this kind forms part of the Authority's Disaster Preparedness Programme. In June of this year, over sixty employees participated in a training session focusing on Hurricane Preparedness.

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