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VING & Rotary Kick Off Coole School Program in St. Thomas
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The Virgin Islands National Guard Counterdrug Task Force and Rotary Clubs of St. Thomas will host the 2011 Coole School Program Kick-off Thursday October 6. The event is at Lockhart Elementary School at 9 a.m. Rotary Service Chairperson Rotarian Yvonne Laurent is the guest speaker. The St. Croix Kick-off was Monday October 26 at Juanita Gardine Elementary School.

The Safe & Drug Free Coole School Program is an anti-drug and anti-violence program that reinforces values, positive behaviors and the importance of education. The concept evolved during a local coalition study in 2000 to support the U.S. Attorney's Office with its after school Peer Helpers Homework Assistance Program on St. Croix. The VING Counterdrug Office conducts the Coole School Program at 13 schools on St. Croix and 10 schools on St. Thomas.

The Coole School Program is a research-based substance abuse prevention component. Coole School's vision and mission is to raise protective factors, lower risk factors and enhance refusal skills for students. These skills are taught by teachers, parents and Guardsmen through a character education program using games, puzzles and articles in a planner.

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