



W **NGC 'CAERS'** about its Communities

We know that you guys are just back in from a long vacation and are ready and raring to go back to work. The National Gas Company of Trinidad and Tobago is coming to schools in its pipeline communities (communities adjoining its pipelines and facilities) during the upcoming school year just to show how much we CAER. That's right, CAER! Community Awareness and Emergency Response (CAER) is a programme designed by NGC to educate pipeline schools and communities about overall natural gas safety. NGC believes that by interacting with the schools located in these communities information that is shared can hopefully spread from the schools into the homes of the students.

Now your mind must be racing with questions like what does NGC's CAER entail and what can be learnt from CAER? It is simple really. CAER takes place in two phases. In Phase One, the CAER team visits the school and assesses it in terms of safety. On this visit, the team looks at current safety procedures, muster points, safety equipment and generally advises on ways in which the school's safety programme can be improved. Once this is done the school is given sufficient time to implement CAER suggestions before Phase Two. On this second visit, the CAER team initiates an Emergency Drill and grades the school on its level of readiness for an emergency. The team then talks to the principal and staff about what may have gone wrong and provides the school with some of the equipment necessary in making the school's safety programme a success.

In 2009, CAER will target primary and secondary schools located close to NGC's pipelines and facilities. Schools such as Rochard Douglas Presbyterian, Phoenix Park Government Primary and ASJA Girls Charlieville to name a few will get the opportunity to learn how to respond in the event of a natural gas emergency.

Essentially, CAER provides NGC with an opportunity to embrace and interact with each of these schools using a unique programme which endeavours to make the company both a guardian and friend. The school CAER programme is set to be a great project that can impact hundreds of students from across the country in a very positive way.

Communities that are aware become NGC's eyes and ears so that in the unlikely event there is an emergency the company's response time will be improved to deal adequately with the incident.

So with that said we hope that you are prepared for learning and appreciating safety, the NGC way. The CAER team at NGC anticipates that only positive benefits can be had from such an industrious endeavour and cannot wait to get the show on the road.

