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### **EMA meets with Woodbrook Residents Committee to address noise issues**

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The Environmental Management Authority (EMA) will meet with members of the Woodbrook Residents Committee on Wednesday January 11, 2012 to discuss noise management issues due to various events being held in the area. The EMA formed relations with the Committee in 2009 and continue to work with the residents to ensure that noise pollution is kept under control.

At this meeting, the EMA will also speak with venue owners regarding their timely application for Noise Variations, as well as fete promoters who plan to host events in the Woodbrook area. The meeting will address noise management at venues such as the Jean Pierre Complex, Lions Club, St. John's Ambulance Society, Queen's Park Oval, National Flour Mills, Woodbrook Youth Facility and Fire Services.

Noise can cause irritability, sleep deprivation and is harmful to babies, the elderly, at-risk patients and pets. According to the EMA's Managing Director/CEO, Dr. Joth Singh, "In 2012, the EMA will continue to focus on noise management issues and utilise greater coordination approaches and collaboration with the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service. While the EMA has been working under the Noise Pollution Control Rules to control noise, the nuisance issue of noise can also be effectively dealt with by any member of the police service under a series of pieces of legislation. The EMA therefore wishes to remind the public that for effective and immediate relief from noise, they can call the nearest police station."

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