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### **Two Members of Belize Police Department Attend Needs Assessment Conference in Ecuador**

Belize Police Department Senior Superintendent Crispin Jeffries and Inspector Marlon Allen are currently in Quito, Ecuador, attending the International Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA) Needs Assessment Conference.

The conference is designed to assess the law enforcement training needs of countries in the region to combat international crimes such as narcotics trafficking and money laundering. Senior Superintendent Jeffries and Inspector Allen are giving a presentation outlining Belize's criminal justice structure, as well as specific training needs.

The U.S. Embassy in Belize is sponsoring the trip in support of ILEA's initiatives to advance international cooperation in combating crime. The countries represented at the conference include: Costa Rica, Honduras, Guatemala, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Panama, Belize, The Dominican Republic, Colombia, Venezuela, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Paraguay, and Uruguay. Additionally, representatives from the Association of Caribbean Chiefs of Police, U.S. Department of State's International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Office, U.S. Department of State's Diplomatic Security Service, U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Secret Service, and Department of Homeland Security will be in attendance.

The U.S. Department of State, in cooperation with Departments of Justice, Homeland Security and Treasury, continues to establish regional law enforcement academies throughout the world to provide training and enhance law enforcement cooperation in selected countries. There are now ILEAs in Budapest, Bangkok, Gaborone and a graduate school in Roswell, New Mexico. An ILEA for Central and South America is soon to be established.