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RSIPF call for cooperation of public at *Carols in the Islands*

The Royal Solomon Islands Police Force (RSIPF) is calling for the full cooperation of the public in Honiara intending to attend the *Carols in the Islands* event this Saturday 15 December 2018.

“Police in Honiara City will be mounting an operation during the event including visibility patrols in and outside of the venue at the Lawson Tama Football Stadium and assisting the flow of traffic going to and leaving the venue,” says Provincial Police Commander, Honiara City, Chief Superintendent Stanley Riolo.

“Police officers will be assisting the private security company hired for the event to check on members of the public who are entering the gates that they are not intoxicated or carrying any dangerous weapon into the venue that might endanger the life of anyone. If you are planning to drink and come to the event, then we would like to ask you to stay away as you will not be allowed through the gates. Any dangerous weapon will be confiscated,” PPC Riolo emphasises.

He adds: “I would like to advise members of the public who are planning to attend the event to come early so we will not have any long queues at the gates and that traffic is not held up in the Lawson Tama area. And Police would like to encourage people to take the public transport as parking space will be limited.”

“Parents who are planning to come to the event with their children, please make sure you keep a close watch on them as there will be a huge crowd that they might go astray.”

“I ask all drivers of both public and private vehicles to take extra precaution when you are driving in the Lawson Tama area as a lot of pedestrians will be using the footpaths and crossing the road. Let us exercise a bit of patience because it might just save a life,” says PPC Riolo.

“And to all pedestrians take care when walking along the footpaths or crossing the road. If possible use the Chinatown Overhead Bridge to get to and from Lawson Tama stadium.”

PPC Riolo explains: “I understand the Traffic Department will be mounting a random breath testing (RBT) and general traffic operation on the day so if you have been drinking and intend to come to the *Carols in the Islands*, my advice for you is better stay at home.”

“Let us all work together to make sure our families enjoy the day at the *Carol in the Islands* as we move into the festive season marking the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ,” says Chief Superintendent Riolo.

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