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Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Security, the Hon. Dr. Horace Chang peruses the computer monitor, while Health Minister and Member of Parliament for West Central St. Catherine, Dr. the Hon. Christopher Tufton (right), Minister of State in the Ministry of National Security, the Hon. Juliet Cuthbert-Flynn (centre), Deputy Commissioner of Police, Karina Powell-Hood and Acting Superintendent of Police, Joel Hamilton from the Property Management and Maintenance Division (Jamaica Constabulary Force), the look on, moments after the official opening of the newly renovated Green Acres Police Station in St Catherine.

Green Acres Police Station officially opens in St Catherine

The Green Acres Police Station has officially opened its doors, marking a significant milestone in community-focused law enforcement.

The Hon. Dr Horace Chang, National Security Minister, emphasized the importance of collaboration and partnerships in his remarks.



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He said that "**Perseverance and partnership is at the heart of the renovated Green Island Police Station in St Catherine. It was designed with the residents at its core and is now fully operational."**"

Constructed under the Project Rebuild, Overhaul and Construct (ROC) initiative, the Green Acres Police Station represents a \$138 million Jamaican dollar investment in modern infrastructure. The station features a state-of-the-art edifice, providing comfort and functionality for both police officers and citizens.

Once the topic of ridicule, the renovated police facility with all its built-in flood mitigating features, including a perimeter drain and soak-aways, the Green Acres Police Station will greatly benefit surrounding communities from its strategic location, ensuring enhanced accessibility and safety for residents.

Minister Chang also noted that investing in renovation works at the Green Acres Police Station signals the government's longstanding thrust to significantly improve police infrastructure through a targeted approach.

"This government has changed how we do policing. Our officers now have workspaces that are modern, well-designed and appropriate for the carrying out of their functions," the security minister said.

"This was not just about buildings. It is about respect for officers who serve and respect for the citizens they serve," he reasoned.

Since its completion, the station has experienced recurrent flooding that has had an impact on the full range of services to the community. Several flood mitigation strategies have since been employed, such as raising the ground level and the installation of drains. It is important to note that the building itself has never been flooded.

Critical external works have been undertaken by the Ministry of National Security to resolve the flooding issue.

"The work carried out here is to make sure our police officers have a clean, spacious and appropriate place to work from. I am happy now that we can hand the station to the JCF for the carrying out of their duty to the communities," Minister Chang said.

The opening of the Green Acres Police Station underscores the government's commitment to strengthening community ties and fostering a secure environment for all.