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Minister of State in the Ministry of National Security and Peace, the Hon. Juliet Cuthbert-Flynn, delivers remarks at the Firearm Licensing Authority's (FLA) 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Church Service at the Kingston Open Bible Church on Sunday March 29, where she called for integrity, accountability and a renewed commitment to public safety.

**Minister Cuthbert-Flynn Calls for Integrity, Accountability and Renewed Commitment to Public Safety**

Minister of State in the Ministry of National Security and Peace, Juliet Cuthbert-Flynn, is urging a renewed national commitment to integrity, accountability and public trust as essential pillars in building a safer Jamaica.

She made the call while addressing a Service of Thanksgiving hosted by the Firearm Licensing Authority (FLA) at the Kingston Open Bible Church on Sunday, March 29, to mark the Authority's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.



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Framing the occasion as more than a ceremonial milestone, Minister Cuthbert-Flynn said the moment demands both reflection and a recommitment to purpose.

**“Milestones such as these are not merely about the passage of time. They are moments for reflection, for gratitude, and for renewal of purpose. As the FLA begins this year of commemorative activities, starting with this Service of Thanksgiving, I encourage you to see this as a recommitment to the future,”** she stated.

The Minister emphasised that institutions charged with national security responsibilities must be guided not only by systems and policies, but by strong moral and ethical leadership.

**“Those entrusted with responsibility for national security carry a sacred duty to act with fairness, with wisdom and with integrity. The work of the FLA, though technical in nature, ultimately speaks to something deeper: the preservation of life, the promotion of order and the protection of communities,”** she said, describing each as national priorities and moral imperatives.

Minister Cuthbert-Flynn also highlighted the importance of partnerships in achieving lasting peace and security, pointing to the role of the Church in shaping values and strengthening the social fabric.

**“Safety and peace are not achieved by institutions alone. They require partnership between Government, citizens, communities and the Church,”** she noted, **“in many ways, it is this foundation that supports the work we do in public service.”**

The Minister further called for sustained efforts to build public trust through transparency, accountability and consistent service delivery, urging the Authority to continue strengthening its operations and national impact.

As the Firearm Licensing Authority observes its 20th anniversary under the theme *‘20 Years of Precision, Integrity and Public Service,’* the Minister encouraged the organisation and its stakeholders to use the commemorative year as an opportunity to recommit to its mandate.



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Minister of State in the Ministry of National Security and Peace, the Hon. Juliet Cuthbert-Flynn (left) and Permanent Secretary in the Ministry, Ambassador Alison Stone Roofe (right) pause for a photograph to commemorate the moment with Director of Public Prosecution, Ms. Claudette Thompson (second right) and Chief Executive Officer of the Firearm Licensing Authority (FLA), Shane Dalling. The FLA hosted its 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Church Service at the Kingston Open Bible Church on March 29 as the start of a series of activities to engage staff, stakeholders and the wider public.

**“Let this anniversary year be one in which the Authority continues to grow from strength to strength, modernising its operations, deepening its impact and reinforcing its role in national development,”** added the Minister of State.

She also reaffirmed the Government’s broader goal of fostering a Jamaica that is not only safer, but more just, compassionate and united.

The anniversary year will feature a series of activities aimed at engaging staff, stakeholders and the wider public. Minister Cuthbert-Flynn congratulated the FLA on its two decades of service and expressed confidence in its continued contribution to national development.

**“Let this anniversary year be one in which integrity continues to guide every decision, accountability remains a cornerstone of service, and public trust is strengthened day by day,”** she said.