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Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Security, the Hon. Dr. Horace Chang, in conversation with Dr. Kevin Blake, Commissioner of Police, on day one of the 82nd Annual Joint Central Conferences of the Jamaica Police Federation yesterday (May 27) at Princess Grande Hotel in Hanover.

Transformation ongoing as JCF gains regional recognition – Minister Chang

“Transformation is a process, it is one that is ongoing, and I believe the police are doing an excellent job in dealing with that process,” emphasised Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Security, the Hon. Dr. Horace Chang.

He was addressing rank and file members of the Jamaica Constabulary Force at the 82nd Annual Joint Central Conferences of the Jamaica Police Federation held at Princess Grande Hotel in Hanover yesterday (May 27).

The Security Minister noted that the progress of the Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF) is not only visible in operational outcomes, but also in the growing respect and confidence being placed in the Force both locally and across the region.

“Today, we are being called by many islands that want us to train their police officers. Others are calling for assistance from our officers because of the strength of the Jamaica Constabulary Force, their credibility and professionalism,” he said.



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Held under the theme '*Embracing Transformation through Partnership and Unity*', the two-day conference provides an opportunity for high-level dialogue among police leadership, government officials and members of the Jamaica Police Federation.

It also serves to reinforce the shared vision of a modern, respected and regionally recognised JCF.



Sergeant Arleen McBean, Chairman of the Jamaica Police Federation, delivers her address at the 82nd Annual Joint Central Conferences of the Jamaica Police Federation yesterday (May 27) at Princess Grande Hotel in Hanover.

Minister Chang used this forum to remind Jamaicans to take pride in the strategic investments made to strengthen the JCF, noting that these efforts have been sustained and wide-reaching, from infrastructure development and improved equipment to enhanced officer welfare.

Chairman of the Jamaica Police Federation, Sergeant Arleen McBean, underscored the value of these reforms and the importance of maintaining momentum.

“We are looking forward to a JCF that attracts the entire region to join,” she said, highlighting the Federation’s continued commitment to supporting the transformation process and advocating for its members.

Since 2016, the government through the Ministry of National Security, has taken deliberate steps to modernise the JCF. These include the construction and renovation of police facilities, implementing a structured compensation package, increasing access to advanced technology and equipment and overhauling the legislative framework.



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These changes, the Security Minister emphasised, are intended not just to create a more efficient police service, but one that truly connects with and earns the trust of the Jamaican people.



Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Security, the Hon. Dr. Horace Chang, Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of National Security, Ambassador Alison Stone Rooffe and Commissioner of Police, Dr. Kevin Blake on day one of the 82nd Annual Joint Central Conferences of the Jamaica Police Federation yesterday (May 27) at Princess Grande Hotel in Hanover.

Minister Chang concluded his address by encouraging continued collaboration between the government, the JCF and the Jamaica Police Federation. He stressed that transformation is not only about physical upgrades, but also about renewing the values and culture that define the JCF.

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