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Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Security, the Hon. Dr. Horace Chang in conversation with Nekeisha Burchell at the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Church Service of the Association of Past Members of the Jamaica Constabulary Force at the St. James Parish Church in St. James on June 30. The service themed "Inspiring a United, Caring and Sharing Society" celebrates men and women of the Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF) who are no longer on active duty.

**Government continues to support the welfare of police officers**

The Government continues to put the necessary laws, policies and programmes in place to support the welfare of police officers and to ensure their quality of life on and off duty.

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Security, the Hon. Dr. Horace Chang shared this at the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Church Service of the Association of Past Members of the Jamaica Constabulary Force in Montego Bay on Sunday June 30.

He expressed that **"these men and women work tirelessly and courageously to combat criminal violence in Jamaica and to maintain public order and safety in our country"**.

Minister Chang emphasised that the officers must receive quality and expeditious care and this **"continues to be the policy and practice as the Government buildout and implement areas that support welfare improvement"**.



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In addressing the past members of the force at the church service held at St. James Parish Church, he highlighted that the association of former members is encouraging as it provides a level of support to past police officers.

The Security Minister added that the Government's commitment to the welfare of police officers extends to the compensation review and restructuring of salaries. This ensures that upon retirement police officers can maintain a reasonable standard of living. As a result of the compensation restructuring, police officers progressing into retirement, are assured of a pension that is commensurate with their years of dedicated service.

**“The practice of padding up public sector salaries with allowances over the previous years will not protect the long-term welfare of our people,”** Minister Chang stated.

The Ministry of National Security continues to invest in various areas of the police force to improve the services offered by the force while protecting the welfare of both active and retired police personnel.

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