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## Old Harbour Bay police and residents happy with renovated police station

The Old Harbour Bay Police Station in St. Catherine was recently overhauled under Project ROC (Rebuild Overhaul and Construct), transforming it into a modern facility with improved amenities.

The Ministry of National Security invested just over eighteen million dollars (\$18,198,040) on the project, which is indicative of the Ministry's policy to transform police facilities into effective workspaces for the benefit of our hardworking police officers and the public.

The scope of the work undertaken on the 1,305 square ft. property includes demolition, plumbing, electrical works, and installation of windows, doors, floor tiles, wall tiles, and air conditioning units. Additionally, a wheelchair ramp was constructed, as well as a water closet, new face basins, vanities, and new wall-mounted fans were installed.

The Old Harbour Bay Police Station is among 27 other police facilities that have been completed under Project ROC since 2023 at a cost of approximately four hundred and fifty million dollars (\$450M).

Sub-officer in charge at the Old Harbour Bay Police Station, Sergeant Nigel Davis, mentioned that the renovation "has significantly improved the morale of the officers".

He said it now provides a welcoming environment for citizens who seek assistance from the police.

"The previous building was substandard, and residents always complained about it, but these renovations have positively impacted the staff's state of mind and their ability to serve the community more effectively," the sergeant said.

He further reasoned that the improved infrastructure is already having a positive impact on service quality and community perception.

"The residents are happy with the look of the current police station. They commended us, but the real thanks go to the Ministry of National Security," noted Sergeant Davis.

"I want to say, on their behalf, as well as on the behalf of all the police officers assigned here, that we are grateful to the Ministry of National Security for the investment to help us serve the people of Old Harbour Bay in a more meaningful way," said Sergeant Davis.



Corporal Derick Daniels, who heads the Old Harbour Bay Marine Outpost, located to the rear of the main building, noted that the renovation to the outpost is timely.

The three-room marine building contains an office area, a dorm room for officers, and a kitchen with the latest equipment: a fridge, a microwave, and a stove.

The renovation has not gone unnoticed by the public either. One longstanding resident and natural juice vendor known locally as "Rasta" could hardly contain his delight.

He said that he had waited years for the redevelopment of the police station and that he was overjoyed to see the work completed.

## "It is a pretty building and it is clean. I like how they dealt with it," Rasta said.

One business owner said he was proud of the newly renovated police station, describing it as the most prominent and best-looking building in the Old Harbour Bay community.

The Ministry of National Security continues to invest in police facilities across the island through Project ROC.

These efforts reflect the importance of providing suitable working environments for officers and fostering positive community relations.

