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More vehicles for JCF under Project R.O.C

The Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF) has received an additional 64 Mitsubishi pickup trucks under the Ministry of National Security's Project Rebuild Overhaul and Construct (P-R.O.C).

Minister of National Security, the Hon. Dr. Horace Chang, while delivering his address at a brief handing over ceremony at the Office of the Commissioner of Police today, said the double cab vehicles will play a critical role in the success of the operation of the JCF by improving their capacity to move quickly and efficiently.

"We are not yet where we would like to be just yet in addressing crime. However, I'd like to commend the Commissioner of Police and his team for making significant strides so far, especially by introducing a technology support team for police officers on the ground and the police investigative arm," said Minister Chang.

A total of 107 motor vehicles valued at approximately \$700 million have been handed over to the JCF within the last two months. Each motor vehicle is retrofitted to comprise a mount for tablets with dash camera functionality, beacon (flashing) lights, siren and public address system, a high intensity portable search light and a first responder's kit.

Minister Chang emphasized that the Government of Jamaica (GoJ) remains committed to ensuring that its procurement activities are executed in full compliance with the procurement law, regulations and supporting GoJ procurement guidelines. All procurement procedures are guided by key considerations, including fairness and equity; transparency in the thorough selection process; and equal opportunity for qualified contractors.

Meanwhile, Commissioner of Police, Major General Antony Anderson said he was pleased to accept the new retrofitted vehicles, "that represent tailored functionality as we continue to be a force for good. We should never be challenged by immobility in responding to citizens needs' and this is a timely contribution as we increase our presence to reassure the nation." The Commissioner also encouraged officers to take care of these assets and to use them responsibly in the execution of duties.

The objective of Project R.O.C is to convert all police stations into modern, citizen-friendly workspaces. The project also embodies the Ministry's mandate to completely modernise the JCF via information and communications technology (ICT) while increasing police mobility through the procurement of more vehicles to ensure efficient service delivery.

