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Photo Caption: Dozens came out to be registered and licensed as private security officers during a pop-up of the Private Security Regulation Authority's (PSRA) Mobile Registration Unit at the Turtle River Park, Ocho Rios, St. Ann on Wednesday (October 12).

Private Security Personnel Encouraged to Register with PSRA

Minister of State in the Ministry of National Security, the Hon. Zavia Mayne is encouraging private security personnel to take advantage of the Private Security Regulation Authority's (PSRA) Mobile Registration Unit island-wide pop-up.

“We are regulators and we recognize that in order to deliver and fulfill our mandate we sometimes have to take the services closer to the people, that is what the Mobile

Registration Unit is about...access. We want to improve registration not just in terms of our security companies but also in terms of our private security guards,” Minister Mayne expressed on Wednesday (October 12) at the PSRA’s Mobile Registration Unit pop-up at Turtle River Park, Ocho Rios, St. Ann.

He added that modernizing the service delivery of the PSRA – an agency of the National Security Ministry, is a signal of the Government’s commitment to strengthening its security architecture.

He said: “The Government’s intention is to develop a thriving security guard industry, as regulation and compliance are very important and we recognize that our security guard companies have made a significant contribution to our overall development.”

Meanwhile, Executive Director of the PSRA, Rick Harris, explained that being registered with the Authority ensures that security guards and companies adhere to at least the minimum industry standards to operate legitimately in the country. He also highlighted that once registered with the PSRA, private security guards can work anywhere in the Caribbean Community (CARICOM).

“It [Mobile Registrations Unit] saves the security money in terms of the cost of travel and it also reduces the cost of doing business generally because it is easy to access the service. We are ensuring that it is easy for guards, private investigators, security trainers and everyone who registers with the PSRA meet the compliance requirement and also have access to the application for their license,” he added.

The Mobile Registration Unit was launched in November 2021 and over 1,400 security personnel have been registered and licensed. The next Mobile Unit pop-up is scheduled to be at the Green Island Local Planning Authority, Norman Manley Boulevard Negril, Westmoreland on Wednesday, October 19 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

There are several documents required to be completed and submitted to become a licensed-registered security officer. Some of which include: PSRA Form 2 completed and signed by the applicant, certified copy of Birth Certificate, Tax Payer Registration Number (TRN), Finger-print report from the Criminal Records Office among others. For further information, visit the PSRA’s website at www.psra.gov.jm.