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Minister of State in the Ministry of National Security, the Hon. Juliet Cuthbert-Flynn shares a moment with Commissioner of Police, Dr. Kevin Blake (right), Executive Chairman of the LASCOS Affiliated Companies, James Rawle and the Top Cop Award recipient, Corporal Junior Thompson from the Area 5 Police Division, at the LASCOS/Jamaica Constabulary Force Saluting Our Heroes Awards Ceremony earlier today (October 25).

The event was held at the Jamaica Pegasus Hotel in Kingston. One hundred and fifty-seven officers were recognized for their dedication to service and community.

**State Minister Cuthbert-Flynn salutes members of the JCF**

Minister of State in the Ministry of National Security, the Hon. Juliet Cuthbert-Flynn salutes members of the Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF) for their dedication to service.

**“Your finest hours are the moments you protect, serve and defend, often unseen, often without thanks. Today however, we acknowledge those moments, and we salute your bravery, your resilience and your dedication to duty,”** Minister Cuthbert-Flynn emphasised.

She made the comment at the LASCOS Chin Foundation/JCF Saluting Our Heroes Awards Ceremony earlier today (October 25) at the Jamaica Pegasus Hotel in Kingston.

With this year’s theme, Transforming the Present, Securing the Future, the State Minister lauded the safety and security efforts of the police officers within their communities and by extension, the country.



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Additionally, Minister Cuthbert-Flynn acknowledged the demanding nature of their jobs, which she described as a calling that transcends the uniform.

**“It is no small task, this critical responsibility of keeping our communities safe, often at great personal sacrifice. This is not a role that ends when the shift is over,”** she noted.

Meanwhile, as she reflected on the continuous improvements within the Force, Minister Cuthbert-Flynn highlighted the recent strides in modernising police stations, enhancing recruitment and training efforts.

She noted that earlier this month, 129 new constables were welcomed into the Force as part of a broader commitment to reinforce Jamaica's law enforcement capacity.

**"Securing the future requires more than maintaining the status quo; it is about shaping the path forward,"** Minister Cuthbert-Flynn stated, while encouraging officers to see policing as a partnership with the community.

As the LASCO Chin Foundation marks 24 years, 157 police officers were recognised for their outstanding work to community and service.

The ceremony underscored the government's dedication to empowering the JCF through resources, infrastructure and ongoing support, which further solidifies the JCF's place as "A Force for Good."

