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Minister of National Security tours sections of South St. Andrew

Minister of National Security, Hon. Dr. Horace Chang and Commissioner of Police, Major General Antony Anderson yesterday (April 16) toured sections of South St. Andrew. The tour came in light of a recent increase in incidents of crime within the Police Division.

Minister Chang and Commissioner Anderson who were briefed on the crime statistics for the Division gave their commitment to the members of the Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF) to provide support through the allocation of more resources for continued effective policing of the area.

Speaking at the briefing held at the divisional headquarters for St. Andrew South, Hunts Bay Police Station, Minister Chang said, *“We are here as a team with a unified goal. We will continue to equip the men and women of the Police Force with the necessary resources, within the fiscal framework, to effectively execute the programmes that will affect crime at an operational and community level. I want to assure the men and women of the JCF that the Ministry remains committed to ensuring that the Police have what they need to carry out their jobs.”*

The communities toured include the environs of Hunts Bay, Majesty Gardens, Riverton and Water House.

While touring the area, the Minister took the opportunity to speak with residents about their daily interactions with the Security Forces.

The Minister commended the Police who serve in the Division and encouraged them to continue to be intuitive and persistent. *“I do understand that you serve in one of the most challenging police divisions in Jamaica but I encourage you to continue to work hard, be persistent and know that you have the full support of the Ministry of National Security,”* he said.

The tour of South St. Andrew forms part of the Ministry's Five Pillar Crime Reduction Strategy with emphasis on effective policing.

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Minister of National Security, Hon. Dr. Horace Chang with Commissioner of Police, Major General Antony Anderson speak with residents of Majesty Gardens while touring the Hunts Bay Police Division on April 16, 2018.