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## **Ministry of National Security acquires Eye-Detect Technology System (mass screening equipment)**

The Ministry of National Security has acquired mass screening equipment in the form of Eye-Detect Technology System for the recruiting of applicants for the Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF), Jamaica Defence Force (JDF), Department of Correctional Services (DCS), Immigration Officers and other security officials.

Eye-Detect is an alternative technology system for deception detection. The system will be used for mass screening of personnel to complement in-depth polygraph examinations. It will also be used to pre-screen job candidates and conduct periodic evaluations of current employees within the national security architecture.

This technology is intended to improve the efficiency of the vetting processes, particularly for applicants who wish to join the security forces.

In order to ensure the efficacy of the system, a pool of certified examiners will commence training next week.

Speaking at the handover of the system, Minister of National Security, Robert Montague said the decision to implement Eye-Detect as a part of the screening process for applicants is an important part of the improvement of the security forces.

*“The Eye-Detect pilot project is a very historic moment for us at the Ministry. It is a game changer as we seek to raise the profile of key*

*institutions within the national security sector while enhancing trust between law enforcement and the citizenry. This system will allow for a more specific approach in the screening of candidates this will ensure that we are producing the best candidates to join the security architecture”* he noted.

The test is almost completely automated and will measure participation in theft, fraud, money laundering, taking of bribes, drug use, identity theft, violent crimes, and receipt of inappropriate benefits at the workplace.

This initiative forms part of the Ministry’s Five Pillar Crime Reduction Strategy with emphasis on Effective Policing.