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Thirteen million allotted for monument honouring slain JCF members

Thirteen million Jamaican dollars has been earmarked for the construction of a national monument in honour of members of the Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF) who are killed in the line of duty.

Minister of National Security, Hon. Robert Montague says the monument will be erected at a secure location on the campus of the National Police College at Twickenham Park, Spanish Town.

The Ministry is currently reviewing two submissions related to the design of the monument.

The move follows the announcement made by Minister Montague at the Police Federation's Conference in March 2017 of the Ministry's commitment to erecting a monument in honour of the men and women who have given the ultimate sacrifice in serving the nation.

In the meantime, the Ministry has also procured a hearse to be handed over to the Jamaica Constabulary Force, valued at over 12.5 million Jamaican dollars. The hearse, a Chevrolet Suburban, is to be delivered in February.

The hearse will be used to transport members of the JCF on their final journey and will replace the unreliable Hiace bus being used currently. The Jamaica Constabulary Force has been without a hearse for over 10 years.

Speaking on the acquisition of the vehicle, Minister of National Security said, ***“This demonstrates the Ministry’s continued dedication to the welfare of the members of the Police Force. I hope that we will not have to use this hearse very often but should we need to, members must travel on their final journey with the dignity they deserve. They are our everyday heroes and must be treated in a manner befitting of their status as heroes.”***