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## POLICE COURTESY WEEK



*L - R: PSOJ President,  
Oliver Clarke looks on as  
Commissioner of Police  
Francis Forbes pins a St.  
Elizabeth Police Courtesy  
Week badge on Governor  
General Howard Cooke.*

The Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF), in collaboration with the Private Sector Organisation of Jamaica (PSOJ), launched the first in a series of Police Courtesy Weeks in the parish of St. Elizabeth during the week of Dec. 8-14, 2002.

Superintendent Herman Brown, of the Black River Police Station notes that the Courtesy Week was planned to emphasize police courtesy and the partnership between the police and the public that they serve. He went on to say, "At the end of this week, the objective is that the public must feel that there is a stronger and more positive relationship between the police and the people of St. Elizabeth".

The Week's activities commenced with the official launch at a church service on Sunday, 8th December, at the Waterloo Apostolic Church, Santa Cruz. PSOJ representative, Mrs. Marlene Parker attended and in her address noted that the PSOJ supports the Jamaica Constabulary Force's new policy of providing training in customer service, ethics and values as these would further enhance the partnerships being developed. On Monday, 9th December, Open Days were held at all eleven St. Elizabeth Police Stations, with the public invited to view the operations and tour these

stations. This was followed by a series of activities, including a visit to the Black River Hospital, a rap session/sporting activity at the Mannings Boys Home, a Public Forum at the Comfort Villa Guest House, at which PSOJ President, Oliver Clarke was the main speaker. At this function, the PSOJ/JCF Law and Order Peace Award was presented to Mr. Donnavan Smith, an outstanding St. Elizabeth citizen who has played an important role in promoting Law and Order in St. Elizabeth.

The Week's activities also included "Work Days" at the Barbary Hall and Round Hill Basic Schools, a visit to the Santa Cruz infirmary by the Cops for Christ Group, the Elton Cawley Area 3 Domino Competition and a Fun Day on Saturday, 14th December. All policemen in the parish wore special pins promoting Police Courtesy Week. Oliver Clarke, PSOJ President, says "It is important that the public see the police as their partner in the ongoing flight against crime and corruption in our society".

Police Courtesy Weeks are expected to be held in each parish during 2003, with the second event to be held in Manchester during the week of January 26 to February 01, 2003.





## EDUCATION COMMITTEE

There are ten PSOJ Committees, which meet regularly to assist with the implementation of the objectives of the Association. One of these Committees, chaired by Mrs. Marie Archer-Hitchins of Fabric Consultants Limited, is the Education Committee.

The Education Committee was set up to work with the public sector to assist in improving the quality and standard of education that is required for us to operate within the global environment. For 2002, the Committee continued its work on the ground through the Mentorship Programme, which seeks to improve the quality of education by working with Principals on management-related areas of their job. Mentors from the Private Sector were identified for the interested schools. The most successful of these has been Holy Trinity Comprehensive High School mentored by Mrs. Jump-Barnaby of Scotiabank Jamaica Ltd., with the PSOJ Liaison being Mrs. Jem Woolery-Davis.

Principal of the Holy Trinity Comprehensive High School, Mrs. Monica Schroeter, who has worked at this school for the past thirty-five years, noted that the collaborative effort proved to be very successful. "One of the major plans implemented included the formation of The Committee for Change and Development", continued Mrs. Schroeter. "Out of that committee, we were able to draft a vision statement, a mission statement, draw up an action plan and implement some of these activities to improve the general performance of the school. A cultural development programme has been started and three medals were won in last year's National Festival Competition."

Education Committee members also sit on a variety of Ministry of Education & Youth Committees and/or review boards to represent the PSOJ. These Committees deal with issues and/or projects related to Youth Policy, CXC. Early Childhood Education and Youth Development & Training

It is important to note that a very important policy for Jamaican Youth is currently being developed. Education Committee member, Mr. Linton Smith, represented the PSOJ on this Steering Committee for National Adolescent

& Youth Policy. Some of the noteworthy aspects of this policy include the provision of incentives to employers, protection of youths from job discrimination and the attachment of work experience programmes for all secondary and tertiary educational institutions.

To further improve the Education Committee's mandate, a new Terms of Reference is being developed for submission to the Council for 2002. The committee will be focusing on the following priority areas:

- i. Review of the Education Act & Regulations
- ii. Monitoring & Evaluation of the White Paper
- iii. Monitoring & Evaluation of Mentorship Programme

*This article is the first in a series which will provide information on individual PSOJ Committees. We look forward to your suggestions as we continue to work towards improving the PSOJNEWS.*

## Global Trade and Technical Network



The Global Trade and Technology Network (GTN) assists small-and-medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) to build trade linkages, identify investment opportunities and access new technologies. GTN firms are linked together by a user-friendly, electronic, internet-based, trading platform.

GTN's objective is to promote economic growth in developing countries through trade investment and technology transfer. The program has shown positive results in company capacity building, information access to improve competitiveness, market development and sustainable trade linkages between companies in GTN countries. The GTN Program is funded and operated by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID).

The American Chamber of Commerce of Jamaica would like to take the opportunity to introduce your company to GTN-Jamaica and may be contacted at 929-7866.





## Better Family Life Project



The PSOJ believes that the deterioration of family life in our country has contributed to the challenges that we now face as a nation. With the support of Victoria Mutual Building Society, and in collaboration with the churches, we have embarked on a project to develop videos on parenting, marriage and family life, in support of our thrust to improve family life and values in the society. The first video "Family Matters" has been produced. Videos on marriage and parenting are expected to be completed by 21st January 2003.

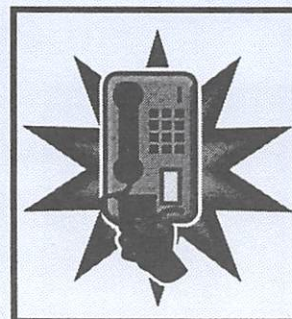
## HIV/AIDS SEMINAR

The PSOJ in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and the Jamaica Employers Federation (JEF) have joined forces to address important concerns about the impact of HIV/AIDS on the Jamaican work force. Together we will host a series of HIV/AIDS seminars in 2003, with the first such event scheduled for **Thursday, 23rd January, 2003**. This seminar will be held at the Knutsford Court Hotel, and the guest speakers will include PSOJ President, Oliver F. Clarke, OJ and JEF President, Mr. Herbert Lewis. The Ministry of Health will discuss issues and strategies to deal with HIV/AIDS in the work-place and encourage companies to have policies and procedures in place for their businesses.



*In December 2002 PSOJ staff collected funds and presented school supplies to Mount View Academy to be given to the Pringle Home for Girls in St. Mary and the Mount Olivet Boys Home in Manchester.*

## PSOJ/JCF PHONE IN PROGRAMME



**W**e think that it is important that the public have a structured avenue to speak directly with the police, and in this regard, we have been hosting a monthly "Phone-In" programme at our offices to allow the public to speak directly with various leaders, including the Commissioner of Police and

leaders from the Church, business and civil society. This programme started in June 2002 and was held for 4 months, with approximately 150 calls received. The programme is being reactivated in January 2003, with participants expected to be: Commissioner of Police Francis Forbes, Mr. Tilford Johnson, Acting Deputy Commissioner, Ms. Jeneve Bent, Deputy Commissioner, Monsignor Richard Albert, Pastor, Stella Maris and Mr. Anthony Chang, former JCC President.



## BULLETIN BOARD



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### Soiree Photo



L-R: Kevin Workman, BNS; Charles Ross, Sterling Asset Management; Mike Hirst, Crime Stop and Andre Gordon, Dot's Personnel all having a good laugh at PSOJ Soiree held in December 2002.

### PAST PRESIDENTS DINNER

*February 13, 2003*

The Private Sector Organisation of Jamaica (PSOJ) will be hosting a Dinner in honour of Mr. Oliver Clarke who will be demitting office as PSOJ President in February 2003 and three recent past presidents of our consolidated Association, Mrs. Beverley Lopez, Mr. William Clarke and Mr. Anthony Chang, who all stepped down last year as Presidents respectively, of the Jamaica Exporters Association, The Jamaica Bankers Association and the Jamaica Chamber of Commerce. This Dinner will be held **on Thursday, 13th February at the Hilton Kingston Hotel**. Please contact the PSOJ Secretariat for purchase of tickets.



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### JOB CREATION AWARDS

*December 2002*



L-R: Representatives of New Lifestyle Wholesitic Health Clinic and Spa, Kingston Book Shop, Tara Courier Services, Securicor Jamaica.