

## PUBLIC SAFETY MONITORING COMMITTEE

COMMUNIQUE 4

Key Tracking

Off Track Complete
On Track Not Yet Started



## CHAIRMAN'S OVERVIEW

The PSOJ Public Safety Monitoring Committee notes the progress that has been made for critical milestones including the addition of cameras within the JamaicaEye network. We can attest to its immense value towards public safety and crime fighting. We are nonetheless disheartened by the continued upward trajectory in road traffic fatalities. The PSOJ reiterates its call for the Government of Jamaica to fully enable the Road Traffic Act, which we believe is a key legislative component in achieving the overall objective of public safety and order. We are also making an urgent appeal for a more proactive response from The Ministry of Local Government and Community Development in making its submission towards the Noise Abatement Act. It must be noted that full engagement by all stakeholders is required in order to achieve the milestones which have been agreed on within the stated deadline.

This quarterly report contains information for the period ending SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

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TRAFFIC TICKET MANAGEMENT SYSTEM				
MILESTONE	DUE DATE/TARGET	STATUS	MAJOR CHALLENGES/COMMENTS	
Launch online portal on an appropriate GOJ website to allow offenders to check their traffic ticket status, history, demerit points etc.,			The agreements and communication plans for the public launch of the portal are being prepared. The portal will be launched on an appropriate GoJ website and be made available to the public by December 2021  The software development and testing were completed in June 2021.	
Launch handheld traffic ticketing pilot with at least 100 devices.	October 2021		Technical Working Committee continues to meet and refine the operational details for the rollout of devices. To date approximately 315 police officers islandwide have been sensitized and 180 Public Safety and Traffic Enforcement Officers trained for the pilot phase.	
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Establish CCTV Monitoring Zones in major towns in each parish.	March 2022 (i) 10 Towns (ii) 8 Parishes		The COVID-19 pandemic has led to the reduction in the fiscal space available to the Ministry to support capital projects. Though submissions were made, limited provisions were included in the approved Estimates for FY20/21.
Establish agreements and connect selected GOJ Departments and Agencies into CCTV System.			Consultations ongoing following the Assessment conducted for the CCTV Surveillance for MDAs. The pilot activity is being advanced. The Pilot Government Agency cameras are fully connected and being monitored.
Continue public- private partnership (PPP) initiatives with the signing of MOUs/agreements to formalize partnerships with private camera contributors	March 2022 (Ten (10) MOUs or agreements in place)		Connectivity challenges are faced by some prospective partners. The Ministry of National Security is in dialogue with internet partners to identify possible solutions.



	ROAD SAFETY				
MILESTONE	DUE DATE/TARGET	STATUS	MAJOR CHALLENGES/COMMENTS		
motorycyle- driving simulator in Western	September 2020 Establish two (2) motorcycle training facilities in Westmoreland. Establish two (2) motorcycle simulators in Westmoreland.		Motorcycle Training Courses ongoing The series of curfew restrictions have impacted the sensitization sessions. The training efforts able to restart on the weekends due to the updated curfew periods. Training ongoing at various locations in Westmoreland, with Negril set as the next target in the parish. Hanover and St Elizabeth to be targeted thereafter.		
Fatality Reduction	600 motorcyclists trained by August 2022 <5% of persons trained in the programme involved in traffic related incidents.		As at June 30 2021, 316 motorcyclists have been trained. Surge in COVID-19 positive cases in Westmoreland has ceased training since July 2021.		
public order and road safety nationally	December 2022: At least 15% reduction of traffic collision/ fatalities through strict enforcement of traffic laws and regulations over previous year nationally.		There was an 8% increase in road fatalities in January to September 2021 with 356 road fatalities when compared to January to September 2020 with 331 road fatalities.  Consultations needed with the Road Safety Unit to identify challenges and mitigation strategies.		
safety in	December 2022 (At least 5% reduction of traffic collision/fatalities through strict enforcement of traffic laws and regulations over previous year in Western Jamaica)		Consultations needed with the Road Safety Unit to identify challenges and mitigation strategies.		
	NOISE ABATEMENT REGULATION				



introduction of the

Regulation to the

Noise Abatement

Act

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Agreements of Key Stakeholders on Noise Abatement Regulation Contents			Comments have been received from NEPA, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Health and Wellness, Ministry of Culture, Gender, Entertainment and Sport and the Ministry of Finance and Public Service. However, comments are still pending from the Ministry of Local Government and Community Development.
Finalize the Cabinet Submission for the	December 2022		The Ministry has been following up and will continue to do so with the particular stakeholders.

regard to the Act.

It is recommended that the Monitoring Committee

assists in reaching out to the Ministry of Local

Government to obtain the necessary response in