



PUBLIC SAFETY MONITORING COMMITTEE COMMUNIQUE 1

The Private Sector Organisation of Jamaica (PSOJ) has partnered with the Ministry of National Security to produce a Quarterly Communiqué with updates to the PSOJ network and general public on developments in the area of citizen security. On July 31, 2020, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the PSOJ and Ministry of National Security (MNS) to monitor and govern the arrangements for these initiatives. The information contained in this report is up to the period ending September 30, 2020.

Public Safety Programmes/Projects/Initiatives

The information on public order/ public safety being monitored include:

1. Traffic Ticket Management System (TTMS)
2. National Surveillance Programme – JamaicaEye Project
3. Road Safety
4. Noise Abatement Regulations

Key Tracking Status

- Off Track ● Complete
● On Track ● Not Yet Started

TRAFFIC TICKET MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (TTMS)

The Traffic Ticket Management System (TTMS) is a centralised, web-based system, accessible island-wide via the Internet and allows stakeholders secure, segregated access to the traffic ticketing data. The TTMS has the capability to match tickets with payments, record details of court decisions and manage demerit points.

The TTMS therefore manages all traffic tickets from entry to closure. The locations currently using the TTMS encompass fifteen (15) Data Entry locations, Parish Courts, the Island Traffic Authority and the Ministry of National Security.

MILESTONE	DUE DATE/TARGET	STATUS	MAJOR CHALLENGES/COMMENTS
Develop online portal to allow offenders to check their traffic ticket status, history, demerit points, etc.	August 2020 Timeline for completion of online portal	●	The activity has experienced some delays due to disruptions caused by COVID-19
Launch handheld traffic ticketing pilot with at least 100 devices.	December 2020 Pilot to be implemented	●	<p>The activity has experienced some delays due to the disruptions caused by COVID-19. Changes need to be made to the Road Traffic Act and other legislations for the implementation of some features of this system.</p> <p>The Committee agreed to add the progress of the legislative amendments including Road Traffic Act and Transport Authority Act to the monitoring framework.</p> <p>Over 300 officers across divisions have been trained and sensitized in the use of devices.</p>

NATIONAL SURVEILLANCE PROGRAMME – JAMAICA EYE PROJECT

JamaicaEye is an island-wide network of camera surveillance systems designed to increase the safety of all citizens and improve public order. The JamaicaEye Programme, which was officially launched on March 14, 2018, is aimed at:

- a. Integrating the existing GoJ camera systems, which are currently in the towns of May Pen, Mandeville, Negril, Montego Bay and Ocho Rios to operate as a single National Surveillance System.
- b. Collaborating with other stakeholder agencies, in executing a three (3) year implementation plan, of installing additional cameras in the aforementioned locations as well as other critical areas across the island.
- c. Designing an operational framework to monitor public spaces across the island and assist the authorities to strategically respond in the event of disasters, acts of criminality and accidents.

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Establish CCTV Monitoring Zones in major towns in each parish.	March 2022 (i) 15 Towns (ii) 14 Parishes To date: •8 major towns with CCTV •6 parishes with coverage	●	Work continues on the expansion of the network and as at September 30, 2020, 605 cameras are available - up from 180 in March 2018.
Establish agreements and connect selected GOJ Departments and Agencies into CCTV System	March 2022 Establish Agreements and gain the necessary approvals.	●	The Ministry continues work with its various agencies to finalise connectivity.
Finalise the Cabinet Submission for the introduction of the Regulation to the Noise Abatement Act.	September 2020 Cabinet Submission finalised	●	The Cabinet submission has been drafted. Delays are due to awaiting comments from the Municipal Corporation. All other stakeholders have submitted their comments. Follow-up communication has been sent to the agency and await their response.

ROAD SAFETY

Road Safety, specifically fatal collisions and fatalities among motorcyclists, and general improvements in road safety achieved through targeted enforcement by the Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF), are the current areas for monitoring and reporting. In 2019, there was a total of four hundred and forty (440) road fatalities. Road fatalities have increased by thirteen per cent (13%) when compared with the corresponding period in 2018, which recorded a total of three hundred and eighty-nine (389) road fatalities. The total figure for road motorcycle fatalities for 2019 was one hundred and thirty-three (133). This represents a thirty-three percent (33%) increase when compared to 2018, which recorded one hundred (100) fatalities.

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Motorcycle Fatality Reduction	September 2020 Two (2) motorcycle training simulators be established in Western Jamaica (Westmoreland) at Petersfield High School and Grange Hill High School. Establishment of a motorcycle driving simulator in Western Jamaica.	●	The National Road Safety Council Sub-committee on Motorcycle Fatality Reduction meetings have been halted due to disruptions caused by COVID-19.
Improved public order and road safety	March 2021 At least 15% reduction in traffic collision/ fatalities through strict enforcement of traffic laws and regulations over previous year.	●	Based on current statistics the projected target of 15% reduction will not be met.

NOISE ABATEMENT REGULATIONS

The Noise Abatement Act is legislation that guides noise nuisances. The Ministry of National Security technical team will hold consultations with the relevant stakeholder groups in order to establish agreements within the context of the Act to reduce noise nuisances.

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Agreements of Key Stakeholders on Noise Abatement Regulation Contents	Due date to be confirmed Agreements reached on Noise Abatement Regulation Contents: (i) application process, (ii) sanctions under the Noise Abatement Act, (iii) Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for JCF, (iv) Regulation of Sound Area Classifications (SACs)	●	Agreed consultations have commenced. The legislative activity has experienced some delays due to the disruptions caused by COVID-19.