



Police Partnering with Church to Address Domes

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Acting Commissioner of Police, Novelette Grant (left), is being guided to her seat by Head of the JCF's Community Safety and Security Branch, Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP), Bishop Dr. Gary Welsh, at the launch of the JCF 150th anniversary celebrations, held recently at Toyota Jamaica on Old Hope Road, St. Andrew.

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The Jamaica Constabulary Force contacts during the month of February to address domestic violence.

The initiative involves partnerships with churches across the island.

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"We are committing that our police officers will be making door-to-door visits, preaching the gospel of peace and non-violence," ACP Welsh said.

"We are going to be visiting those who are experiencing domestic violence and try to offer them support and help," he added.

He was addressing the launch of the initiative recently at Toyota Jamaica on Old Hope Road, St. Andrew.

ACP Welsh said the initiative was being led by Novelette Grant, under the leadership of the Commissioner of Police, and has the endorsement of Minister of Police Affairs, Hon. Dr. Andrew Hinds.

On January 28 and 29, a message of peace will be broadcast across the island, encouraging people to live in peace and harmony.

Story Highlights

The Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF) will be making targeted door-to-door contacts during the month of February as part of measures to address domestic violence.

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The home visits will be undertaken during the week of Valentine's Day, which will be observed on February 14.

During the following week, the partners will reach out to at-risk youth and other persons in commu

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