



THE COURT NEWSLETTER

OFFICE ATTENDANTS AND CLEANERS CERTIFIED

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For the first time in the history of the judiciary, office attendants and cleaners have been certified after they received training to improve their performance on the job in a bid to make Jamaica's judiciary the best in the Caribbean in three years and among the best in the world in six years.

The four-day training, which was conducted by the Institute of Workforce Education and Development (IWED) at the Knutsford Court Hotel in Kingston (November 18-19, 2019) and Riu Hotel in Montego Bay, St. James (November 21-22, 2019), covered a range of topics such as: customer relations, proper sanitation, food handling practices and procedures, occupational safety and workplace professionalism.

Chief Justice Bryan Sykes addressed both training sessions where he spoke to the participants



The Hon. Mr. Justice Bryan Sykes OJ CD, Chief Justice, hands over certificate to Jennifer Bryan from the Traffic Court at the Award Ceremony for Office Attendants held at the Terra Nova All-Suite Hotel in St. Andrew on December 19, 2019.

and urged them to apply what they have garnered from the training exercise to their jobs.

Chief Justice Sykes said the training is also beneficial to the participants because the certificates that they will receive will make them more marketable in the labour force.

"You can use the certificates to get jobs elsewhere including overseas because IWED is an accredited training organization (ATO) by NCTVET- Heart Trust/NTA and HEART is a recognized institution," the Chief Justice emphasized.

One of the participants in the training exercise Rosemarie Chanteloupe from the Manchester Parish Court said "I learn a lot and I appreciate everything that they did for us. The training helped us to learn more about our work ethic and to have better customer relation skills."

Another participant, Shaun Huggarth from the Hanover Family Court, said "this training means a lot to me and I will use it to improve the way I execute my duties."

OFFICE ATTENDANTS AND CLEANERS CERTIFIED CONT'D



Acting Director of the Court Administration Division Mrs. Tricia Cameron-Anglin speaking to participants at the Knutsford Court Hotel in New Kingston.

Mrs. Tricia Cameron-Anglin, Director of the Court Administration Division (Acting), added that office attendants and cleaners will get uniforms in the first quarter of the next financial year which begins in April 2020.

“Some of you who are full-time and appointed get a tailoring allowance and we want to use some of that allowance in the first instance to purchase the uniforms for everyone and then we begin to get ourselves standardized. Five uniforms for five days per week. You will decide whether you wear them to work or come to work and change in them. We want when people come to the courts, they see our people properly attired and ready for service, said Mrs. Cameron-Anglin.

The participants were presented with their certificates at a graduation exercise at the Terra Nova on December 19, 2019.

“I AM A BETTER PARENT....”



Her Honour Mrs. Paula Blake-Powell (right), Senior Parish Court Judge of the KSA Family Court, and Veronica Poyser (second right), Director of Court Support Services, have a light moment with parents Michael Reid (left), Kenisha Barnett (second left), and Anita Morris (Centre) of the Family Court Parenting School 2019 at an expo on Duke Street, Kingston, on December 6, 2019.

“I am a better parent because of the Kingston and St. Andrew Family Court’s Parenting School!” said Karen Brown.

Ms. Brown was among eight parents who successfully completed the Family Court’s Parenting School Curriculum and received certificates at the annual Parenting Exposition held on December 06, 2019 at the Family Court.

She recounted the events which led to her referral to the school saying she was a frustrated parent who was struggling to cope with her teenaged son. She said that he was beyond her control and she asked the police to take him to a children’s home where he spent two weeks. His case came up before the court and the judge recommended that Ms. Brown be enrolled in the school.

“It was a success story. I have learnt so much in particular how to cope under pressure with children and also I have learnt time-out. It has caused me to be a better parent, not a perfect one, but a better parent. My advice to parents who are having difficulty with their children is seek help;

“I AM A BETTER PARENT....” CONT’D



Another parent, James White*, is a father of ten children and was referred to the programme after it was reported that he left his daughter alone at home. His appearances in court and later referral to classes would redound to a greater benefit for his family.

However, he said getting time off from “work proved difficult at times; but I must give thanks to my employer. He has been very understanding, Mr. White said. As a result of his participation in the programme, he has seen an improvement in the relationship between himself and his children.

His primary takeaway from the modules delivered by the court’s Social Work Unit and the National Parenting Support Commission, among other partners, is that children’s talents need to be developed.

Children's Advocate, Diahann Gordon Harrison (left), converses with Acting Chief Judge of the Parish Courts, Chester Crooks (centre) and Senior Parish Court Judge, Kingston and St. Andrew Family Court, Paula Blake-Powell, at the annual Parenting Expo on December 6, 2019.

Children's Advocate Diahann Gordon Harrison, who was the guest speaker at the graduation exercise, encouraged caregivers to seek assistance where necessary, to produce positive parenting outcomes in children's development, adding that there is no harm in asking for help.

“Because parenting is a task of not only love, but the objective is to achieve excellence, you have to recognize that as human beings, although we try and we do well on many occasions and in many instances, no one person is the repository of all the information, no one person knows everything, let alone the most important job that you will ever have to do in your entire life,” said the Children’s Advocate.

Gordon Harrison emphasized that the formative years between birth and eight years are the most critical.

“What the science tells us is that if we do not get it right between birth and eight years of age, sometimes it is a lost cause. It doesn't mean that you can't correct it, but it's a lot harder. What it means is that we as parents have to gear up and take serious interventions if we want to correct anything that went wrong in the first eight years,” she said.

She argued that communication is an essential parenting tool in investigating possible problems that may be affecting the child.

“I AM A BETTER PARENT....” CONT’D

Ms. Audeya Fuller, Senior Social Worker at the Kingston and St. Andrew Family Court, said the parenting school curriculum began in 2013 and is the brain child of Senior Parish Court Judge at the Family Court Her Hon. Mrs. Paula A. Blake-Powell.

She pointed out that there are mixed reactions from parents whenever they are referred to the school by the Judge hearing their cases.

“You have those who are looking forward to it and you have those who are offended wondering why judge picked them. Is judge saying I am a bad parent? But I can guarantee by the end, all are onboard with the programme and wish it could have gone a little longer,” said Ms. Fuller.

Ms. Fuller pointed out that annually eight to ten parents are enrolled in the programme “to keep it small to give them individual attention.”



Senior Social Worker at the Kingston and St. Andrew Family Court, Ms. Audeya Fuller, hands certificate to Michael Reid, one of the graduates.

She noted that the Kingston and St. Andrew Family Court does follow-up with the participants to ensure that they are coping well with their children and to date, there has been no need for any parent to be re-admitted into the programme.

Her Hon. Mrs. Blake-Powell said the court is committed to its mandate of building strong Jamaican families and revealed that, for the first time, staff members were trained in the National Parenting Support Commission’s parenting curriculum to better assist parents accessing the Court’s Parenting School service.

“We have families breaking up and families breaking down, but the role of our court is to keep the family together and we will stop at nothing to carry out our mandate,” she said.

The modules are delivered by qualified personnel from the Court’s Social Work Unit and external partners.

Topics covered include understanding the developmental phases of a child, communicating effectively with children, recognizing signs of sexual abuse in children, effective parenting, stress management and reproductive health.

*Name change in story to protect identity of child

REWARDS AND RECOGNITION FRAMEWORK

In accordance with the PMAS Rewards and Recognition Framework, the following persons are being recognized for their outstanding performance during the financial year 2018/2019:



Mr. Andre Mckenzie

Director of Management
Accounting, Accounts Division at
CAD



Miss Julie Williams

Commitment Officer
Accounts Division at CAD



Miss Viveen Hunter

Financial Systems Manager,
Accounts Division at CAD



Mr. Christopher Williams

Registrar, HRM

39 STAFF MEMBERS AMONG HUNDREDS OF CIVIL SERVANTS HONOURED

1. Miss Cynthia Allen
 2. Mr Eldred Barnett
 3. Mrs Marjorie Bertram
 4. Mrs Dahlia Blair-Aiken
 5. Mrs Hyacinth Boyd-Phillips
 6. Mrs Rema Brooks-Parchment
 7. Mrs Tanya Chung-Daley
 8. Mrs Marcia Daley-Stewart
 9. Mrs Bobette Dawkins
 10. Miss Cheree D'Oyley
 11. Mr Ezra Edwards
 12. Miss Vivienne Fagan
 13. Miss Kerry-Ann Forrest
 14. Mrs Dionne Francis
 15. Mr Sheldon Gray
 16. Mr Nigel Gray
 17. Mr Edward Heron
 18. Miss Lelieth Homes
 19. Miss Viveen Hunter
 20. Mr Stallyn Insang
 21. Mr Lloyd James
 22. Miss Audrey McKella
 23. Miss Jennifer Miller
 24. Mr Rohan Morrison
 25. Mrs Renita Mullings-Gordon
 26. Mr Gary Reid
 27. Miss Vivienne Reid
 28. Miss Leonie Rennie
 29. Mrs Marie Rowe-Robinson
 30. Miss Pandora Salmon
 31. Mrs Karen Sinclair-Beroni
 32. Mrs Elaine Somers-McLeod
 33. Mr Fabian Thomas
 34. Mrs Sophia Walker-Thomas
 35. His Honour Mr. Steve Walters
 36. Mrs Jill Weller
 37. Mrs Veron Whyte-Nelson
 38. Mr. Stephen Williams
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ELECTRICAL AUDIT TO BE CONDUCTED AT COURTS ISLANDWIDE



An electrical audit of all courts has been ordered by Acting Director of Court Administration Division Mrs. Tricia Cameron-Anglin.

The electrical audit is part of the Judiciary’s efforts to reduce the possibility of fires and bolster its response in the event of an emergency.

Mrs. Cameron-Anglin said the audit is also necessary due to the ageing buildings which house some of the courts.

"The electrical circuits at the time for some of these buildings were configured to manage a certain level of electricity.

Now, we are running more appliances in our courts due to technological advancement and therefore we want to ensure we are still operating within safe levels," Mrs. Cameron-Anglin said.

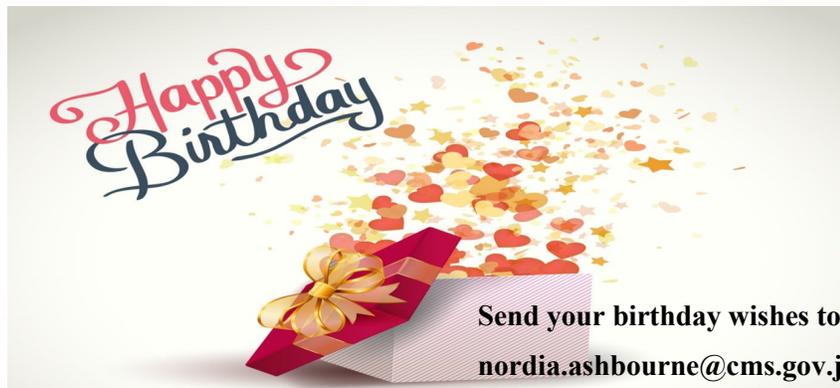
While speaking about the recent small fire at the Supreme Court which was caused by a lightning strike, Mrs. Cameron-Anglin instructed court administrators to update their emergency evacuation plans.

Mrs. Cameron-Anglin also urged administrators to sensitize staff about their emergency evacuation plans on a consistent basis.

She added that more employees will also be trained as fire wardens and further actions will be taken based on the findings of the audit.

File Photo:

Mrs. Tricia Cameron-Anglin
Director (Acting) of Court Administration Division



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JUDICIARY OBSERVES CUSTOMER SERVICE WEEK FOR THE FIRST TIME

For the first time since the inception of National Customer Service Week in Jamaica, the Judiciary and the Court Administration Division participated in the week's activities and celebrated court users and staff.

In delivering his inaugural customer service message to staff on Monday October 7, 2019, the Honourable Mr. Justice Bryan Sykes, OJ, CD commented that "this is historic for us as a Judiciary because we are changing the image of the Judiciary and CAD to reflect one that is service-oriented and customer-focused."

He challenged court staff to "reach new heights of excellence in service delivery" during customer service week and beyond.

Chief Justice Sykes in his recorded message urged all Judges and court staff to be guided by the standards outlined in the Courts' Customer Service Charter in their daily interactions with members of the public.

"Let us demonstrate to the people of Jamaica and all court users that customer service is the business and life of the courts...we must become obsessed," Chief Justice Sykes said.

IMPACT ON COURTS

Mrs. Devene Gordon Pheonix Court Administrator at the St. James Parish Court, said "there has been a remarkable improvement in the relations between external customers and members of staff."

"Our customers were delighted and expressed gratitude for the week of activities. Our members of staff served them well by walking the floor and assisted them with their queries as well as assisted clients seeking to access various sections of the court," said Mrs. Gordon Pheonix.

She pointed out that part of the activities involved informing the public about the services offered by the court. Mrs. Gordon Phoenix said there were marked improvements in the aesthetics of the court to commemorate the week's activities.

"Our court was also attired in fine style and gave a fresh look to an old building. As such, we are grateful for the customer service week initiative and look forward to it being bigger and better next year," she said..

Similar sentiments were expressed by staff at the St. Ann Parish Court. Carolyn Prince, a member of staff at the St. Ann Parish Court said that the activities energized team spirit and greatly motivated the staff.

She added that several representatives from the Lay Magistrate Association, Municipal Corporation and Jamaica Constabulary Force participated in the events at some courts.

"The staff recited poems and even engaged the services of folk's singers in Brown's Town to welcome the public. Signs were in both Court Houses to indicate to public that customer service is our priority. We look forward to this again in 2020," said Ms. Prince.

JUDICIARY OBSERVES CUSTOMER SERVICE WEEK FOR THE FIRST TIME

Over in Hanover, the staff said the week of activities provided an opportunity to reinforce their professional relations with external customers.

Court Administrator for the Hanover Family Court Letecia Grant said “The week provided added motivation and synergy to the members of staff. Rest assured that we will continue to serve, educate and listen to all our customers. Thanks to the customers service team from the Court Administration Division for your support and leadership.”

The first week of October was observed as National Customer Service Week in Jamaica and was celebrated under the theme “Customer Service...Our Business...Our Life”.

NATIONAL CUSTOMER SERVICE WEEK (NCSW) 2019 HIGHLIGHTS



The Honourable Mr. Justice Bryan Sykes OJ, CD, Chief Justice of Jamaica and Tricia Cameron-Anglin, Director (Acting), Court Administration Division shared a light moment with members of the public at the St. James Parish Court during NCSW 2019.



Staff members at Trelawny Parish Court

NATIONAL CUSTOMER SERVICE WEEK (NCSW) 2019



Manchester Parish Court won the Best Theme category.



Court of Appeal was the first runner-up in the Best Theme category.



St. Ann Parish Court was second runner-up in the Best Theme category.



St. Mary Parish Court received Special Recognition in the Best Theme category.



St. Catherine Parish Court won in the Best Public Education Corner category.



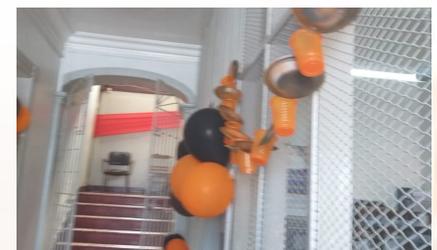
Supreme Court was awarded in two categories: Best Public Education Corner and Creativity.



St. Thomas Parish Court was among the courts awarded in the Creativity category.



Hanover Parish Court was among the courts awarded in the Creativity category.



Brown's Town Outstation was among the courts awarded in the Creativity Category. It received special recognition in the Decorating Category.

NATIONAL CUSTOMER SERVICE WEEK (NCSW) 2019



Westmoreland Parish Court was among the courts awarded in the Creativity category.



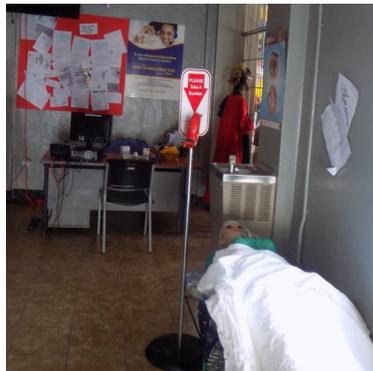
Supreme Court Western Regional Registry received Special recognition in the Decorating category.



Kingston & St. Andrew Parish Court - Criminal Division copped the Decorating category.



Portland Parish Court placed second in the Decorating Competition.



Kingston & St. Andrew Parish Court - Civil Division placed third in the Decorating category.



St. James Family Court decorated its offices in observation of NCSW 2019.



A student captured the moment using a selfie frame at the Portland Parish Court.



Customers at the Kingston and St. Andrew Family Court being served food during NCSW.



Staff at St. Elizabeth Parish Court

NATIONAL CUSTOMER SERVICE WEEK (NCSW) 2019 HIGHLIGHTS



Staff members at the Court Administration Division gathered to cut a cake during the NCSW 2019.



Staff members at the Kingston and St. Andrew Corporate Area Court – Criminal Division and two police officers captured the moment.



Some customers at the Kingston and St. Andrew Parish Court - Criminal Division received tokens for participating in various activities to mark NCSW 2019.



Members of the public seeking information on the operations of Clarendon Parish Court.

NEW COURTHOUSE FOR MANCHESTER



File Photo: Honourable Delroy Chuck
Minister of Justice

Justice Minister Hon. Delroy Chuck says the construction of a new building to house the Manchester Parish Court could begin next year as negotiations are underway for the purchase of a three-acre property in Central Manchester, which is owned by another Government agency.

The more than 200-year-old Mandeville courthouse was damaged by fire in November and prior to that was long considered inadequate for rapidly escalating court requirements and in urgent need of replacement.

The fire forced the relocation of the parish court's administrative staff to James Warehouse Plaza, close to the centre of Mandeville.

Speaking at a justice of the peace training session in Hatfield, Manchester on November 21, Mr. Chuck said funds have been provided to build the courthouse.



File Photo:

Firefighters assessing the damage to a section of Manchester Parish Court in Mandeville. The Jamaica Fire Brigade said the fire was confined to a judge's office and a section of the roof of the courthouse.

“For the last two years money was provided in the budget to start the courthouse, but for one reason or another we have not been able to start... We have identified some land, we are looking at others, but before the end of the year I want to be able to say that we located somewhere here in Manchester and we have bought it, because I want to break ground before the end of the fiscal year,” the Justice Minister explained.

He said the courthouse must be built as a model for the Caribbean. “This courthouse, I have told my staff, must be built for the next 100 years. We don't want no 'pyaw pyaw' [insignificant] courthouse. It is going to be a model for courthouses not only for Manchester and Jamaica, but hopefully for the Caribbean,” said Chuck.

NEW JUDICIAL CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM NEXT YEAR



Chief Court Statistician - Dr. Denarto Dennis addressing participants at a Case Information Statistics System (CISS) Data Entry Workshop held in St. Ann in November 2019.

The pilot phase of the Judicial Case Management System (JCMS), which will replace the Information Statistics System (CISS), is slated to begin in the next financial year and will improve the efficiency of service delivery in the courts.

Dr. Denarto Dennis, Chief Court Statistician, explained that the pilot will take place in select courts islandwide.

These are: “St. James Parish Court, Westmoreland Parish Court, Westmoreland Family Court, Corporate Area Criminal Criminal Court, Kingston and St. Andrew Family Court, Corporate Area Traffic Court, St. Thomas Parish Court, the Supreme Court (Gun Court, Probate and Commercial) and the Court of Appeal,” he outlined.

Dr. Dennis further stated that “the pilot will continue for three to six months before the full implementation,” adding that the infrastructure for the system is being installed at all courts.

He also explained that JCMS will provide an integrated web-based platform, that is, all the courts will be able to interface on one system.

“If a man is in Clarendon and goes before the court in that parish for a matter and he also has a matter outstanding in Westmoreland, the JCMS will flag him because it allows all the courts to be connected,” Dr. Dennis explained.

According to the Chief Court Statistician, documents such as subpoenas and bench warrants which are done by the Registries will be generated automatically by the JCMS which has an e-file option unlike the current system.

“All you have to do is just print and sign the bench warrants,” said Dr. Dennis. The Chief Court Statistician stressed that “data are the most effective strategy in measuring and driving change and it is extremely important for the operations and the functions of the court.”

Some of the indicators being used to measure the performance of the courts are: case disposal rate, court utilization rate, clearance rate, and trial/hearing date certainty and congestion rate.

CISS was implemented in 2016 and captures data from the initiation of a case throughout its lifespan in the system.

He was speaking at the CISS Data Entry Workshop held at the Cardiff Hotel and Spa in St. Ann on November 30, 2019.

NEW JOB TITLE FOR DATA ENTRY CLERKS



Data entry clerks will be known as statistical officers and will be appointed in permanent positions next year, as the Judiciary moves to fully establish a data-driven approach to decision-making in the court system.

The Hon. Mr. Justice Bryan Sykes OJ, CD, Chief Justice, made the announcement at a Case Information Statistics System (CISS) Data Entry Workshop held at the Cardiff Hotel and Spa in St. Ann on November 30, 2019.

Chief Justice Sykes said that these workers will also be entitled to benefits accrued to full-time employees such as; pension.

He stressed that accuracy is very important in recording the data because they will be used to take policy decisions and projections for Judiciary.

“The system will be used to track cases, to say how many times a case has been adjourned and the reasons for that,” the Chief Justice emphasized.

The Hon. Mr. Justice Bryan Sykes OJ, CD, Chief Justice, addressing participants at a Case Information Statistics System (CISS) Data Entry Workshop held in St. Ann in November 2019.

He reminded data entry clerks that they are very vital to the court system and should carry-out their work fearlessly.

“Do not allow anyone to coerce you into manipulating the data and report any such instance to the Chief Court Statistician,” said Chief Justice Sykes.

He added that data will play a critical role in achieving the vision of the Judiciary which is “to become the best in the Caribbean and one of the best in the world in six years.”

In the meantime, Chief Court Statistician Dr. Denarto Dennis said “it was not an easy task to get the Ministry of Finance to approve the appointment of the workers, some of who have been acting or were casual day workers.”

He also noted that the change in the job title will mean that the employees will be expected to do more advanced work.

“You will not just do data entry but will do some level of analysis on the ground as well so when your Judge wants to know the clearance rate, they will not have to call me because you should be equipped to do the basic reporting,” Dennis explained.

In the meantime, data entry clerks who submitted their reports on a timely basis were commended and received small tokens of appreciation.

All the participants at the workshop received certificates for successfully completing training in the CISS.

MAJOR BOOST IN RESOURCES FOR TRAFFIC TICKET MANAGEMENT SYSTEM



Minister of National Security, Dr Horace Chang (left), inspects computer equipment donated to the Court Administrative Division by the Ministry as part of measures to further streamline the Traffic Ticket Management System (TTMS). The occasion was a handing over ceremony at the Supreme Court in downtown Kingston in December 2019. Looking on (from 2nd left) are: Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of National Security, Dianne McIntosh; Director (Acting), Court Administration Division, Tricia Cameron-Anglin and Chief Justice, Bryan Sykes.

The Traffic Ticket Management System (TTMS) has received a major boost in its resources after several pieces of equipment were today handed over to the Court Administration Division (CAD). The Ministry of National Security handed over twelve (12) laptops, three (3) desktop computers, and three (3) printers at a ceremony held at the Supreme Court in Kingston.

The TTMS is a centralized web-based system aimed at improving the management of traffic tickets throughout the various stages – application of payments, demerit points, court fines, issuing of warrants etc.

The Hon. Mr. Justice Bryan Sykes OJ, CD, Chief Justice said, “the new equipment will not only bolster the capabilities of the TTMS but will also assist the Courts in being more efficient. I am looking forward

MAJOR BOOST IN RESOURCES FOR TRAFFIC TICKET MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

to the improved software to further streamline the operations of the TTMS that will also generate traffic warrants electronically thereby reducing the amount of time spent by our staff preparing them”, said Chief Justice Sykes.

Chief Justice Sykes emphasized that the training of the staff is also important to ensure the system works, and that the benefits to be derived are attained, “because, as we all know, technology by itself does not produce the results; it is the technology combined with the human component”.

Justice Minister Hon. Delroy Chuck, who was also in attendance, said the technology will assist in bringing order and discipline to the nation’s roads.

“There is too much disorder on the roads, and those who are engaged in the disorder are taking advantage of an inefficient manual system. To the extent that we can use technology, not only to ensure that those who breach the law are brought to justice, [but that they] pay their fines and [that] those who consistently breach the road code, we remove them from the roads, at least for some time, [will redound to Jamaica’s long-term benefit],” he said.

In his remarks, National Security Minister, Hon. Dr. Horace Chang, said the equipment will assist the courts to readily access information on matters being adjudicated, adding that the system’s implementation is aimed at improving efficiency and effectiveness in the enforcement of the road traffic rules while restoring law and order.

The Minister anticipates that this will have a positive impact in resetting Jamaica’s public order, road safety and traffic law enforcement.

“The process of just ensuring that we have an efficient ticket management system that can hold individuals accountable, is quite a complex one. But it is a very important one because discipline on our roads and restoring and maintaining public order on the streets of Jamaica are critical [to the] safety and security of our citizens,” he said.

Dr. Chang noted that the need for constant information sharing among the relevant agencies is critical in the effective management of the system.

“If we get the system working properly and we can hold them [offenders] accountable and it is done fairly and justly, we will have order; I am convinced we can see dramatic changes in public order very quickly. But the issue is to get it done efficiently and fairly so [that] when a ticket is written, it is written for everybody,” the Minister added.

Dr. Chang said the Ministry will continue to collaborate with the Court Management Services in order to combat indiscipline on roads and improve enforcement of the law. He added that the agencies involved in the Traffic Ticket Management System are collaborating to build-out the most efficient and effective system possible.

“Motorists, therefore, will be held accountable for their traffic infractions and the police will impose the appropriate punitive sanctions, where applicable. Without this, we can’t have public order,” he said.

ST. THOMAS PARISH COURT HEALTH AND WELLNESS FAIR



Residents and staff at the St. Thomas Health Fair on November 29, 2019.

Staff members at the St. Thomas Parish Court and residents of Morant Bay benefitted from a Health and Wellness Fair on November 29, 2019.

The initiative, led by the Court Administration Division (CAD), was geared towards making staff and residents more health-conscious.

The day's activities began with a special address from the Director of Industrial Relations and Wellbeing, Mr. Nigel Gray.

In his address, Mr. Gray stated that “we invest to support this worthwhile initiative because we understand that the prevalence of chronic and other types of diseases can pose a grave economic burden to persons.”

Among the complimentary services offered at the health fair were STD tests, blood pressure, blood sugar, blood cholesterol, body mass index (BMI), dental and eye screening, pharmaceutical advice and health lifestyle tips.

Additionally, the Heart Foundation of Jamaica offered free Electrocardiogram (ECG) which was one of the most sought after at the fair and educated participants about cardiovascular diseases.

Cristial Kenton, Court Administrator at the St. Thomas Parish Court, expressed gratitude to the medical teams that made the event possible.

“Myself and other staff members are very appreciative of the effort made to make this event possible, and whilst it is my first experience, I anticipate another in the future for the St. Thomas Parish Court,” she said.

Vanessa Carr, Records Officer at the St. Thomas Parish Court, welcomed the initiative, adding she “learnt a lot”.

ST. THOMAS PARISH COURT HEALTH AND WELLNESS FAIR (CONT'D)

Meanwhile, Chevelle Folkes-Baily, Data Conversion Clerk at the court stated that she “was in an expectant mood when she heard about the staging of the fair and that the day’s activities did not disappoint her”.

Tashana Smith, Intervention Officer in the HIV Prevention and Control Programme for St. Thomas, said the day’s event resulted in a great turnout of residents who were interested in knowing their HIV status," adding that this coincides with AIDS World Week.

Other boothholders of the event were: Diabetes Association of Jamaica (DAJ), Foundation for International Self Help (FISH), Court Optical Courts, Foundation for International Self Help, Marjan’s Pharmacy and The St. Thomas Health Services.

The initiative will continue at other parish courts to promote health and wellness in the court system.



A CAD staff member gets his measurement taken by a representative from Foundation for International Self Help.



Staff members participate in a discussion with Court Optical Courts representative at the health fair.

Is there an event happening at your court? We can provide coverage. Call the Court Administration Division and ask for the Communications Unit. Also send us your events, birthday and congratulatory wishes and messages for our quarterly Newsletter to

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