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## **P R E S S   R E L E A S E**

### **PSOJ LAUDS C&W and NCB FOR CRIME STOP SUPPORT**

PSOJ President Chris Zacca had high commendation for two of Jamaica's major corporate citizens Cable & Wireless Jamaica Ltd. and National Commercial Bank Jamaica Ltd. for their recent financial support for the Crime Stop Programme.

At the PSOJ's Job Creation Awards Breakfast held at the Knutsford Court last Wednesday, National Crime Prevention Fund Chairman accepted cheques from Cable & Wireless' President Phil Green and NCB's Group Managing Director Patrick Hylton. The total amount donated by the two companies is \$6 Million.

According to the PSOJ President, both these companies, by way of these sizable contributions, have indicated in a tangible way once again that they are outstanding corporate citizens who are committed to actively participating in the process of nation building. They recognized and understood that crime is everyone's business and that all law abiding persons must be part of the solutions aimed at stemming the flow of criminal activity in the Jamaican society.

Crime Stop Chairman Peter John Thwaites expressed his appreciation to both corporate giants for their support. He was pleased that Cable & Wireless was continuing its support for Crime Stop which it had been doing for the past two years. Mr. Thwaites was equally excited that National Commercial Bank had decided to support the work of Crime Stop by way of providing financial support in the amount of J\$3.6 Million. Cable & Wireless' contribution was \$2.4 Million.

Commissioner of Police Rear Admiral Hardley Lewin , who was the guest speaker at the PSOJ event, challenged private sector leaders to support the efforts of the Jamaica Constabulary Force in reducing the crime rate in the society. He urged them to come up with practical ways that could in fact assist persons in earning their keep in a legitimate ways.

Crime Stop is a private sector initiative which was launched in September 1989. Since then, the programme has been an integral component of the JCF's crime fighting strategies. Between September 1989 and mid March of this year, Crime stop has received more than 17,000 calls which have resulted in over 1,800 arrests and the recovery of property and narcotics valued at hundreds of millions of dollars.

The PSOJ Police Phone-In Programme is another crime fighting initiative which sees the PSOJ collaborating with the JCF. The Private Sector Organisation of Jamaica is unrelenting in its own commitment to supporting the Jamaica Constabulary Force in its efforts to make Jamaica a peaceful and safe country for all.

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