

# ASIS International Annual General Meeting



**PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT**

**CHALLENGES, VISION AND EXPECTED OUTCOME**

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## ROAD MAP

- Background – Public Safety and Our Environment
- Our Response
- Sustainable Change in Behaviour - The Full Picture
- Outcome Expected

# BACKGROUND – UNDERSTANDING THE DOMAIN OF PUBLIC SAFETY



*Thomas Hobbes*

- Thomas Hobbes famously said that in a "state of nature", human life would be "solitary, poor, nasty, brutish and short". In the absence of political order and law, everyone would have unlimited natural freedoms, including the "right to all things" and thus the freedom to plunder, rape, and murder; there would be an endless "war of all against all". To avoid this, free men contract with each other to establish political community (civil society) through a social contract in which they all gain security in return for subjecting themselves to an absolute sovereign, one man or an assembly of men.

*[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Social\\_contract](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Social_contract)*

# BACKGROUND – UNDERSTANDING THE DOMAIN OF PUBLIC SAFETY



- Social contract speaks to a rational individual's voluntary consent to give up their natural freedom to obtain the benefits of public order.
- The absence of social contract and public order is the “state of nature” (Thomas Hobbes), where individuals' actions are bound only by their personal power and conscience

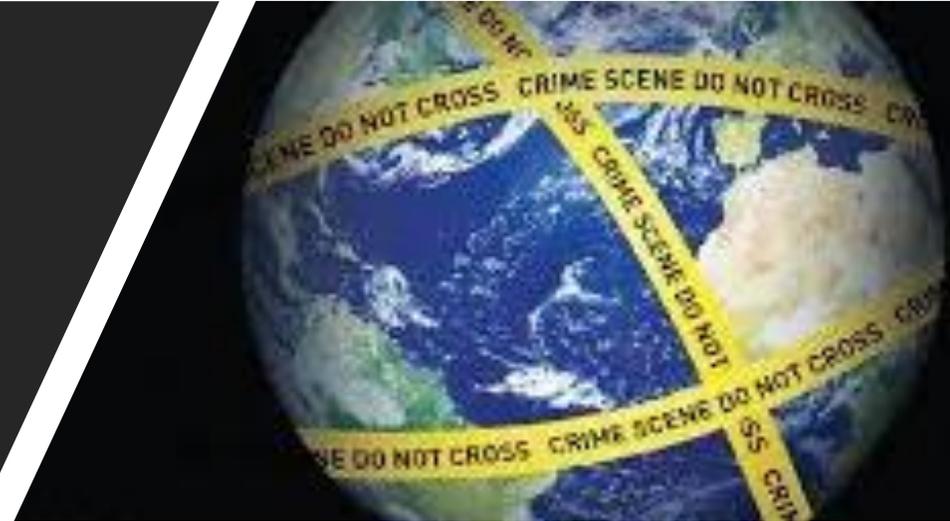
**THE SOCIAL CONTRACT**





# BACKGROUND – UNDERSTANDING THE DOMAIN OF PUBLIC SAFETY

- Public safety is the number one priority of all democratic government. Usually the responsibility of the criminal justice system and emergency response agencies
- The primary goal of these agencies is the prevention and protection of the public from dangers affecting safety such as crimes or disasters.





## BACKGROUND – UNDERSTANDING THE DOMAIN

Significance in securing and maintaining order in public spaces

- Convergent points for:
  - persons conducting businesses
  - Persons traversing to and from work and school, and
  - also for criminals seeking opportunities to commit crimes against innocent unsuspecting victims, as well as other opposing criminal elements in pursuant of their gang and turf wars.



# BACKGROUND – UNDERSTANDING THE DOMAIN



## Significance in securing and maintaining order in public spaces

- The occurrences of criminal incidents in these areas:
  - erode the confidence in the police to protect and serve if it is perceived that we are unable to provide deterrence in our immediate environs.
  - Impact fear of crime on a wider scale than incidents that are localized within violent communities
- The posture of police in these areas quickly sends a message to potential migrant criminals.
- Represents the best opportunity to demonstrate our seriousness in what we do.
- Universal access to safe and inclusive public spaces is a key priority for the JCF





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## More cops, please!

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### Downtown Kingston vendors issue appeal amid increase in barefaced robberies

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# The Public Order and Road Safety System





# The Remit of the Police

**Issue tickets**

**Seize motor vehicles**

**Serve Summons**

**Execute Warrants**

**Arrest offenders**

**Investigate collisions**



# Police Response 2019

- **560, 620** tickets were issued
  - Tickets issued were valued at **\$1, 103, 466, 900.00**
- **9249** motor vehicles were seized
- **571** motorcycles were seized
- **669** persons were arrested for breaches of the RTA
- **8185** Summons were served
- **2168** Warrants were executed

## Collaboration

- Synchronize effort of the KSAMC with regards to vendor management





## PSTEB REPRESENTS:

- a response to the increasing levels of social disorder that threaten public safety,
- more deliberate and concentrated effort in securing compliance to the road traffic act,
- a commitment to high standards of service delivery in ensuring safe public spaces
- an effort in contributing to national sustainable development by removing the main impediments to commercial activities within town centres and business districts
- the assurance of the state's commitment to provide safe public spaces for all



## OBJECTIVES - WHAT DO WE WANT TO SEE?

- Increased police presence and improved effectiveness in public spaces and thoroughfares
- Reduced incidences of traffic collisions, injuries and fatalities
- Improved public trust and confidence in the police
- Provision of timely and professional response to calls for service
- Reduced disorder and crime



## OBJECTIVES - WHAT DO WE WANT TO SEE?

- Reduction in security violations in resort areas
- Maintenance of a cadre of competent and committed staff
- Increased Integration of modern technology in JCF's frontline operations
- Established and strengthened stakeholder partnerships; and
- Achieved organizational excellence.

# Outcome Expected



- The existence of social order and safe public spaces,
- Compliance to the Road Traffic Act and respect for the rule of law,
- Consistent delivery of high standards of service in maintaining safe public spaces
- The existence of safe environments in town centres and business districts
- Improved public confidence in the state to provide safe public spaces for all

