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Press Release

Fire at Jamaica Post Corporate Office, South Camp Road, Kingston



Post and Telecommunications Department (Jamaica Post) Corporate Office and CSO Post Office, 6-10 South Camp Road, Kingston

Kingston, Jamaica, October 23, 2023 – The Post and Telecommunications Department (Jamaica Post) advises that a section of its Corporate Office located at 6-10 South Camp Road, Kingston caught fire today, October 23, 2023. The building was evacuated, emergency services were contacted and the Jamaica Fire Brigade (JFB), which responded promptly, was able to contain the blaze. The Department is grateful that no lives were lost as a result of this incident.

Mr. Lincoln Allen, Postmaster-General, Post and Telecommunications Department advised that "based on information received from the staff and personnel from the JFB, the fire originated at the rear exterior of the facility. The fire escalated but was quickly confined to one section of the building, a storeroom, and did not spread. The affected area housed old documents, usually earmarked for disposal. It is to be noted that the fire did not impact any current mail items. Additionally, the source of the fire is still being investigated; an estimate of the damages has not yet been ascertained as a full assessment is still being carried out."

The Fire Brigade is currently conducting cooling-down operations. The Corporate Office and the CSO Post Office which share the same address are closed for the remainder of the day. Operations are expected to return to normalcy in the quickest possible time as the Offices are scheduled to reopen on Tuesday, October 24, 2023.

The Department wishes to thank its stakeholders for their invaluable support and understanding during this difficult time. The Postmaster-General expressed gratitude to "Senator the Hon. Dr. Dana Morris Dixon, Minister without Portfolio in the Office of the Prime Minister (with direct oversight for Skills and Digital Transformation), Commissioner Stewart Beckford, Jamaica Fire Brigade and other partners who visited the location and extended their support and open display of solidarity; the team from the Jamaica Fire Brigade for their swift response and high level of professionalism in the handling of the situation and the dedicated staff and customers for their cooperation and understanding."

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