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“The time is always right to do what is right”

Martin Luther King

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COMPACT DISC

1st Quarterly Report: January - March 2022
 New Complaints: January - March 2022
 Commission's Reports Completed: January - March 2022

(In compliance with Section 17(3) (c) of the INDECOM Act)

IN THIS EDITION OF THE IQ

PART ONE: NEW COMPLAINTS

For the period, January to March 2022, the Commission received 316 categories of complaints from 259 incidents reported for the period. The top five categories of complaints include: assault (101), discharge of firearm (57), fatal shooting (28)* [see page 5], unprofessional conduct (24) and threat (19).

The Commission's Forensic Unit responded to 69 incident scenes during the period, January to March 2022. There were eight deaths in custody for the period.

Incident reports were received for all parishes, with Kingston and St. Andrew recording the highest with 101 complaints. Portland recorded the least with four (4) reports.

PART TWO: THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT

In the Legal Department, 199 Commission's Reports were distributed and completed during the first quarter, January to March 2022. An overview of the reports completed, lists the recommendations for no charge, disciplinary action or charge. Recommendations from fatal shooting incidents, where Commission's Reports were completed as well as rulings by the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) during the quarter are also listed. One (1) member of the Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF) was charged during the period, for an incident investigated by INDECOM.

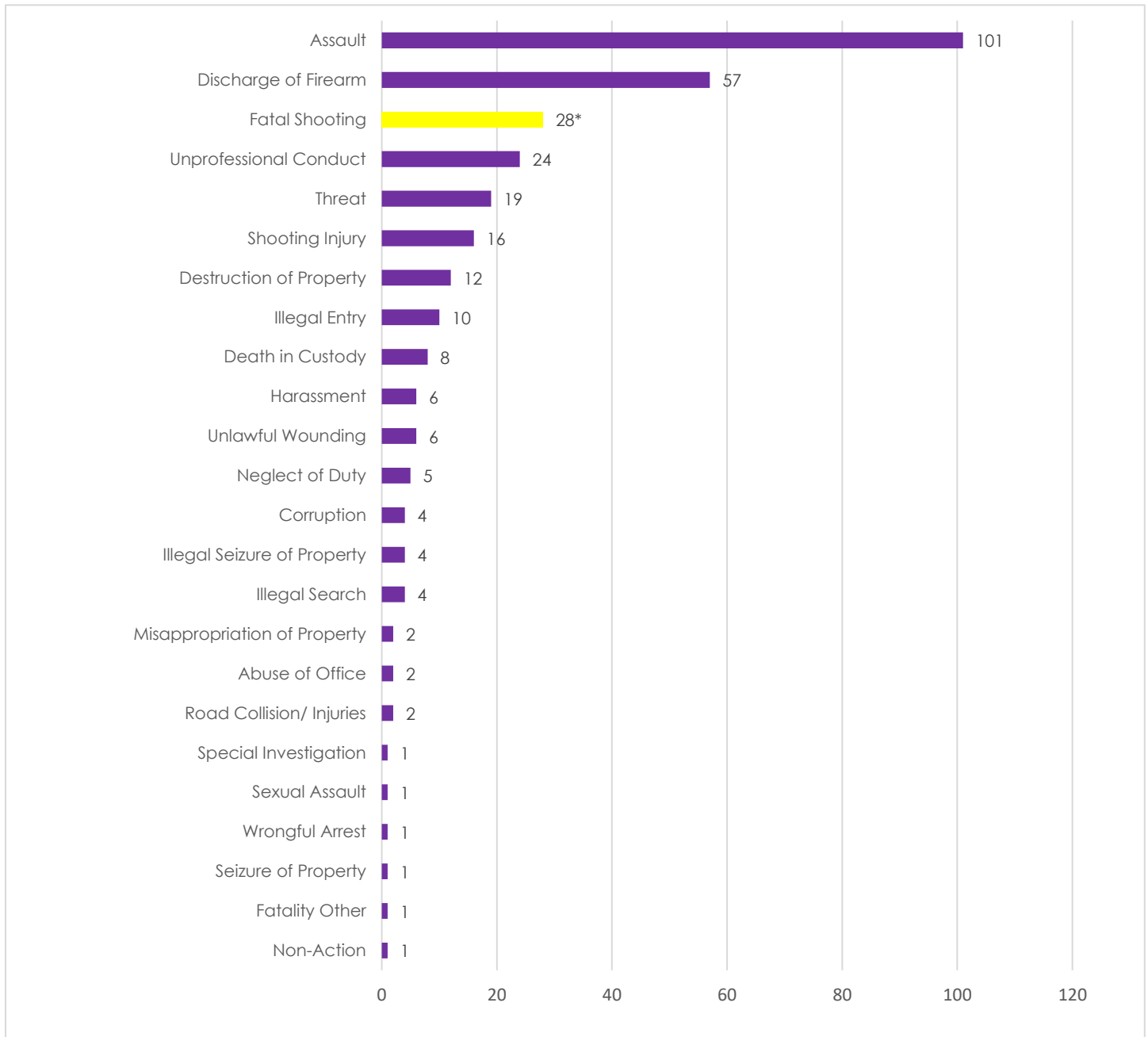
PART THREE: PUBLIC INFORMATION

The Commission's Senior Management Team had no meetings with members of the JCF High Command and Jamaica Defence Force during the period. Correspondence was exchanged between the entities and INDECOM.

The Commission participated in awareness exercises with a total of 568 man hours for the first quarter in 2022.

PART ONE

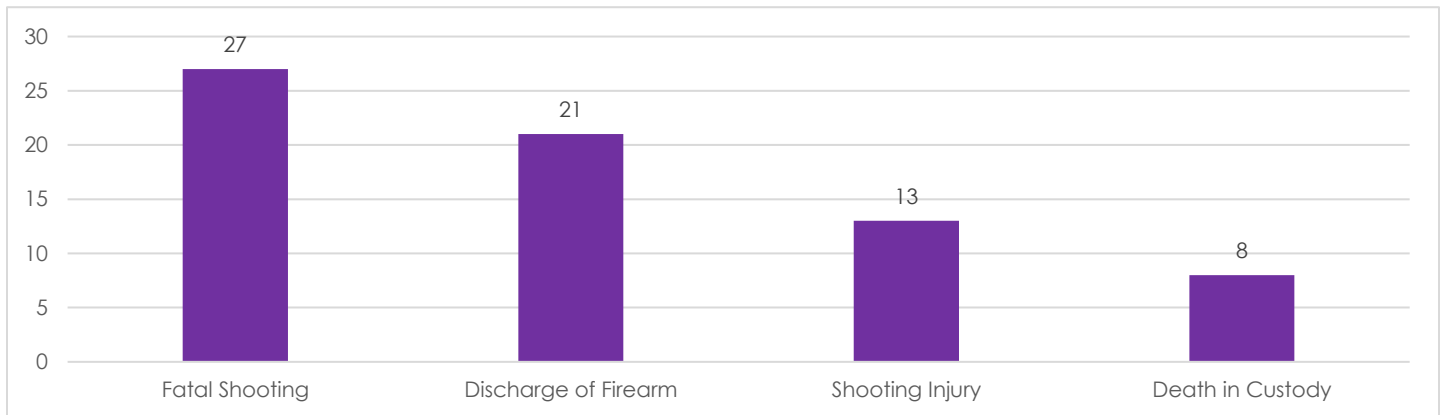
NEW COMPLAINTS: JANUARY – MARCH 2022



■ * There were 31 deaths from 28 Security Force fatal shooting incidents
 * Assault includes assault occasioning bodily harm and assault at common law

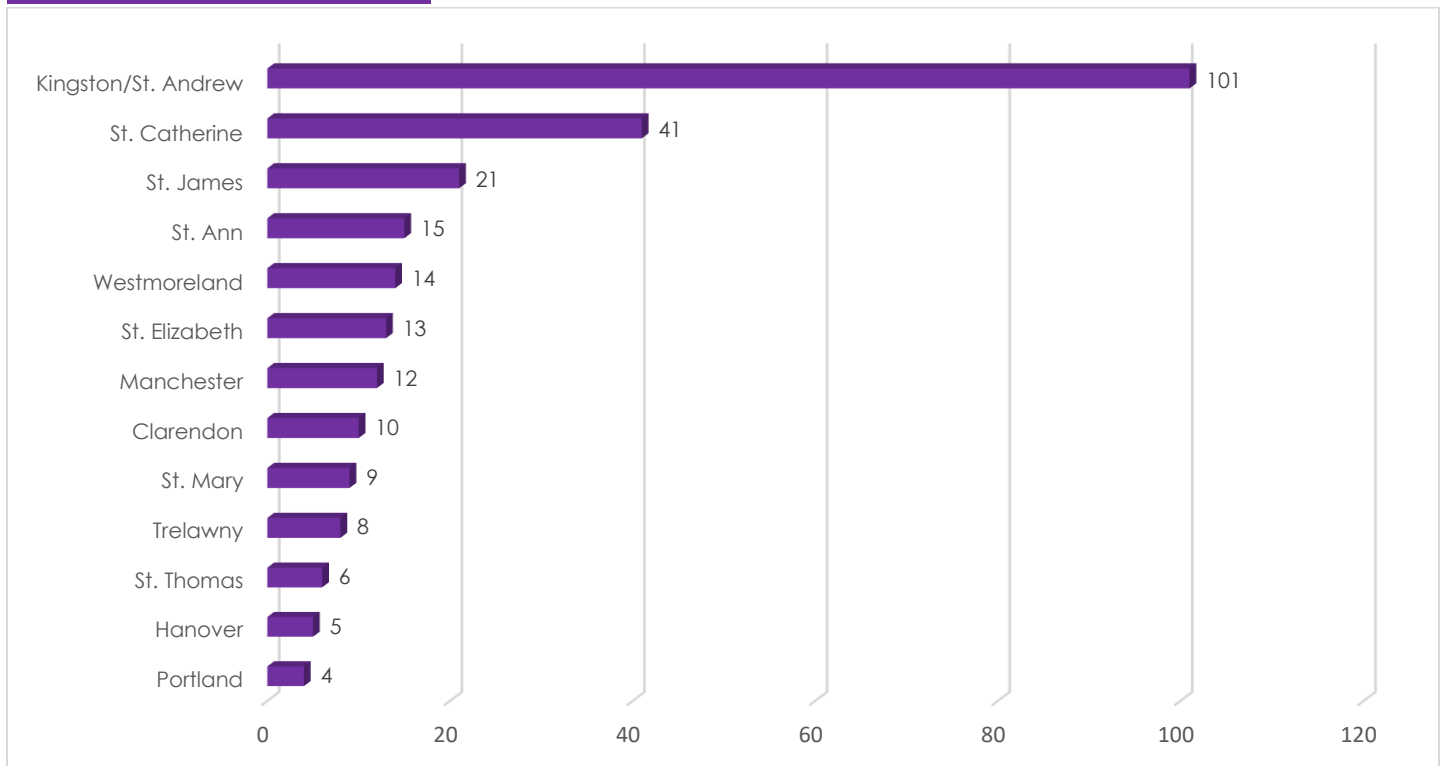
Graph 1 shows the 316 categories for the 259 new incidents for which complaints were received by the Commission during the period January to March 2022

FORENSIC SCENE RESPONSE



Graph 2 shows the 69 incidents that the Commission’s Forensic Unit responded to during the period January to March 2022

COMPLAINTS BY PARISH



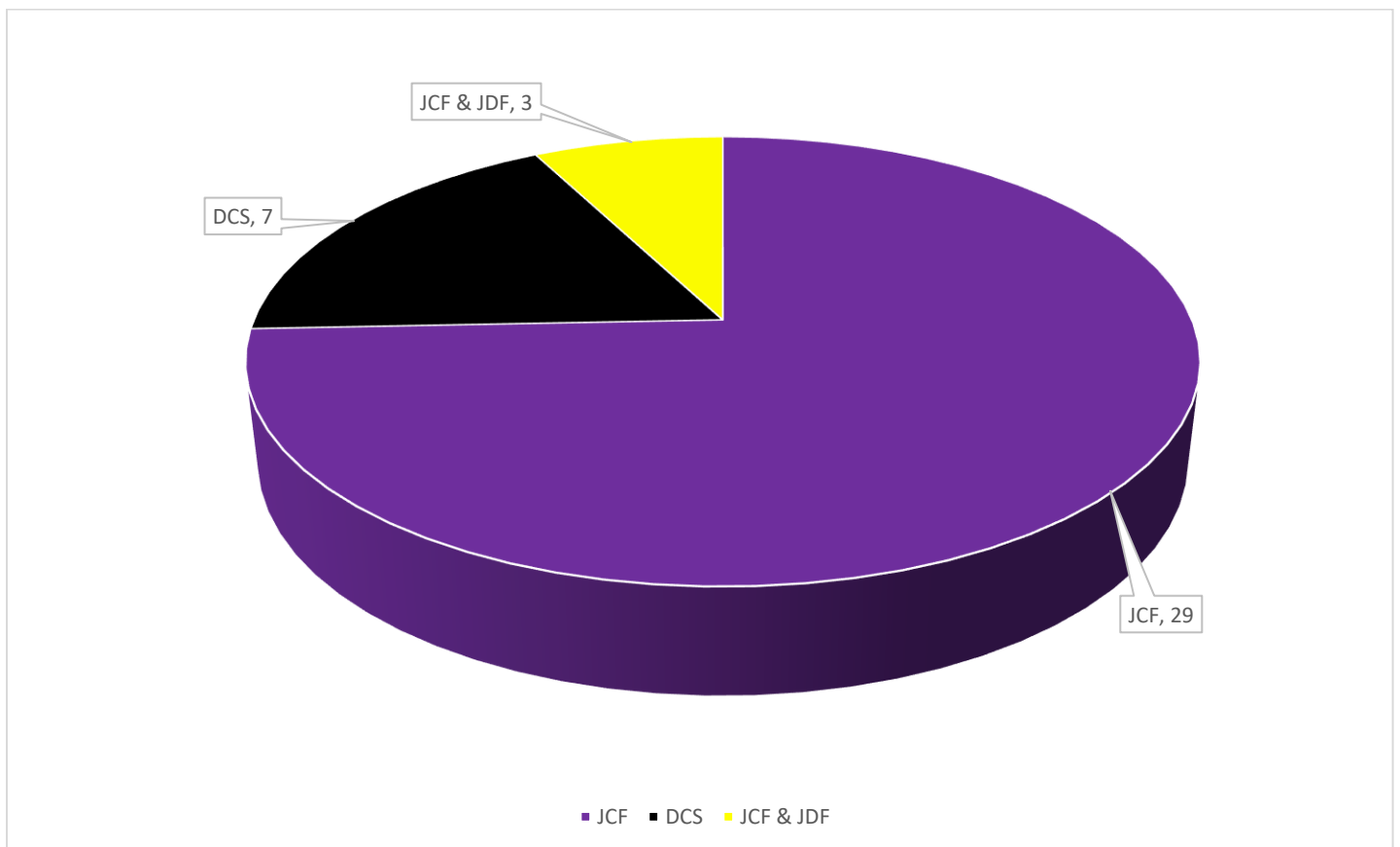
Graph 3 shows the breakdown per parish for the 259 new complaints received by the Commission during the period January to March 2022

COMPLAINTS PER ORGANISATION

STATE AGENCY	TOTAL COMPLAINTS	PERCENTAGE
Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF)	212	82%
Department of Correctional Services (DCS)	31	12%
Jamaica Defence Force (JDF)	9	3%
Joint Military/ Police (JCF & JDF)	7	3%

Table 1 shows the breakdown, per State agency, of the 259 new complaints received by the Commission during the period January to March 2022

FATALITIES PER ORGANISATION



Graph 4 illustrates the State agency to which the 39 fatalities (31 by fatal shootings, 8 deaths in custody), recorded for the period of January to March 2022 are related. See Table 2 below for the corresponding list with the specific incidents.

SECURITY FORCE-RELATED FATALITIES LIST

JCF – Jamaica Constabulary Force

JCF-OD: Jamaica Constabulary Force Off Duty Officer

■ JDF: Jamaica Defence Force

DCS: Department of Correctional Services

■ DIC: Death in Custody

RTC: Road Traffic Collision

Date	Name of Deceased	Location of Incident	Related State Agent
JANUARY (10) (Fatal Shooting – 8; DIC – 2)			
1-Jan	Shawn ANDERSON	Lagos Drive, Payne Land, Kingston	JCF & JDF
4-Jan	Larenza JARRETTE	Henley Road, Olympic Gardens, St Andrew	JCF
6-Jan	Lloyd DAVIS	Accompong, St. Elizabeth	JCF-OD
6-Jan	Leopold FULLER DIC	TSACC to KPH	DCS
10-Jan	Quasie HARRIOT	Zacky Avenue, Tivoli Gardens, Kingston	JCF
13-Jan	Odave COOTE	Savanna La Mar, Westmoreland	JCF
26-Jan	Devon McGLASHEN DIC	TSACC to KPH	DCS
28-Jan	Christopher BAKER	Wentworth Avenue, Olympic Gardens, Kingston 11	JCF
28-Jan	Tyron T. WRIGHT	New Road District, Westmoreland	JCF
29-Jan	Kenroy LINDO	Williamsfield Road, Siloah, St Elizabeth	JCF
FEBRUARY (17) (Fatal Shooting – 13; DIC - 4)			
1-Feb	Odane HAYLES	Esher, Hanover	JCF
1-Feb	Barrington THROTTMAN DIC	Kingston Central PSTN to KPH	JCF
3-Feb	Kevin D. CARPENTER	Petrel Crescent, Florence Hall, Trelawny	JCF
8-Feb	Dain WEDDERBURN	Pipers Corner, Amity District, Westmoreland	JCF
9-Feb	Stafari BARRETT DIC	SCACC to Spanish Town Hospital	DCS
9-Feb	Michael SHREVES	Ackee Walk, Green Pond, St James	JCF & JDF
9-Feb	Ian WILLIAMS	Six Miles Bridge, Spanish Town Road, Kingston	JCF
9-Feb	Jevon RICHARDS	Dallas Road, Glendevon, St James	JCF & JDF
10-Feb	Javion SMITH	Adelaide Street, Kingston 16	JCF
10-Feb	Henrique HEMMINGS (Escapee)	Metcalfe Street Juvenile Remand Centre, Kingston	DCS
11-Feb	Nakata LESLIE	Fifth Street, Trench Town, Kingston 12	JCF
12-Feb	Andre HINDS	Bluefields, Westmoreland	JCF
12-Feb	Javeed MOODIE	Top Halse Hall, Clarendon	JCF (child obtained officer's weapon)

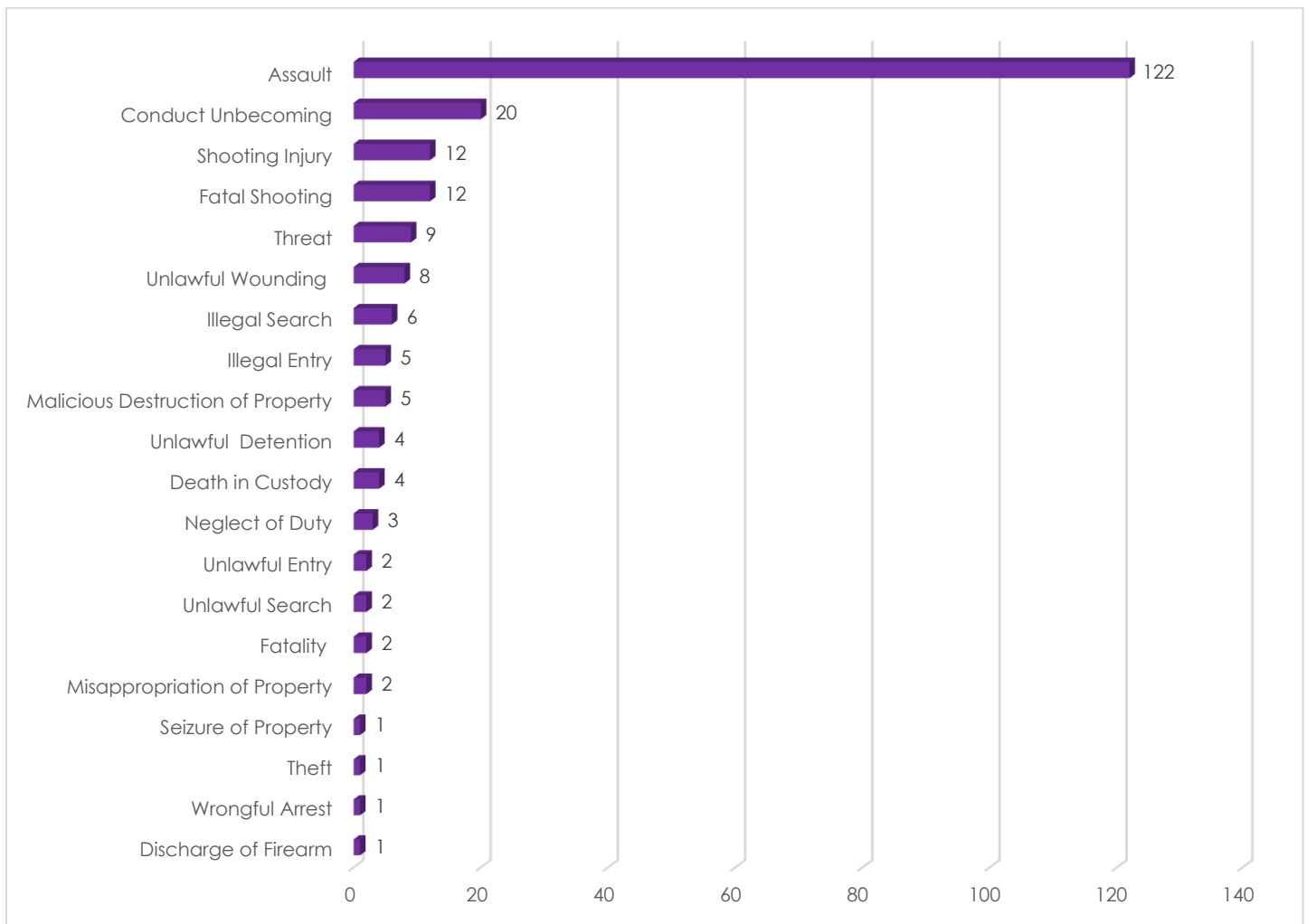
15-Feb	Dwayne BROOKS	Fruitful Vale Computer Centre, Fruitful Vale, Portland	JCF
23-Feb	Darian D. BINGHAM	Mandela Highway, St Catherine	JCF-OD
24-Feb	Errol BURTON DIC	Tamarind Farm Correctional Centre to Spanish Town Hospital	DCS
27-Feb	Garnett GOLDSON DIC	TSACC to KPH	DCS
MARCH (12) (Fatal Shooting – 10; DIC – 2)			
5-Mar	Dwayne HAUGHTON	Harbour Street, Montego Bay, St James	JCF
9-Mar	Deojamnie CHANNER Nigel ADAMS Romario BREWSTER Patrick BROWN	Zambia, Central Village, Spanish Town, St Catherine	JCF
15-Mar	Fitzroy MINOTT DIC	Kingston Central PSTN	JCF
16-Mar	Stephen ANDERSON DIC	Morant Bay PSTN, Morant Bay, St Thomas	DCS (Suicide)
17-Mar	Emilio MORRIS	Raphael Avenue, Kingston	JCF
19-Mar	Joel F. FOSTER	Francis Street, May Pen, Clarendon	JCF
20-Mar	Ainsley WOODBURN	Dumbarton, near Discovery Bay, St Ann	JCF
26-Mar	Carlos GRANT	Belle Isle, Grange Hill, Westmoreland	JCF
28-Mar	Ordavia SIMPSON	Denbigh Area, May Pen, Clarendon	JCF

Table 2 lists the names of the 39 civilians who died from Security Force-related incidents during the period January to March 2022

PART TWO

The Legal Department

COMPLETED COMMISSION'S REPORTS: JANUARY – MARCH 2022



Graph 5 shows the categories of complaints for Commission's Reports completed during the period of January to March 2022

OVERVIEW: COMMISSION'S REPORTS RECOMMENDATIONS

Charge		Charge & Disciplinary Action		Disciplinary Action		Unsubstantiated
1 case	1 officer	1 case	1 officer	12 cases	19 officers	185 cases

Table 3 shows the recommendations made for the 199 Commission's Reports completed during the period January to March 2022

COMMISSION'S REPORTS RECOMMENDATIONS – FATAL SHOOTING INCIDENTS

No.	Date of Incident	Victim	Case Summary	INDECOM Recommendations
1.	May 18, 2012	Marlon Hanson	On Friday, May 18, 2012 a party of police personnel assigned to the May Pen OST led by Corporal and three other officers were responding to information received that men armed with guns were seen in the Effortville area firing shots and threatening to set houses on fire. The action of these men is said to be in retaliation for the murder of a Merrick Richards which occurred in the area on May 17, 2012. The police team travelled in two units namely, OST 1 and 2. It is further reported that on their arrival in the area, three men were seen. They were all armed with guns and on the approach of the police; the men opened fire and ran. The police pursued them and on reaching the top of the hill, they received signal that two of the men went into a house nearby. The police headed towards a house and reportedly saw two men coming from the back door. It is alleged that one of the men opened fire on Corporal. He returned fire and the man was hit, the other man ran to a board house nearby. The man who was shot by Corporal reportedly fell to a corner of the house and a 1.38 ROSI revolver serial #M51730 containing three live rounds and three spent shells were allegedly taken from him. He was taken to the May Pen Hospital where he was pronounced dead. The man was identified as Marlon Hanson.	No Charge
2.	January 23, 2013	Unidentified Man	On January 23, 2013 about 10:50 p.m. Constables of the Greater Portmore Police station were on mobile patrol in the Portmore Police area when they received an assignment regarding a break-in in progress. On their way to the location three men were seen acting in a way which aroused their suspicion. Cons. *** who was driving stopped the vehicle, alighted and rushed towards the men and shouted police. The men pulled firearms and opened fire at the police. Cons. *** reported that he threw himself to the ground and returned the fire. One of the men fell and the other two ran into a gully. The other members of the patrol also fired at the men. When the firing ceased he approached the man lying on the ground and saw a firearm and observed that he was suffering from gunshot wounds. He picked up the gun and examined it and found that it was a Glock pistol. The injured man was taken to the Spanish Town Hospital where he was pronounced dead on arrival.	No Charge
3.	April 9, 2015	Jermaine Brown	On Thursday, April 9, 2015 at about 12:05 p.m. Constables of the Old Harbour Police Station were travelling in an unmarked police car behind a public passenger minibus along the Old Harbour Main Road when the bus stopped in the vicinity of McCooks Gardens. A female passenger exited the bus and alerted the police officers of a robbery in progress and pointed out two men to officers. The men ran along a dirt road known as 'Bottom Lane' and the police gave chase. On reaching the end of Bottom Lane, the men opened gunfire at the police who returned the fire and a shoot-out ensued. One man was hit and the other escaped. A 9mm pistol with 9 live rounds was recovered from the injured man. The injured man was taken to Spanish Town Hospital where he was pronounced dead on arrival. The deceased man who was unidentified at the time, was searched by the police and three cellular phones, a wallet and a gold bracelet were found in his	No Charge

			pants pocket. There is no evidence to contradict the police account.	
4.	July 25, 2015	Omar Fletcher	On Saturday, July 25, 2015 at about 7:33 p.m. a police party was dispatched on patrol in the Seaforth area in service vehicle C043 when they received information of a man wearing a yellow shirt armed with a firearm. The police party proceeded and went on foot when they saw man fitting the description given and leading a donkey, upon seeing the police the man pulled a firearm and opened fire at the party who took evasive action and returned fire when the man ran off and fell. After the shooting subsided the man was seen suffering from gunshot wounds and one (1) Taurus pistol serial number obscured loaded with twelve (12) 9mm cartridges found beside him. He was rushed to the Princess Margaret Hospital and was pronounced dead by Dr. B.	No Charge
5.	September 24, 2015	Chadrick Morgan and Anthony Grant	Police reported that they received reports of men armed with guns at a party in the Mountain View area of Kingston. An operation was mounted using police personnel from Kingston Central and Mobile Reserve. Upon reaching the target area the team which led on the ground by Superintendent *** split the team and assigned different officers to various cordons to cut off possible escape routes. Six officers from the operation were sent to 3rd Avenue armed with a warrant for guns and drugs. Upon reaching the premises at no.14 3rd Avenue, the police officers alighted from their unmarked vehicle and entered the yard. Upon entering the premises the officers reported that they heard gun fire coming from different directions. Four of the officers made their way to the back of the premises while two officers remained at the front. The two officers at the front reported seeing 8-9 armed men walking down 3rd Avenue towards their position. The officers identified themselves and the men opened fire. The two officers at the front returned fire. The officers called for support. After the fire fight subsided and support arrived the officers made their way out to the street where they saw an injured man about 60 meters from their position. The injured man was clutching a firearm. The officers held their position until day break when they again broke off into different groups to comb the rest of the neighborhood. During this sweep blood stains lead the officers through a yard where another man was found lying injured near a gully with a gun containing 8 live rounds and 16 other rounds in a sock in his pocket. A man turned up at the Kingston Public Hospital suffering from gunshot injuries in relation to the shooting incident that occurred in the Mountain View Area. This man was interviewed and a statement recorded from him.	No Charge
6.	February 28, 2017	Eric Whittingham	On February 28, 2017 a joint police/military team was on patrol duties in the hot spots of the Clarendon Division when they received information that armed men were hiding in a house at Treadlight District. Acting on the information allegations are that about 6:25 a.m., members of the police team went to an unfinished dwelling house, three (3) police officers went to right side of the house, while others went to the left. The officers that went to the right encountered three (3) men who engaged them in a shootout. The gun fire was returned and the men fled in different directions in bushes behind the house. After the shooting one man was found suffering from gunshot wounds. Information coming to INDECOM is that the deceased was known by the police as he is frequently arrested for theft and other minor offenses, also that he may be of unsound mind. Accordingly, the Commission has recommended	No Charge

			that no criminal charges be pursued at this time, and that the matter be forwarded to the Special Coroner for him to decide whether an inquest will be held.	
7.	January 2, 2018	Brandon Campbell	On Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at about 7:50 a.m. a team of police officers were on Flag March and inquiries in St Andrew South when information was received that a group of men were seen with high powered firearms at Crescent Road, Kingston 13. When the police arrived on the scene they were greeted with gunfire. The police returned the fire and a man was found suffering from what appeared to be gunshot wounds. His driver's license revealed that he is Brandon Campbell. He was rushed to the Kingston Public Hospital where he was pronounced dead.	No Charge
8.	June 14, 2018	Garfield McToggart	On Thursday, June 14, 2018 at about 12:40 a.m. Constables were on patrol in a marked service vehicle with registration FO28 along Drax Hall main road, St. Ann. It is alleged that the officers heard a transmission over the radio from the Highway Patrol unit, with registration number F0031, in relation to a vehicle that refused to stop. The officers responded and upon reaching close to the roundabout in the vicinity of the Marcus Gravey High School, they noticed that the aforementioned vehicle was stopped by an OST unit. A grey Nissan Note with registration 1276GX which was travelling behind the car the OST unit had stopped sped off. Constables chased the grey Nissan Note in the marked service vehicle. Upon reaching the Boot Gas Station, the police team heard loud explosions coming from the direction of the Nissan Note motorcar. They also heard additional explosions when the said grey Nissan motorcar reached the gate of Jewel's hotel. The grey Nissan Note drove around the roundabout in Mammee Bay and into the Greenwich Acres Housing Scheme. The police officers heard more explosions coming from the direction of the said motorcar and Constable discharged two (2) rounds from his Glock service pistol into the air. The grey Nissan Note then travelled into the Steer Town community where it ran off the road and crashed in a gully. Two men ran from the grey Nissan Note and fired in the direction of the police. Constables returned fire in the direction of the men. One man escaped and one man was seen with body partially in the vehicle suffering from gunshot wounds and clutching a Smith & Wesson 9mm pistol bearing serial number A842453. He was rushed to the St. Ann's Bay Hospital where he was pronounced dead. A man identified as DB was found by the police in Drax Hall, St. Ann suffering from a gunshot wound to his right thigh. He was taken to the St. Ann's Bay Public Hospital for treatment.	No Charge
9.	October 10, 2018	Stacy Robinson	The deceased, Stacy Robinson was shot by her husband, District Constable on October 10, 2018 in circumstances which were allegedly accidental. The Commission's investigation yielded no witness to the incident which gave evidence contrary to or inconsistent with the allegations made by the concerned officer. Having examined the evidence and found that it is unlikely that a jury would convict the concerned officer of any offence, the Commission recommends that no criminal charges be laid nor disciplinary action be taken.	No Charge
10.	January 8, 2019	Tevin Headley	On Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. a police team from the Kingston Eastern Division was on patrol when they received information that gunmen were at #11 Norman Avenue. They sought the assistance of other unit, went to the address and surrounded the premises, knocked on the door and shouted "Police". No response	No Charge

			was received but shuffling was heard inside the premises. The team that was at the back of the premises saw a man exiting the back door with a firearm in his hand. The man fired one round in the direction of the team and a member of the team returned fire. Shortly thereafter two other men and a woman exited the house through the same door. The female threw herself at the man on the ground and the two (2) men started to behave boisterously along with the female at which time the police had to use the pepper spray to restrain them.	
11.	May 29, 2020	Kemoy Crooks	On May 29, 2020, the deceased, Kemoy Crooks, was shot and killed in Whitehall, Negril in Westmoreland during an incident involving concerned officer, Constable of the Negril Police Station. After the deceased and other men fled on the approach of a police service unit, Constable and his colleague, Corporal gave chase to the fleeing men in different directions. Whilst the deceased and another man had hold of a chain link fence with both their hands with the intent to climb over the same, Constable fired a single round in their direction after which the deceased fell from the fence. The deceased ultimately succumbed to a gunshot injury to the front region of his neck. There was no firearm recovered from the incident scene post-incident.	Charge as per DPP Ruling on February 28, 2022
12.	December 20, 2020	Andrew Chambers	On Sunday, December 20, 2020 the police received information that armed men were at a shop in the community of Greenvale. The officers after waiting on additional support went to the location and observed one of the men passing an object to another, upon seeing the police the man ran. One of the men had a bulge in his waist; the officer went to prevent the man from reaching for the bulge. The man then wrestled the officer's M16 Rifle out of his hand, the officer then grabbed the assailant pulled his secondary weapon and discharge two rounds causing injury to himself and the victim. The victim was taken to the hospital where he was pronounced dead. There are no independent eyewitnesses in this matter.	No Charge

Table 4 represents recommendations by INDECOM's Legal Department for Commission's Reports completed, for fatal shooting incidents, during the period January to March 2022

RULINGS RECEIVED FROM THE ODPP ARISING FROM INDECOM INVESTIGATIONS

No.	Incident Date	Category of Incident	Date Referred to ODPP	Date ODPP Ruling Received
Rulings for Charge				
1.	May 29, 2020	Fatal Shooting	February 4, 2022	February 28, 2022
2.	June 28, 2016	Assault	March 3, 2022	March 23, 2022
Rulings for No Charge				
1.	July 22, 2021	Alleged Assault Unprofessional Conduct	November 11, 2021	February 9, 2022

Table 5 shows all case rulings received from the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) during the period January to March 2022

CHARGES LAID FROM INDECOM INVESTIGATIONS (JANUARY – MARCH 2022)

Name and Rank	Incident Date	Charge	Date of Charge	State Agency
Cons. Kimani Williams	May 29, 2020	Murder	March 29, 2022	JCF

Table 6 shows all members of the Security Forces who were charged for various allegations during the period of January to March 2022

PART THREE

PUBLIC INFORMATION

- **Meeting: Security Forces & INDECOM**

There were no meetings with the JCF High Command during the period **January to March 2022**. However, correspondence was exchanged between the two entities on several issues.

- **Outreach: Awareness Exercises**

Unit/ Division/ Station	Group Size	Duration	Contact Hours
Kingston Western Division	28	2	56
Metcalfe Street Juvenile Correctional Centre	14	2	28
Tower Street Adult Correctional Centre	14	2	28
JCF Seminar Mandeville	68	3	204
Kingston Central Division	25	2	50
Kingston Eastern Division	28	2.5	70
Horizon Adult Remand Centre	39	2	78
South Camp Adult Correctional Centre	27	2	54

Table 7 shows the 568 man hours for awareness sessions conducted by INDECOM with members of the Security Forces during the period January to March 2022

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Head Office

1 Dumfries Road
Kingston 10

Interview Centre

9 Dumfries Road
Kingston 10

Central Regional Office

1 A Brumalia Road
Cobblestone Professional Centre - Unit 10
Mandeville, Manchester

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18 Queens Drive,
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