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The Police are reporting that their continued respect for human rights has again been evidenced in the execution of their duties. Since the start of this week 12 firearms and several rounds of ammunition have been seized by the police in eight separate incidents without a single shot being fired.

Seven persons who are now facing charges in relation to the seizures have also been apprehended without any harm or injury to their person. In fact, it has always been the policy of the Jamaica Constabulary Force that if criminals do not challenge the police they will not use excessive force when apprehending them. Contrary to what some lobbyist and Human Rights groups would have some Jamaicans believe, the police do not aim to take the lives of Jamaicans.

JCF review

But according to the Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF) Periodic Serious Crime Review, the crime figures last week suggested that more persons have been killed by the police this year, when compared with the figures for 2012. The data showed that up to last Sunday, 148 persons were killed by the police, compared to 135 reported last year. The Constabulary Communication Network said that based on the 2012 Americas Barometer Survey published in a local newspaper on August 25, more Jamaicans are trusting the Police.

This is not just by chance but as a result of reforms in the way how the police service is offered. The police will continue to serve and ensure that the trust of citizens is maintained by the way the force responds to the needs of citizens as it relates to the execution of duties in the public interest.

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