Contacting Police Helicopter Squadron (PHS)

Our Vision
Quality Service with Pride and Care

Our Mission
To enhance the Mauritius Police Force capabilities and to expand the ambit of its operations to ensure that the island is free from piracy and other illegal activities.

Our Focus
To serve, help and protect the community.

Our Values
Professionalism: We strive to meet the needs and demands of our people.
Respect: We exhibit tolerance and sensitivity to the people we serve.
Integrity: We believe it is the basis for community trust.
Dignity: We value human life and dignity as guaranteed by our Constitution.
Excellence: We are most effective when we can identify and solve community problems.

Our Strategic Gains
- Increased Public Confidence in the Police
- Higher Willingness of Victims to report Crime
- Lower Complaint Rates
- Improved Service Delivery
- Effective Investigation and Prosecution of Crime

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Action Plan
2015 - 2016
Quality Service with Pride and Care
Foreword

I am pleased to present the Action Plan of the Mauritius Police Helicopter Squadron for 2015-2016.

PHS is located at SSRI Airport and shares the Aviation Hangar with the Maritime Air Squadron. The beginnings of PHS were indeed humble. PHS started operating from Line Barracks in June 1974 with an initial complement of one Alouette helicopter, two pilots, three technicians and one life saver. The journey of forty years has seen the Squadron grow to its present state at Plaisance with five helicopters and with a strength close to 100 personnel including pilots, technicians, life savers and other support staff.

PHS provides policing services over mainland Mauritius and adjacent coastal areas extending up to a distance of 90 nautical miles out at sea at present. The role of PHS as part of the Police, is not solely limited to policing of our Airspace, but also, support Police Divisions and Branches for policing as and when required. As such, the Squadron has been actively involved in various tasks, amongst others, ADSU operations both in Mauritius and Rodrigues, surveillance of our Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ), Search and Rescue missions including Casualty Evacuation onboard vessels navigating in the Indian Ocean, etc... As a specialized branch, PHS has specific objectives that are tailored to meet the strategic directions of the Mauritius Police Force.

Commanding Officer
Police Helicopter Squadron

Our Action Plan

July 2015 - June 2016

Objective 1: Improving Quality of Life

Activities:

* Conduct at least 10 simulation exercises jointly with ground-based Police Units and other stakeholders.
* Ensure at least 1 hr patrol per week over towns and villages in liaison with Divisions.

Objective 2: Enhancing Service Delivery

Activities:

* Maintain at least 65% serviceability of PHS fleet of Helicopters.

Objective 3: Increasing Speed of Intervention

Activities:

* Provide effective search and rescue (SAR) cover and casualty evacuation (CASEVAC) by maintaining a minimum reaction time not exceeding 15 min from 08.30hrs to dusk and 1hr30min other time.

Objective 4: Honing Investigation Techniques & Detection Skills

Activities:

* Fly 50 missions amounting to at least 80 hrs in our Exclusive Economic Zone and for coastal surveillance.

Objective 5: Combating Trafficking & Use of Illegal Drugs

Activities:

* Effect at least 100 flying missions towards combat of ganja cultivation.
* Carry out at least 50 surveillance missions to track suspicious vessels and drug related activities at sea.