



MP Candidate for South East St Ann Extends Condolence to the Mattis Family who Lost Three Children in Tragic Fire

Kingston, Jamaica. Sunday January 12, 2024: MP Candidate for South East St Ann Dr Kenneth Russell expresses condolences on the passing of Tashuana, Tashaunie, and Tavaughne Mattis who died in a fire in Walkerswood this morning.

"I am devastated by the tragic fire in Walkerswood that claimed the lives of three innocent children, Tashuana, Tashaunie, and Tavaughne Mattis. My thoughts and prayers are with their parents, family, friends, and the entire Walkerswood community as they mourn this unimaginable loss.

I extend my deepest gratitude to the community members who acted quickly to avert greater loss. Special thanks to the first responders, the Ocho Rios and St. Ann's Bay Fire Departments and the Moneague Police for their quick response.

This tragedy shines light on the urgent need to improve safety practices within homes, especially when children are present.

The family will need all the material and psycho-social support they can get at this time. I am assured by Councillor Lloyd Garrick that he will work with the St. Ann Municipal Cooperation to support the Mattis family and the wider community during this time of grief. The Government's declaration of support is also reassuring. Together, we will do all we can to offer comfort, assistance, and hope for a better tomorrow.

As a community, we not only mourn the loss of Tashuana, Tashaunie, and Tavaughne but will also work towards creating a future where the risk of such tragedies is reduced.

May the souls of these precious children rest in eternal peace, and may their family find solace in the love and support of our community."

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