

TESTIMONIALS FROM PAST AND PRESENT F.S.P.I.D. OFFICERS

Dr. Roy H. McNeil

Chief Food Storage Officer (2004 – present)

Senior Food Storage Scientist, Training & Information Unit (1998 – 2004)

I'm proud to have led such a diligent and hardworking team of inspectors and to have been at the helm when the FSPID received ISO/IEC 17020 accreditation. The journey has, however, just begun as we will maintain efforts to adhere to international standards and continually improve. Our ultimate goals are assisting food businesses in maintaining compliance with relevant regulations while protecting Jamaica's food supply.

Owen Scarlett

Chief Food Storage Inspector (2016 – 2018)

Senior Food Storage Inspector (2008 – 2016)

Food Storage Inspector (2007 – 2008)

The FSPID's role in Jamaica is critical as without their intervention, unwholesome goods would have entered commerce on many occasions. As such, I am happy that I was a part of the accreditation programme. Although I was not on board when accreditation was finally achieved, I was a part of the support team in the beginning.

Errol Burnett

Chief Food Storage Inspector (2008 – 2016)

Senior Food Storage Inspector (2002 – 2008)

Food Storage Inspector (1982 – 2001)

The IDU Procedural Manual was drafted during my tenure and so I feel a sense of pride to have been involved with the process. The IDU now maintains a high level of efficiency and accountability.

Michael Myers

The first Chief Food Storage Inspector (1991 – 1999)

The FSPID played and continues to play a pivotal role in assisting food businesses and also in protecting consumers from infested products. The FSPID even had to step on occasion to lend its

expertise to countries that export to Jamaica. And I'm so happy to see that the FSPID has been accredited as it will boost the FSPID's profile, deservedly.

Bernard Aitcheson
Food Storage Inspector (1995 – present)

Not to show up my age, but I started working at the FSPID before we even got a computer or an electronic typewriter. Now each inspector is equipped with the latest mobile tablet and a government-issued cell phone, which among other things, has helped us to decentralize some aspects of office duties. Our reporting and inspection procedures are much more formalized and streamlined.

Charles Dawkins
Food Storage Inspector (1999 – present)
Assistant Food Storage Scientist (1998 – 1999)

It was challenging in earlier years as many people were not aware of the FSPID. As the FSPID has become more recognized, conducting inspections is now easier as there is less resistance.