

## Annex F- SGSecure: Stay Alert, Stay United, Stay Strong

The SGSecure movement is Singapore's community response to the threat of terror. **It aims to sensitise, train and mobilise residents to prevent and deal with a terror attack.** SGSecure is built on three core pillars:

- **Stay Alert (Community Vigilance)**, to be alert to unusual behaviour or items, and know how to respond and protect themselves, their family and friends if they were caught in an attack;
- **Stay United (Community Cohesion)**, to build strong community ties; cherish and safeguard Singapore's racial and religious harmony so that we will stand together in peacetime and crisis; and
- **Stay Strong (Community Resilience)**, to be ready to deal with crisis if it occurs, be resilient as individuals and as a community, to help each other bounce back quickly after any incident.

2. In collaboration with partner agencies, the Home Team has rolled out various SGSecure programmes to empower and mobilise residents to play their part in the fight against the terror threat.

### SGSecure Advisories and Tools

3. To prepare our people to deal with an attack, the Home Team has developed advisories such as the **“Run, Hide, Tell”** advisory on the immediate response in event of an attack, and the **“Press, Tie, Tell”** improvised first aid skills advisory to educate the public on how commonly available items can be used to help those injured in an attack. We have also made available the **SMS 71999** platform, which allows members of public to report an incident to the Police even when it is not safe for them to talk.

4. One other major initiative is the **SGSecure mobile application**. The app can be used to send alerts to residents during major emergencies (i.e. terrorism incident or a civil emergency). For example, this function was used to alert residents of the potential threat during the incidents at Hougang and Woodleigh MRT stations earlier this year. To help sensitise users to the threat, the app also provides alerts on attacks happening elsewhere in the world. The same app can also be used by members of the public to send information on suspicious sightings to the authorities. In total, more than 461,000 devices are equipped with the SGSecure mobile app.

### SGSecure Programmes in Your Neighbourhood

5. In seeking to create a national movement in response to the terror threat, we have also actively reached out to residents across the island. Programmes that have been rolled out in our neighbourhoods include revamped Emergency Preparedness (EP) Days, where residents have the opportunity to observe a live terror attack exercise, and pick up relevant life-saving skills such as Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), the use of Automated External Defibrillators (AED) and improvised first aid. A total of 18 such EP Days, drawing an average of 1,000 residents

each, have taken place since September 2016. More than 30 EP Days are planned for the rest of 2017.

6. Home Team officers, NSmen, volunteers and grassroots leaders are also personally engaging residents on the terror threat through house visits. More than 110,000 households have been engaged through house visits. The Home Team aims to visit all households- this is part of our goal of training at least one **Prepared Citizen** in each household, who is equipped with the relevant knowledge and skills to keep themselves and their families safe in an attack.

7. Besides raising individual and household preparedness, the SGSecure movement is also working to raise preparedness at the community-level. Crisis Response Exercises (CRXs) are being held for grassroots leaders and other local stakeholders at the constituency-level. Through these exercises, participants will develop emergency preparedness and operational capabilities to assist the community and maintain social cohesion after an attack. Pilot CRXs have been held in six constituencies thus far. Teams of psychologists organised under the Human Emergency Assistance and Response Teams (HEART) will also support and train grassroots leaders to provide psychological first aid to affected residents after an attack.

### **Bringing the SGSecure Movement to Schools and Workplaces**

8. Besides engaging our people in their neighbourhoods, we have also been conducting SGSecure outreach in schools and workplaces. In schools, students are being briefed on Singapore's security challenges and the terror threat during SGSecure Assembly Talks and mobile exhibitions. These talks and exhibitions have been conducted in more than 100 secondary schools thus far. Customised resources, such as a SGSecure-themed storybook and a card game, have also been produced for primary school students to highlight the importance of vigilance, cohesion and resilience in protecting Singapore's security.

9. SGSecure briefings and trainings are also being conducted in key industries and unions. 1,500 company representatives have been engaged through a series of Counter-Terrorism Seminars. Security personnel and in-house first responders of private sector organisations are also trained as SGSecure responders under the Police's Project Guardian and SCDF's Company Emergency Response Team schemes. The Home Team and the Ministry of Manpower will continue to engage and guide employers on the roles they need to play in the fight against terror, and validate workplace crisis response capabilities and in-house emergency protocols.