

# Home Team Connects

Connecting You with the Home Team

An initiative by the Home Team Volunteer Network



## HIGHLIGHTS

### COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY (COS) DEBATE 2020

At the COS Debate in Parliament, Minister K Shanmugam, Second Minister Josephine Teo, Senior Parliamentary Secretary Amrin Amin and Senior Parliamentary Secretary Sun Xueling outlined key initiatives undertaken by the Home Team and how our Home Team Guardians are working to keep Singapore safe and secure.

### A Strong Home Team for a Safe and Secure Home



#### Strengthened protection for vulnerable groups

- Amended Penal Code and Protection from Harassment Act (POHA)



#### Strengthened ability to deal with religion-based conflict

- Amended the Maintenance of Religious Harmony Act for effective action against threats to religious harmony
- Framework enhanced religious freedom within Singapore



#### Maintained Singapore's approach to Public Order

- Singaporeans can protest at the Speakers' Corner at Hong Lim Park, without the need for a permit
- Otherwise, under the Public Order Act, it is an offence to organise or participate in a public assembly without a Police permit



#### An effective Home Team to maintain law and order

- Rise to the challenge to manage national crises - officers deployed to manage COVID-19
- Invest in our officers and raise the retirement age of officers on the Home Affairs Uniformed (HUS) Scheme from 55 to 58 by 2030, to tap on their experience
- Enhance Police Coast Guard capabilities to better handle coastal water incidents

Read the [Speech](#) by Minister K Shanmugam.

## Transforming the Home Team to Safeguard Singapore

The Home Team Science and Technology Agency (HTX) will house 14 Centres of Expertise to develop deep tech capabilities to support Home Team operations



- Leverage robotics, automation and unmanned systems to optimise scarce manpower, increase operational capacity and agility



- Sharpen capabilities to defend against Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosives (CBRNE) threats



- Develop new digital forensic capabilities to support investigations



### Harness technology to deliver better services

- ICA has been digitalising its services to provide more hassle-free and efficient immigration clearance



### Develop talent to enhance operational readiness to deal with future threats and challenges

- Grow HTX's talent pool of engineers and scientists
- Introduce an "Ops-Tech Career Track" for uniformed officers

Read the [Speech](#) by Second Minister Josephine Teo.

## Combating Drug Abuse and Strengthening Rehabilitation Together



### Enhancing Singapore's approach to combat growing trends of concern

- Review laws to stay ahead of drug trends and deal with threat of New Psychoactive Substances (NPS), the third most commonly abused drug
- Sharpen Preventive Drug Education to correct misinformation about drugs and address changing attitudes towards Cannabis
- Co-create and co-deliver the anti-drug message with youths, to youths
- Collaborate with communities and groups on anti-drug engagement



### Strengthening rehabilitation and re-integration of offenders

- Continue to work with community partners and agencies to support inmates and their families
- Expand network of volunteers to support ex-offenders in staying crime-free
- Empower inmates to take charge of their rehabilitation and learning
- Enhance employment opportunities for inmates by equipping them with industry-relevant skills. SCORE will partner Singapore Precision Engineering and Technology Association and MediaCorp to set up training academies

Read the [Speech](#) by Senior Parliamentary Secretary Amrin Amin.



**Strengthening measures to tackle tech-enabled crimes**

- Ensure enforcement capabilities keep pace with technological developments
- Set up an Inter-Ministry Committee to coordinate approach and efforts to combat scams



**Continue building the SGSecure movement to increase community preparedness and resilience against terrorism**

- Roll out customised programmes so that individuals know what to do in the event of an attack



**Continue partnering the community to save lives**

- Under the Save-A-Life (SAL) initiative, more than 5,200 AEDs were installed and more than half a million people have been trained in CPR-AED skills
- Tiered Response Framework prioritised life-threatening emergencies to receive Emergency Medical Services
- Increase public awareness on when "995" should be called

Read the [Speech](#) by Senior Parliamentary Secretary Sun Xueling.

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## INITIATIVE TO CURB FAMILY VIOLENCE

### LAUNCH OF INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE



#### Saying No to Family Violence

The educational picture book **'A Day with Bob'** was launched by SPS Sun Xueling MHA & MND, together with SPS Muhammad Faishal Ibrahim MSF, on 17 February. A collaboration between Ang Mo Kio Police Division and PAVE, a voluntary welfare organisation that specialises in the management of interpersonal violence, the book carries a very important message for children – not to be ashamed if they are victims of family violence, and to seek help. SPF and PAVE will be working with MOE to distribute 25,000 copies of 'A Day with Bob' to primary schools.

#### Expansion of Home Team CARES

At the launch event, SPS Sun also announced the launch of a new inter-agency task force to offer greater support to victims of family violence. The task force will be co-chaired by SPS Sun and SPS Faishal. Among the initiatives that will be rolled out is an expansion of the scope of **Home Team CARES (Community Assistance and Referral Scheme)**. First piloted at Bedok Police Division in January 2019, Home Team CARES will be expanded for social workers to provide support to next-of-kin of offenders in family violence cases.

>> Read [SPS Sun's speech](#) from the launch of 'A Day with Bob.'

>> To learn how we can curb family violence, visit: Break the Silence: [www.msf.gov.sg/breakthesilence](http://www.msf.gov.sg/breakthesilence)

## BREAK THE SILENCE: Resources on Curbing Family Violence



[go.gov.sg/speakup](https://go.gov.sg/speakup)



[go.gov.sg/helpthem](https://go.gov.sg/helpthem)



[go.gov.sg/firststeps](https://go.gov.sg/firststeps)

## UPDATES ON COVID-19

### DUTY AND DEDICATION ON THE FRONTLINERS

Since the emergence of COVID-19 (Coronavirus Disease 2019) in Singapore, the Home Team has moved swiftly to support the national response to this threat and ensure that comprehensive measures are in place to safeguard public safety, while ensuring the health of our officers.

Here's a snapshot of how our Home Team Guardians are playing their part:



As the COVID-19 situation continues to develop, our Home Team Guardians are committed to safeguarding the safety and security of Singapore. On 14 February, PM Lee Hsien Loong visited Changi Airport Terminal 3 to meet ICA officers and medical personnel. PM Lee encouraged the officers and brought gifts for those hard at work during this critical period.

DPM Heng Swee Keat and SPS Sun Xueling also visited Kallang Fire Station on 16 February to learn more about SCDF's EMS operations and the enhanced measures that officers are taking in response to COVID-19. They spoke to emergency ambulance crew as well as SCDF officers supporting temperature screenings at Changi Airport. Athletes from Team Singapore joined the visit and cheered on our Guardians in blue with ice cream and gifts.

**FOR MORE VIDEOS AND PHOTOS, VISIT:**

>> **PM's visit to Changi Airport:**

[go.gov.sg/pm-changi](https://go.gov.sg/pm-changi)

>> **DPM Heng and SPS Sun's visit to Kallang Fire Station:**

[go.gov.sg/dpm-sps-kallang](https://go.gov.sg/dpm-sps-kallang)



On 11 February, MIN K Shanmugam visited Home Team units to meet officers and convey his appreciation for their commitment and hard work. Besides meeting SPF officers who are responsible for the security of quarantine operations at CSC@Changi II, he also visited CID to learn more about how officers have been leveraging their investigative expertise to assist MOH with contact tracing.

MIN Shanmugam also visited another Government Quarantine Facility at the National Community Leadership Institute to meet SCDF medical personnel and officers who were conducting swabbing operations on Persons Under Quarantine. SCDF has introduced new protocols to screen emergency calls for possible COVID-19 cases. On 12 February, SPS Amrin visited SCDF HQ and Paya Lebar Fire Station, to learn more about this and to meet ambulance crews and other frontline personnel.



2MIN Josephine Teo visited 3<sup>rd</sup> SCDF Division and Yishun Fire Station on 21 February to encourage the officers as they continue their crucial work.

>> For more photos, visit:  
 MIN's visit to CSC@Changi II: [go.gov.sg/min-spf-changi](https://go.gov.sg/min-spf-changi)  
 SPS Amrin's visit to SCDF HQ: [go.gov.sg/sps-amrin-scdf-hq](https://go.gov.sg/sps-amrin-scdf-hq)  
 SPS Amrin's visit to Paya Lebar Fire Station: [go.gov.sg/sps-amrin-paya-lebar](https://go.gov.sg/sps-amrin-paya-lebar)

## COMMUNITY RESPONSE

### SG UNITED



Inspired by the strong community response to COVID-19, this [portal](#) aims to rally all Singaporeans to unite and join efforts to overcome the challenge we face today.

The SG United Portal facilitates community participation in COVID-19 response efforts by aggregating relevant content, resource sites and opportunities. Through this portal, **Singaporeans can access diverse opportunities to volunteer, donate,**



support community-led initiatives, and link up to resources to kick-start their own projects. This makes it easier for Singaporeans to contribute in a manner that they find most meaningful, and which uses their skills and talents.

**SIGN UP AN SGSECURE RESPONDER TODAY!**



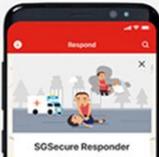
**BECAUSE YOU CARE.  
BE AN SGSECURE RESPONDER TODAY!**

Anyone can be an SGSecure Responder, so long as you are willing to help others in distress.



**To sign up as an SGSecure Responder:**

- Download the SGSecure App
- Register via the "Respond" feature



After signing up, you will receive alerts to these cases happening near you:

- Cardiac arrest
- Minor fires

You are not obligated to respond. Do so only when you can, and only if it is safe. Prior certification in CPR is not required.

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**Keen to help out but do not have the skills?**  
No worries. Here are some organisations where you can pick up these useful lifesaving skills:

SKILL	WHERE TO SIGN UP
CPR / AED	Community Emergency Preparedness Programme (CEPP) at <a href="http://www.scdf.gov.sg">www.scdf.gov.sg</a>
BASIC FIRE-FIGHTING	For CPR/AED training only, you can email <a href="mailto:dare_programme@sgh.com.sg">dare_programme@sgh.com.sg</a>
FIRST AID	
PSYCHOLOGICAL FIRST AID	Singapore Red Cross Academy <a href="http://www.redcross.sg">www.redcross.sg</a> Singapore Emergency Responder Academy (SERA) <a href="http://www.sera.sg">www.sera.sg</a>

For more information, visit [www.sgsecure.sg](http://www.sgsecure.sg).

OUR RESPONSE MATTERS. WE MAKE SGSECURE.

**Upcoming SGSecure Roadshows**

Upcoming are two SGSecure Roadshows on 13-15 March at Paya Lebar Quarter Plaza and 17-19 April at Causeway Point Atrium. Do join us for the exciting counter-terror exercise by SPF and SCDF on Saturday, 14 March, 1pm and pick up some life-saving skills. More details can be found at [www.sgsecure.sg](http://www.sgsecure.sg).

*As a precautionary measure in view of the COVID-19 situation, temperature screening and health declarations will be conducted at the roadshows.*



**SGSECURE ROADSHOW**  
PAYA LEBAR QUARTER, PLQ PLAZA

**13 – 15 MAR 2020**  
FRI 5PM-9PM, SAT & SUN 11AM-9PM



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**SGSECURE ROADSHOW**  
CAUSEWAY POINT ATRIUM, LEVEL 1

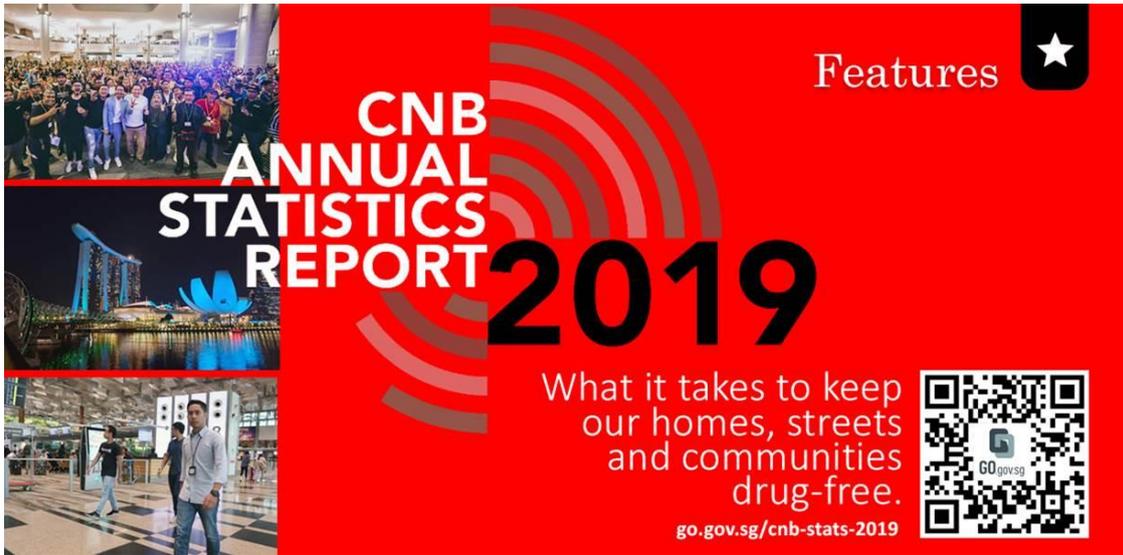
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**CNB ANNUAL STATISTICS REPORT 2019**

Features 

What it takes to keep our homes, streets and communities drug-free.

[go.gov.sg/cnb-stats-2019](http://go.gov.sg/cnb-stats-2019)



**SPF ANNUAL CRIME BRIEF & ROAD TRAFFIC SITUATION 2019**

[go.gov.sg/spf-stats-2019](http://go.gov.sg/spf-stats-2019)

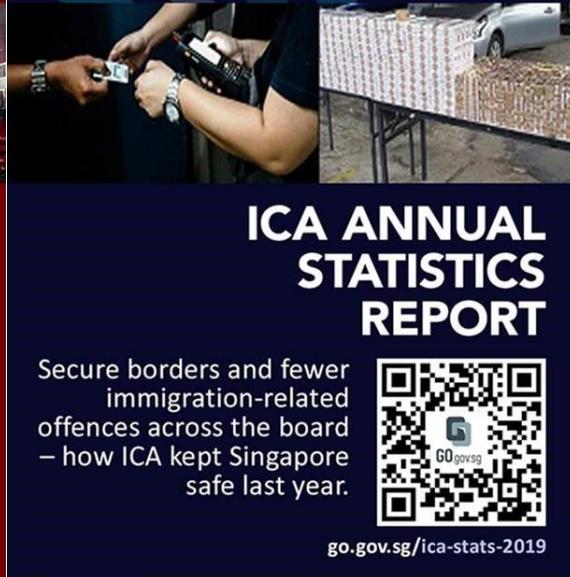
What it takes to keep Singapore crime-free and our roads safe.



**SCDF FIRE, EMS AND ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS**

Responding to fire and emergency calls, and enforcing fire safety regulations – SCDF had another busy year in 2019.

[go.gov.sg/scdf-stats-2019](http://go.gov.sg/scdf-stats-2019)



**ICA ANNUAL STATISTICS REPORT**

Secure borders and fewer immigration-related offences across the board – how ICA kept Singapore safe last year.

[go.gov.sg/ica-stats-2019](http://go.gov.sg/ica-stats-2019)



Seen 

Cool content from the Home Team and beyond!



I want to do something meaningful with my time.



Ann Sim  
SCDF Volunteer Emergency Medical Technician  
Singapore Airlines Cabin Crew

to be more hands-on in helping others.



both mother and child were safe.

### SGSecure Short Films

#### Episode 6: Ann Sim MHA FB

A full-time stewardess with Singapore Airlines, Ann Sim is also a volunteer EMT with SCDF. Here's her story.  
#OurResponseMatters #WeMakeSGSecure  
[go.gov.sg/mha-sgsecure-ann](http://go.gov.sg/mha-sgsecure-ann)



One is right and the other is wrong.





### The Reflection CNB FB

Shout-out to the students from Vazhkai Productions, ITE College West, for producing this anti-drug film for their final-year project.  
#BothaiporulaiEthirthuNirpom #DrugFreeSG  
[go.gov.sg/cnb-ben](http://go.gov.sg/cnb-ben)

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