

Home Team Connects

Connecting You with the Home Team

An initiative by the Home Team Volunteer Network



EDITOR'S PICK

HTVN CARES - "EVERYDAY GUARDIANS" CARE PACKS FOR THE FRONTLINERS

Small acts can have a big impact! In May, MHQ officers as well as Home Team volunteers from all walks of life stepped forward to prepare "Everyday Guardians" care packs for frontline officers from the Home Team, MSF, MOM, SAF, NParks and the Migrant Workers' Centre.



An initiative of the Home Team Volunteer Network (HTVN), this worthy project saw over 200 Home Team volunteers collecting the items for packing at home, so as to observe safe distancing measures. The care packs included disposable and reusable face masks, hand sanitiser, hand cream, wet wipes, an SGUnited badge and a message of appreciation from HTVN to frontliners.



HIGHLIGHTS

MATAR – PATROL ROBOTS SUPPORTING COVID-19 OPERATIONS



MATAR

WHEELED PRESENCE ON THE GROUND

BY TIFFANY TAN

Check out how patrol robots are supporting COVID-19 operations.

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EVERYDAY GUARDIANS CARE PACKS

FROM THE HEART

We spoke to four of the Everyday Guardians who stepped forward to do their part, plus a Home Team officer on the frontlines.

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**Jacqueline Clare
Bryant Phillips**
SPS Befriender

“I currently volunteer with SPS as a Befriender, and also as a mentor to at-risk youths with another organisation. One of my Befriendees has been unable to work during this period, and this has created conflict within her family. We try to help them through this, and keep them motivated.



“Part of it is convincing our Befriendees that this is just a blip on the radar; a way to challenge ourselves; so that we can come out of it stronger; united. That’s why I decided to help with the care packs. This period has been a gift of time, to take life at a slower pace. It’s a strange time for everyone, but we’ll get through it together.”



Jasbir Singh
Volunteer, Yellow
Ribbon Project

“For the last five years, I’ve supported ex-offenders through the Yellow Ribbon Project. As an ex-offender myself, I can relate to their experiences, and I want to give back by sharing my own positive experiences of succeeding after completing my sentence. If I can do it, so can they.



“My wife and I felt that it would be a good idea to give back by helping with the care packs, and to get the ball rolling for everyone at home. We set up a production line and packed them together with our kids. We got through our 100 care packs pretty fast. It was a fun and rewarding family bonding session, and our boys were pretty good at their work!”

OUR MHQ VOLUNTEERS >>



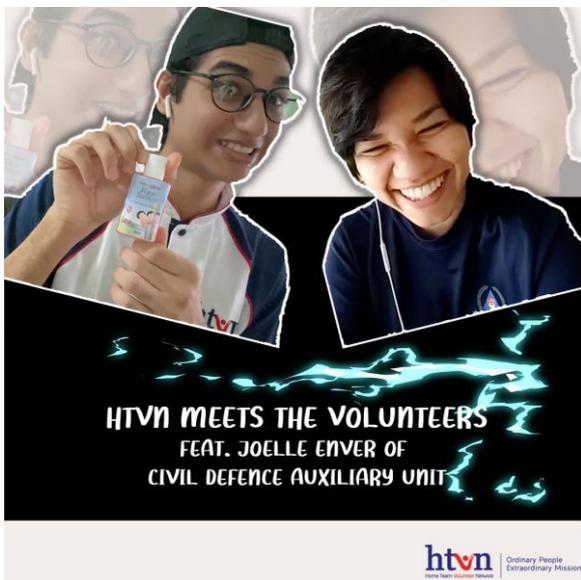
**Danial Mohamad
Bin Kamal**
Staff Assistant (ORD
Admin), Human
Resources Division,
MHQ

“Seeing that our frontline officers are working so hard throughout this period, I felt that I needed to do my part and contribute as well. I decided to support the care packs initiative after receiving the call for volunteers. This was something I could help with, and be a part of!”



Tan Yick Loong
Senior Manager
(Resource Planning),
Planning &
Organisation Division,
MHQ

“I also volunteered to help with the care packs, together with other MHQ officers. All in all, I think the whole situation shows how united Singapore can be. Of course, the Government has been leading our efforts from the front, but we’ve also seen many private individuals come up to support our frontline officers. It’s heartening to see that we as Singaporeans will step forward in times of need.”



HTVN recently introduced a new video series called 'HTVN meets the Volunteers' where we conduct virtual interviews with volunteers from different volunteering schemes. The video series helped provide insight into the lives of our volunteers during this period, who they are and answer questions about their schemes.

Check out this [video](#), where we interviewed Joelle Enver from Civil Defence Auxiliary Unit as she shared about her involvement in packing the care packs.

ON THE FRONTLINES >>



SSGT Siti Aida Binte Mohd Samudi, ICA

"I was touched by the gesture and appreciative of the efforts of the Home Team volunteers, as well as our senior management, who have always ensured that we're taken care of during these challenging times. This will definitely motivate me to press on with my duties on the frontline. Let's all do our part to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and keep Singapore safe!"



>> **Watch a video on the Everyday Guardians care packs:**
go.gov.sg/mha-carepacks



REHABILITATION

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS



"This is a tough time for everyone in Singapore, and we're all facing the same COVID-19 challenges. As a long-time partner of Yellow Ribbon Singapore, we're very happy to be given the opportunity to participate in sponsoring the care packs for the beneficiaries."

- Ms Celeste Ang, Principal at Baker McKenzie Wong & Leow

To show support and care for the families and children of offenders during this period, 110 care packs – comprising necessities, vouchers and a set of storybooks donated by Girl Guides Singapore – were packed by residents of Selarang Halfway House. The care packs will be delivered to beneficiaries of the Yellow Ribbon Fund by Bravehearts SRM Services Pte Ltd, a delivery company founded by an ex-offender. The care packs were made possible by generous individuals and corporates such as Baker McKenzie Wong & Leow.

REVISED PERSONAL PROTECTION EQUIPMENT (PPE)

UPDATED REQUIREMENTS FOR SCDF AMBULANCE CREW

SCDF revised the PPE requirements for SCDF ambulance personnel when attending to emergency calls, in view of the reduced number of COVID-19 cases in the community.

Since 7 February 2020 (when the DORSCON alert level was raised to Orange), SCDF ambulance crews have been required to don enhanced PPE when attending to all ambulance calls. The enhanced PPE consists of an N95 mask, goggles and a full gown. Crew members with long hair were also required to don a bouffant cap.

With effect from 15 June, SCDF ambulance personnel will continue to put on **an N95 mask and goggles**. They will only be required to don enhanced PPE when responding to cases involving:

- A known COVID-19-positive person;
- A person who is under quarantine or Stay-Home Notice;
- or a person who fits MOH's suspect case criteria.

Other infection control measures such as strict hand hygiene and the decontamination of ambulances after conveying patients to hospitals will continue to be implemented. This is to ensure the safety of SCDF ambulance personnel and patients.



“The decision to revise the PPE requirements for our ambulance personnel was made **after careful consideration** which has taken into account the **reduced transmission risk in the community**.

All crew will still continue to **wear N95 masks and goggles at all times while on duty to provide** adequate protection from potential droplet spread of COVID-19 through the mucous membranes (eyes, nose, mouth) when they perform procedures such as CPR and airway management.

The revised requirements will also reduce the **risk of heat fatigue for ambulance crew** who have to spend long hours in outdoor environments.”

– COL (Dr) Shalini Arulanandam,
Chief Medical Officer, SCDF

HOME TEAM RESILIENCE

RESPONDING TO COVID-19

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RESPONDING TO COVID-19 (PART 6)

FEATURING OFFICERS FROM
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BY SOO JUN XIANG

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