

# Home Team Connects

Connecting You with the Home Team

An initiative by the Home Team Volunteer Network



## EDITOR'S PICK

### THANK YOU MOS DESMOND

Thank you MOS Desmond (Co-Chairman of the Home Team Volunteer Network), for your leadership and support for HT volunteers over the past two years.

Let's take a trip down memory lane, to look back at some of the highlights of Co-Chairman's engagements with our volunteers at the different Home Team Volunteer Network events.

Wishing you all the best!



>> [Check out the video on HTVN FB](#)

## HIGHLIGHTS

### HOME TEAM VOLUNTEER NETWORK

How will YOU help keep Singapore safe and secure? Join the Home Team Volunteer Network as we connect volunteers to meaningful opportunities to serve our community.

If you are keen to do your part for Singapore, find out how you can volunteer at <https://www.mha.gov.sg/volunteers/home-team-volunteer-scheme>.

**#OrdinaryPeopleExtraordinaryMission**

Our Home Team volunteers are driven by the passion to serve our community and keep Singapore safe and secure.

As a volunteer, you will have the opportunity to pick up valuable skills, forge new bonds, and make a positive difference to the community.

Visit [WWW.MHA.GOV.SG/VOLUNTEERS](http://WWW.MHA.GOV.SG/VOLUNTEERS) or scan the QR code to volunteer now!

## MIN: DEATH PENALTY A SERIOUS DETERRENT

MIN K Shanmugam took on hard-hitting questions on BCC’s HARDtalk on 29 June and reiterated Singapore’s tough stance on drugs and the death penalty.



*“Capital punishment is one aspect of a whole series of measures that we have... It's imposed on drug traffickers... because there's clear evidence that it is a serious deterrent for would-be drug traffickers.”*

He also spoke on racial discrimination, maintaining relations with China and the US, and the importance of governance in an increasingly anti-globalised world.

[>> Read the Transcript](#)

Scan to watch the podcast:



## SWIFTERS ON THE SEAS

To better safeguard our long coastline and stay ahead of challenges in a complex maritime environment, the Police Coast Guard has upgraded its fleet with next-generation patrol craft.

**Minister K Shanmugam commissioned the three new types of boats** in a ceremony on 30 June.



PHOTOS: SPF

The new fleet is designed for improved speed and is better equipped to detect and neutralise threats. This is critical as our small sea space gives very little reaction time to tackle incoming threats before they reach our shores, said MIN Shanmugam.

[>> Read MIN’s Speech](#)

## POLICE DAY PARADE

To commemorate Police Day which falls on 3 June, SPF held a physical parade last Friday – its first since the pandemic. President Halimah Yacob inspected the parade as the Guest-of-Honour and presented awards for the Best Land Division and the Best National Service (NS) Operationally Ready Unit. MOS Desmond Tan presented awards to the best Full-time Police National Service (PNSF) officers and Police National Servicemen (PNSmen). Over 2,000 officers attended the parade wearing the Singapore Police Bicentennial Medal for the first time.



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## TRANSFORMING CORRECTIONS UPLIFTING LIVES

After achieving a record 30-year low in the two-year recidivism rate at 20%, SPS and YRSG are setting their sights on a more ambitious target: lowering the five-year recidivism rate, MOS Faishal announced at the SPS-YRSG Corporate Advance held on 17 June.



MOS highlighted new initiatives to achieve the goal, including:

- **Strengthening Family Support for Inmates with Young Children** - Referrals to Family Service Centres, if family assistance is required, for all inmates with young children by 2023.
- **Implementing Employment Preparation Scheme** - Letting suitable inmates undergo skills training and education in the community.
- **Establishing a Desistor Network** – To provide peer support for ex-offenders as part of the Community Mobilisation plan.
- **Launch of “Friends of YRSG” Telegram Channel (t.me/friendsofymsg)** - To strengthen the community of advocates offering second chances.

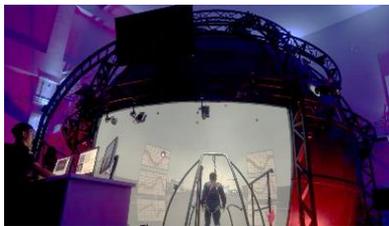
*“To reduce the five-year recidivism rate, it is vital that we build a strong ecosystem of pro-social support to help ex-offenders stay away from their old ways.”*

– MOS Muhammad Faishal Ibrahim

>> [Read MOS’ speech](#)



## THE FUTURE IS HERE



Themed ‘The Future is Here’, this year’s SCDF Workplan Seminar held on 10 June focused on new innovation and technology to meet its goal of fostering “A Nation of Lifesavers”.



Guest-of-Honour MOS Faishal announced the upcoming deployment of HazMat sensors across the island and the EMS non-dispatch policy for cases deemed non-emergency by the 995 Operations Centre.

>> [Read MOS’ speech](#)

MOS also launched the Emergency Responders’ Fitness Conditioning & Enhancement Laboratory (EXCEL) developed jointly with HTX. The lab provides officers with individualised training through physiological and cognitive data analyses, such as:

- **Strength, Conditioning & Rehabilitation in Virtual Environment (STRiVE) Lab:** An immersive environment that assesses and analyses officers’ movements to ensure optimal physical condition for training and operations.
- **Heat Acclimatisation and Thermoregulation (HEAT) Lab:** A chamber that simulates climatic conditions for conducting the Breathing Apparatus Proficiency Test (BAPT), heat related research and acclimatisation programmes.



MOS also unveiled the latest Red Rhino, which will include the second-generation Red Rhino Robot, a Fire Blanket to contain vehicle fires and two Compressed Air Foam trolleys.



>> [Watch SCDF Workplan video](#)

## LATEST ISSUE OF THE HOME TEAM JOURNAL

In this edition, the theme of public trust takes centre stage.

The topic of trust runs through most of the articles, highlighting its importance in the Home Team. To quote MIN K Shanmugam: "Trust is absolutely critical, and the fundamental currency of our work."

To celebrate the achievements of women in the Home Team, this issue also features Commissioner of Prisons Shie Yong Lee in the Leadership Interview, who shares about what motivates her to serve.

Read also about the significant milestones of three Home Team Departments - the 75th anniversary of the Singapore Prison Service, the 50th anniversary of the Central Narcotics Bureau, and the 15th anniversary of the Home Team Academy.



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## YOU WANT TO BE POLICE?



Think anyone can be a police officer? Watch this to see what it takes to become one:

>> [Click here to watch](#)

## KEEPING DRUGS AT BAY



Watch how CNB, ICA and SPF work together as #OneHomeTeam in keeping our borders secure against drugs:

>> [Click here to watch](#)

## #ISUPPORTSECONDCANCES

To drive awareness and inspire others to declare their support for second chances, YRSG has launched the nationwide pledge movement “#iSupportSecondChances” from 17 June to 22 July 2022.

Here are 3 steps how you can show your support too:

**1** Prepare any piece of expression to make a pledge.



Selfie/Wefie   Writing   Singing   Dancing

**2** Post the photo on your social media:



Like/follow us on IG or FB



Tag us IG @yellowribbonsg FB Yellow Ribbon Singapore



Use hashtag #iSupportSecondChances in your caption

**3** Tag 3 friends in your post!



DM us a screenshot of your post, if your account is private. This will help us keep track of the number of pledges!



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