

Home Team Connects

Connecting You with the Home Team

An initiative by the Home Team Volunteer Network



EDITOR'S PICK

HTVN WEBINAR: CONNECTING YOU WITH THE HOME TEAM

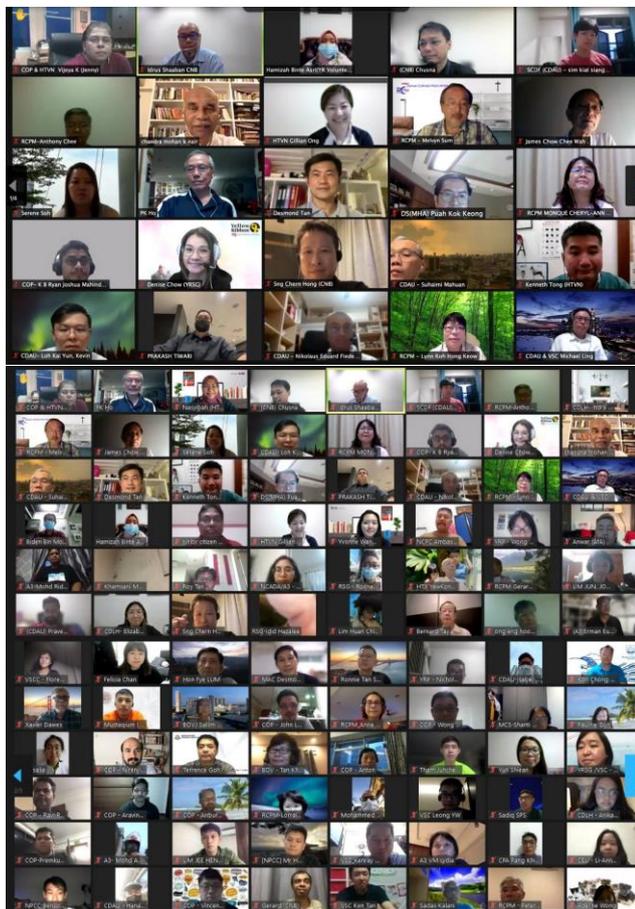
The Home Team Volunteer Network (HTVN) held an anti-drug webinar on 21st May evening, with Home Team volunteers taking part in a wide-ranging discussion on the subject “Let’s Talk Dope!” which was shared by the Central Narcotics Bureau (CNB) officers.

Other highlights include a virtual Heritage Gallery tour, Q&A segment related to the topic and dialogue session with both Co-Chairmen of HTVN, MOS Desmond Tan and A/P Ho Peng Kee.

Thanking the volunteers for their commitment to the drugfree cause, MOS Desmond encouraged them to continue sharing about the vital work of the Home Team through their own networks. Look out for more exciting webinars from us!

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HIGHLIGHTS

YOUR FRIENDLY VOLUNTEER COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICERS



How and why does Jian Kai from the Central Narcotics Bureau (CNB) spend his weekends as a Volunteer Special Constabulary (Community) officer?

>> [Read more here](#)



FIRST READING: REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS BILL

Introduced for First Reading in Parliament on 10 May, this Bill will simplify the process of reporting births and deaths. All births have to be reported within 42 days while deaths need only be registered with a general practitioner.

>> [Read the Press Release](#)

SECOND READING: ROAD TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT) BILL

Passed on 11 May in Parliament, this Bill will raise penalties for such offences as illegal speed trials and road rage, introduce a theory test for users of Power Assisted Bicycles and enhance the Traffic Police's operational efficiency.

>> [Read the Second Reading Speech and Wrap Up Speech by MOS Faishal Ibrahim](#)

PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS

On 11 May, MP Murali Pillai noted two recent racial incidents connected to COVID-19 that were reported in the press and sought clarifications from MIN K Shanmugam regarding his assessment of the security situation arising from these incidents. MIN Shanmugam addressed the issue and condemned the acts as racist.

“We have seen racism around the world during this pandemic... We have to condemn such behaviour in Singapore... The majority of Singaporeans are decent and not racist, but if we continue to fan the flames of racism, we will get to a more uncomfortable position... We will fail if we allow racism and xenophobia to become prevalent, and it is contrary to everything that has made us successful and proud to be Singaporean.”



– MIN K Shanmugam

>> [Watch the video of MIN Shanmugam's Oral Reply](#)

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>> [SPF has arrested a suspect for public nuisance, uttering words with intent to wound the racial feelings of others and voluntarily causing hurt](#)

JUST THE FACTS

TRUTH ABOUT SPF OFFICERS

On 19 May, SPF issued a statement addressing false allegations online against SPF officers who'd attended to an elderly woman with dementia in Yishun.

>> [Read SPF's statement \(19 May\)](#)

On 21 May, Correction Directions under POFMA were issued to three parties who'd made the false allegations. Following further allegations by The Online Citizen Asia (TOC), SPF released a video on 25 May reaffirming the facts of the case and showing body-worn camera footage of the incident.

>> [Watch SPF's video \(25 May\)](#)



Speaking to the media that same evening, MIN K Shanmugam restated his support for officers carrying out their duties and called out TOC for its unethical actions.

“TOC took one such incident... twisted the facts and said Police bullied her, chased her away. TOC has done this to try and cast doubt on the Police, to damage the trust that people have in the Police. And it is really a disservice to the thousands of Police officers who have been fighting at the frontlines, for the whole of last year, and so far this year, dealing with COVID-19 while keeping law and order.”

– MIN K Shanmugam



>> [Watch the video of MIN’s remarks to the media on 25 May](#)

HOME TEAM ROUND UP

VITUAL HARI RAYA VISITS



MIN K Shanmugam with SCDF officers at Changi Fire Station

The duty to safeguard our safety and security doesn’t stop on public holidays.



MOS Faishal with SCDF officers at West Coast Marine Fire Station

In their video chat with MOS Faishal, SCDF officers who were spending time away from their families made the best of their time at work and reiterated their commitment to protect the nation at a moment’s notice.



2MIN Josephine Teo with SPF PCG officers

On Hari Raya Puasa, MIN K Shanmugam, 2MIN Josephine Teo, MOS Faishal Ibrahim and MOS Desmond Tan caught up virtually with officers on duty at various Home Team units to convey their appreciation for their hard work.



MOS Desmond with ICA officers at Woodlands Checkpoint

HOME TEAM UPDATES

HOME TEAM PROMOTIONS CEREMONY

The Home Team Promotion Ceremony was held virtually on 19 May, for officers promoted to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel or Superintendent and above, and equivalent grades in the Voluntary Special Constabulary (VSC), Civil Defence Auxiliary Unit (CDAU) and civilian schemes of service. MIN K Shanmugam was the Guest of Honour at the Ceremony.

A total of 6,280 officers were promoted this year. They comprise regular officers; Operationally Ready National Servicemen from SPF and SCDF; and volunteers from VSC and CDAU. Congratulations to all promotees!



“Maintaining public trust and confidence does not always mean making popular decisions. It means being prepared to make difficult decisions for the wider public good, even if the decisions are unpopular. The responsibility of leadership is to do what is difficult but right, and communicate, explain, bring around people.”

– MIN K Shanmugam

>> [Read the speech by MIN Shanmugam at the Home Team Promotion Ceremony 2021](#)

>> [Learn more about two of this year’s Home Team promotees, COL Shaiful Herman Bin Shali, SCDF, and Muhammad Imran Bin Mohamad Ayub, SPF: \[go.gov.sg/hometeam-passion-dedication-1\]\(https://go.gov.sg/hometeam-passion-dedication-1\)](#)

NEW PARAMEDIC PROGRAMME

This week, SCDF, SAF and Nanyang Polytechnic signed an MOU to enhance paramedic professional standards. The MOU introduces a 12-month full-time Diploma (Conversion) in Paramedic Science and a 1,200 hours On-the-Job Training Programme between SCDF and SAF. The Diploma will allow SCDF and SAF personnel, as well as members of the public who have at least a diploma qualification, to become qualified paramedics.



>> [Learn more about the new Diploma and Training Programme](#)

SPREADING LOVE

MOTHER'S DAY



12 inmates baked cookies for their families as part of a project sponsored by the SSA Culinary Institute for Mother's Day.

Learn more about this heartwarming session!

>> go.gov.sg/yrsg-mothersday2021



Inspired by her father's service as a Police officer, INSP Diana is now a member of SPF's Emergency Response Team. She shares how she juggles her roles as a new mother and a Home Team Guardian!

>> go.gov.sg/mha-yes-maam-spf

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

JOURNEY OF RECOVERY

"R" is an ex-drug abuser who spent 10 years in Prison and went into the Drug Rehabilitation Centre twice. Learn his story and that of Correctional Rehabilitation Specialist Kathleen De Laure as they chat with MOS Muhammad Faishal Ibrahim.

>> [Watch the video](#)



A TALE OF ALICE

CNB'S LATEST SHORT FILM

Don't be fooled by the beautiful White Queen – just a taste of her "special delivery" and you'll find yourself falling down the rabbit hole... Watch CNB's latest short film about a drug pusher who targets the young and impressionable.

>> [A Tale of Alice](#)



