

Home Team Connects

Connecting You with the Home Team

An initiative by the Home Team Volunteer Network



EDITOR'S PICK

MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS NATIONAL DAY AWARDS

On 30th July, Minister for Home Affairs National Day Awards were given to 15 Home Team Volunteers and 83 members of public. 🏆 These extraordinary award recipients were recognised for their efforts in helping the Home Team to keep Singapore safe and secure.

A huge Thank You to all our passionate and committed HT Volunteers for helping to keep Singapore safe and secure and do continue to support one another! ❤️



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HAPPY 10TH ANNIVERSARY, HTVN!

15 July 2021 marks the 10th anniversary of HTVN, and you can celebrate it together with us by downloading HTVN's very own sticker pack! Steady la!

>> [Download the HTVN sticker pack at: sticker.ly/s/9IVY03](#)



HIGHLIGHTS

WE ARE STRONGER TOGETHER



This documentary highlights how various communities have come together following a terror attack, drawing from the lessons of Christchurch, New Zealand; Manchester, England; and Surabaya, Indonesia. Learn how we can stay united in times of crisis, and the vital role of SGSecure in preparing the community to deal with terror attacks and other major incidents.

>> go.gov.sg/stronger-together

On 5th July 2021, MP Seah Kian Peng asked about the number of racially charged incidents reported to the Police over the past five years, and also the Government's assessment of the readiness of Singaporeans to navigate an increasingly polarised society. This is an excerpt from MIN K Shanmugam's written reply:



“The Government will have to continue to be an objective and neutral arbiter and take action against anyone, regardless of race, who commits acts that sow enmity and threaten our racial harmony. This gives confidence to all communities that they can trust the Government to safeguard their interests and to hold the ring on our race relations.

However, not all allegations and accusations that surface in the public sphere cross the lines for prosecution or legal action. If we prosecute every allegation, no matter how trivial, this could stoke people into making police reports for any perceived racial slight, real or misunderstood, or deliberately exaggerated. Over time, this could instead escalate tensions between races and undermine our hard-earned social harmony.

The law cannot be the solution in every situation. It is important that we come together as a society to guard against social fractures and commit to growing our common space. While we should speak out against clear acts of racism, we should be judicious in how we raise issues, in ways that bridge differences and not deepen fault lines. If we do this, and continue to take action against discrimination wherever we see it, building on our already strong foundations, I am confident that we will become an even more cohesive and harmonious society.”

>> [Read MIN Shanmugam's complete written reply](#)

BILLS

FIRST READING

The Police Force (Amendment) Bill was introduced for First Reading on 5th July 2021. The Bill proposes amendments to the Police Force Act to:

- enhance SPF's operational capabilities and readiness;
- strengthen SPF's disciplinary, administrative and human resources processes; and
- strengthen controls over Auxiliary Police Forces.

>> [Read the Press Release](#)

SECOND READING

The Registration of Births and Deaths Bill was passed in Parliament on 6th July 2021. The Bill will simplify the process of reporting births and deaths.

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



>> [SPS Annual Report 2020 \(on Mobile\)](#)

>> [SPS Annual Report 2020 \(Interactive\)](#)

The past year has been an unprecedented one for SPS, but its officers have risen to the challenge, displaying remarkable resilience as they advanced their vital work as Captains of Lives. Check out the SPS Annual Report 2020 to learn more!



HOME TEAM VISITS

FRONTLINE INNOVATION

On 9th July 2021, MIN K Shanmugam visited SPF Tanglin Division to meet officers and learn more about their innovation projects. One such initiative is the Magnetic Microphone Attachment Device. Officers leveraged 3D printing to develop this device, which lets officers attach and detach their communication set microphone easily from their uniforms, improving the way they use and communicate over the radio. The project has previously received the SPF Innovation Award 2019 (Gold) Award and the Home Team InnovA 2020 (Silver) Award.



CARE NETWORK SUMMIT 2021



[>> Watch the speech by 2MIN Josephine Teo at the CARE Network Summit 2021](#)

The CARE Network Summit celebrates its 21st anniversary this year. Since its inception, the CARE Network has expanded to more than 100 community partners that support the rehabilitation and reintegration of ex-offenders. During COVID-19, the CARE Network and its partners continued to rally together to find new ways to support those they serve. In 2020, the Network introduced a five-year plan to advance the aftercare sector's capabilities and capacity, as well as strengthen the throughcare and reintegration experience.

"I thank those in the CARE Network for the work they do, in reaching out to the wider community and forging new partnerships. You have made a difference to the lives of offenders and their families."

– 2MIN Josephine Teo

PEER ADVOCACY IN ACTION



[>> Read MOS Faishal's opening address](#)
[>> Check out more photos of the launch](#)
[>> Watch Monomania](#)

Unable to deal with the pressures of life, a promising young athlete succumbs to the temptation of drugs – this is the story told through an art installation entitled **Monomania** that's the work of two students from Singapore Polytechnic's Media, Arts and Design School. MOS Muhammad Faishal Ibrahim launched the installation on 13 July and emphasised the importance of peer advocacy among youths to spread the anti-drug message. **#DrugFreeSG**

SECURITY INDUSTRY SPOTLIGHT

The Union of Security Employees (USE), the Security Association Singapore (SAS) and the Association of Certified Security Agencies (ACSA) joined hands to raise awareness and appreciation of security officers. One key area of focus for the security industry is to reduce the abuse faced by security officers at their workplaces.

At a ceremony on 12th July 2021, USE, SAS and ACSA unveiled a decal design to raise public awareness on respecting and protecting security officers. Over 6,000 decals will be distributed to member-agencies. The decal is also available online for stakeholders in the security industry to download.



"MHA is happy to support the launch of the Security Officer Anti-Abuse Decal. Abusive behaviour towards security officers should never be tolerated. To complement industry-led efforts, MHA will also be amending the Private Security Industry Act later this year to send a clear signal against abuse and harassment of security officers."

– MOS Desmond Tan

ICA WORKPLAN SEMINAR



For its Workplan Seminar 2021, ICA reflected on its efforts to support our national COVID-19 response and shared its transformation plans moving forward.

While COVID-19 presented many unprecedented challenges for ICA in 2020, it also offered the opportunity to speed up innovation and prepare ICA officers to embrace new roles. These are some of the initiatives that ICA is rolling out to transform operations at its checkpoints and services centres:

New Clearance Concept (NCC)

- Greater use of automated clearance to clear travellers
- Electronic visit passes to replace stamps on passports for contactless and safer clearance
- “On the fly” cargo clearance via paperless clearance permits

Services Centre New Generation (SCNG)

- Roll-out of digital birth and death certificates, for greater convenience

ICA workforce

- More officers will be reskilled and upskilled to ensure they are equipped to take on higher-level roles that arise from ICA’s NCC and SCNG initiatives

>> [Watch 2MIN Josephine Teo’s message to ICA officers](#)
>> [Watch ICA’s Workplan 2021 video](#)



75 YEARS OF SERVICE

Singapore Prison Service (SPS) has come a long way from its beginnings as a traditional custodial agency to a leading correctional agency, one that delivers evidence-informed rehabilitation programmes and effective community supervision of released offenders. Learn more about SPS’ transformation over the decades!



>> go.gov.sg/sps-75years

A WINNING TEST

A video produced by SPS has received the Silver Award (Public Sector Category) at the PR Awards Asia 2021. The award celebrates outstanding and inspiring communications campaigns in the Asia Pacific region.



‘The Test’ traces the journey of an inmate as he prepares to face a test in Prison School and as a father. With the guidance of his Prison officer, the inmate overcomes his challenges and, in turn, inspires his son to do the same. ‘The Test’ provides a glimpse into the ripples of good that begin with SPS officers, which can create a lasting impact beyond prison walls. Congratulations, SPS!

>> [Watch ‘The Test’](#)

INNOVATIONS

Wondering what Policing will be like in the future? Besides the enhanced capabilities of Police camera networks, other technological improvements will aid our dedicated Police officers in their daily work. Check out this video for more!

>> go.gov.sg/spf-wp2021-future



SG SECURE

10TH COMMUNITY RESPONSE ROUNDTABLE



Since the inception of the Community Response Roundtable (CRRT) programme in 2019, MHA's SGSecure Programme Office (SSPO) has worked closely with the People's Association (PA) to initiate Roundtables in various constituencies.

Following a pause in 2020 due to COVID-19, CRRT efforts have regained momentum this year, with SSPO forming its 10th CRRT at Keat Hong constituency on 26 June. SSPO was heartened by the tremendous support of Grassroots Advisers and the active participation of CRRT members (with more than 80% of them agreeing that CRRT had helped them to have a better understanding of the constituency emergency plan and level of crisis preparedness in their communities).



Strong community response is a necessary complement to the heightened counter-terrorism capabilities of our security agencies, and a resilient social network allows us to bounce back to normalcy swiftly and emerge stronger, if and when an attack occurs.

SSPO thanks the participating Home Team partners and SGSecure cluster leads – SPF, SCDF, HEART, PA, MCCY and MOE – for supporting CRRTs. SSPO also looks forward to working with other constituencies island-wide to launch more Roundtables and build a more prepared and resilient Singapore.

Together, we make SGSecure! BY SSPO/MHQ

CRRTs are an initiative under the SGSecure national movement that serves as a coordinating platform to enhance local community-level preparedness through:

- Raising community awareness of the terrorism threat;
- Achieving common situational awareness of each constituency's level of preparedness; and
- Strengthening crisis responses across stakeholder groups in a constituency by clearly defining respective roles and optimising collaborations.

Under the leadership of Grassroots Advisers, leaders of local community stakeholders – grassroots, religious groups, schools, businesses and VWOs – are members of CRRTs.



"CRRTs are a refreshing initiative under SGSecure galvanising the various stakeholders within the community to prepare for any security threat 'not if, but when'."

– Dr Wan Rizal,
Grassroots Adviser to Jalan Besar GROs



ENFORCEMENT SPOTLIGHT

On 20th July 2021, SPF and MSE issued a joint press release addressing checks on nightlife establishments. Here are five things you should know about this topic!

- **Supporting businesses during COVID-19:** In October 2020, Government agencies rolled out a streamlined process to allow nightlife establishment operators to pivot to F&B quickly (and then revert to their usual operations when the sector was able to reopen). This allowed nightlife establishments to earn some revenue in the meantime.
- **Supporting businesses during COVID-19:** In October 2020, Government agencies rolled out a streamlined process to allow nightlife establishment operators to pivot to F&B quickly (and then revert to their usual operations when the sector was able to reopen). This allowed nightlife establishments to earn some revenue in the meantime.
- **Daily checks:** Government agencies have conducted daily enforcement checks on F&B outlets, as well as pivoted nightlife establishments, since they were allowed to reopen in October 2020. Many of these establishments have fully complied with the requirements, but some haven't been responsible.
- **202:** That's the number of enforcement operations that SPF conducted from 1 October 2020 to 10 July 2021 against licensed public entertainment outlets, including those that had pivoted to F&B, as well as against unlicensed public entertainment outlets that were operating in locations such as industrial estates, office units, and shophouses. 540 checks on such outlets were conducted in these enforcement operations, which resulted in the detection of 58 Public Entertainments Act and Liquor Control Act infringements and 595 Safe Management Measures breaches. 142 persons were arrested for various offences.
- **Other enforcement operations:** Joint enforcement operations involving SPF and various Government agencies have also been conducted over 20 weekends and every festive period since October 2020. Around 400 F&B outlets, including pivoted nightlife establishments, are inspected in each operation. To date, agencies have imposed around 100 closure orders on F&B outlets, including around 40 pivoted establishments, with around 10 repeat offenders.

>> [Read the full press release from SPF and MSE](#)

>> [Island-wide anti-crime operation at pivoted KTV pubs \(16 July\)](#)

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