

# Home Team Connects

Connecting You with the Home Team

An initiative by the Home Team Volunteer Network



## EDITOR'S PICK

### HTVN WEBINAR: SHARING BY SCDF

Check out the highlights of our latest HTVN Webinar - Together a Nation of Lifesavers hosted by @myscdf !

Thank you volunteers for your active participation and support! We hope you have had a fruitful experience learning about the various SCDF volunteer schemes and how you can play an active role in saving lives. 😊

Do look out for our upcoming webinar! 👁️



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 #OrdinaryPeopleExtraordinaryMission  
 #HomeTeamVolunteerNetwork  
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## HIGHLIGHTS

### SCAMINAR



“Members of the community also play an important role in the fight against scams by being alert and practising good cyber hygiene, and also healthy scepticism. We can also raise our collective awareness of scams by talking to our friends or loved ones and our families about them.”

– MOS Desmond Tan

On 25<sup>th</sup> August, the Home Team Behavioural Sciences Centre (HTBSC) brought together various partners from the finance and e-commerce industries, academia, community groups and various Government agencies for its inaugural anti-crime seminar titled Scaminar! The Fight Against Scams.

In his opening address, MOS Desmond Tan highlighted that scams are not just a local problem, but a global one. In Singapore alone, scams have increased three-fold since 2016. In 2020, they accounted for 42% of all crime cases with losses estimated to be about \$265 million. While significant progress has been made in tackling scams – through the setting-up of SPF’s Anti-Scam Division and partnerships with industry partners – MOS Desmond reiterated that a whole-of-society approach is needed to effectively combat online crime, which has been evolving quickly with digital technology.

>> [Read MOS Desmond’s opening address](#)

>> [Missed the live-stream of Scaminar? You can watch it at: go.gov.sg/mha-scaminar2021](#)

To find out more about Scaminar, visit [www.scaminar.sg](http://www.scaminar.sg).

You can request a copy of the e-book *Scammer, Beware!*

*Building Societal Resilience to Scams* by HTBSC. >>



## MHA IN PARLIAMENT

The Police Force (Amendment) Bill was passed in Parliament 2<sup>nd</sup> August. The Bill proposes amendments to:

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

>> [Read the Second Reading Speech by MOS Desmond Tan](#)

>> [Read the Wrap-up Speech by MOS Desmond Tan](#)

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## HOME TEAM ROUND-UP

### REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP IN DISASTER MANAGEMENT



“COVID-19 restrictions and measures have slowed down disaster response and the deployment of aid to the affected communities. How do we ensure that our disaster management response is future-ready, and is able to deal with emerging challenges? This is a critical question.

I would like to suggest three areas that we can focus on. First, strengthen the local responses. Second, explore new ways of raising funds for disaster management. Third, leverage technology to improve efficiency and effectiveness of disaster response operations.”

– MIN K Shanmugam



The ASEAN Strategic Policy Dialogue on Disaster Management (SPDDM) 2021 took place virtually from 24 to 26 August. A key platform to promote thought leadership and chart directions for the ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management, SPDDM is co-organised by SCDF, the ASEAN Secretariat and the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on disaster management, with the support of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation.

SPDDM 2021 brought together some 470 local and international participants, comprising representatives of National Disaster Management Organisations from ASEAN and other regions, Ambassadors, and dialogue and industry partners, as well as representatives from international organisations, the private sector and NGOs.

>> [Read MIN Shanmugam's opening remarks for SPDDM](#)

>> [Learn more about SPDDM](#)

### AED-ON-WHEELS



To increase the chances of availing Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) to those suffering from cardiac arrests, MOS Muhammad Faishal Ibrahim launched the SCDF-ComfortDelGro AED-on-Wheels programme on 26 August 2021.



This is SCDF's fourth such community initiative, which sees 50 ComfortDelGro taxis and 10 ComfortDelGro MedCare minibuses equipped with AEDs, and 60 drivers trained as Community First Responders to render CPR and first aid. These drivers will be alerted through SCDF's myResponder app to cardiac arrest cases occurring within 1.5km of their vehicles' locations.

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

*#AnationOfLifesavers*

## SPF AND HOME TEAM SCHOLARSHIP AWARD CEREMONY 2021

At a virtual ceremony on 19<sup>th</sup> August, 2MIN Josephine Teo presented scholarships to 26 outstanding students who are passionate about our mission to keep our nation safe and secure. The Home Team Scholarships comprise both uniformed and civilian scholarships, and include the Singapore Police Force Scholarship, the Singapore Merit Scholarship, the Local Merit Scholarship and the Home Team Local Study Award. The recipients will pursue their studies in various disciplines at universities locally or overseas.



“Our most important investment... is in our people. You are critical to our mission success. This is why we invest heavily to attract the best talent, develop you, and give you a meaningful and fulfilling career in the Home Team...The Home Team needs strong, capable, and inspiring leaders – of impeccable character and integrity, who lead by example, and inspire their colleagues to rise to the challenges.”

– 2MIN Josephine Teo

- >> [Read 2MIN Josephine Teo's speech at the SPF and Home Team Scholarship Award Ceremony 2021](#)
- >> [Hear from Scholars from SPF, CNB and HTX](#)

## SGSECURE: COMMON SENSES FOR COMMON SPACES DIALOGUE



“The core of the SGSecure movement is about how to prepare our community in the event of a terrorist attack... It's very important, as a small society that we continue to stay strong, stay united and stay resilient.”

– MOS Desmond Tan

The Government, individuals and community partners need to collectively build a more cohesive, united and resilient Singapore, and this requires constant effort – said MOS Desmond Tan on 8<sup>th</sup> August at the Common Senses for Common Spaces Interfaith Dialogue – Holy Smoke, organised by the NGO Humanity Matters.

Addressing the participants – youths, academics and religious and community leaders – MOS Desmond encouraged them to translate dialogue into action by participating in community activities that foster stronger racial harmony, and not to, “counter racism with more racism, or extremism with more extremism, because this will only lead to a greater divide among our people and communities.”

>> [Read MOS Desmond's speech at the dialogue](#)  
>> [Check out MOS Desmond's FB post for more photos](#)

MOS Desmond concluded with a call to action to faith leaders, business leaders and community leaders to continue contributing to the SGSecure movement, and to support national efforts to promote racial and religious harmony in Singapore.

## HOME TEAM UPDATES

### HONOURING OUR POLICE OFFICERS

A Private Member's Motion was filed in Parliament this week by Mr Christopher De Souza to commemorate SPF200.

Responding to the Motion, MIN K Shanmugam thanked SPF for its contributions and shared that a commemorative Singapore Police Bicentennial 2020 Medal will be awarded to SPF officers who were in service for any period between 1 January 2020 and 31 December 2020. A Medallion will also be awarded to former Police officers, Civilian officers who were in service with SPF in 2020 and the families of SPF officers who had given their lives in the line of duty.



“As the SPF writes its next chapter, I’m confident that the SPF will continue to uphold its tradition of excellence, and stay anchored on its core values: Courage, Loyalty, Integrity, Fairness, even as it charts its way through a more complex operating environment.

And in doing so, the SPF must continue to hold its officers to the highest standards of integrity and professionalism, in order to maintain the trust of Singaporeans whom it serves.”

– MIN K Shanmugam

>> [Read the Response Speech by MIN K Shanmugam](#)

>> [Read SPF's Press Release on the Singapore Police Bicentennial 2020 Medal](#)

### ONE SINGAPORE, ONE HOME TEAM

Happy birthday, Singapore! On National Day, our Home Team officers took part in the ceremonial parade at the Float@Marina Bay to celebrate Singapore's Independence.

Check out more photos at this link!

>> [go.gov.sg/mha-nationalday2021](https://go.gov.sg/mha-nationalday2021)



#### OUR TRAINERS, OUR PRIDE A Steady Hand at the Helm

Sharing his love for open waters and helping officers take on the unique challenges of maritime Policing.

BY SHAFIQ GUEE

[go.gov.sg/spf-basha](https://go.gov.sg/spf-basha)  
3-MIN READ



ENGAGING THE WHOLE OF SOCIETY TO COMBAT TERRORISM

Launched in September 2016 by PM Lee Hsien Loong, the SGSecure national movement has played a major role over the years in raising awareness about the threat of terrorism among the public and building up the resilience of our community. SGSecure’s best practices and successes are now being introduced to the international community – in June, the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation’s Centre of Excellence for Defence Against Terrorism published its Good Practices in Counter Terrorism handbook, which includes a chapter on various initiatives by SGSecure.

Author Susan Sim explains how SGSecure has taken a whole-of-society approach to train, mobilise and work with a range of community groups. These groups in turn share key SGSecure messages with their stakeholders and help to counter extremist ideologies without stigmatising any particular religion or race.

The community plays a vital role in rejecting terrorist activities and extremist ideologies, and strengthening social cohesion. Together, we make SGSecure!



The [Good Practices in Counter Terrorism](#) handbook serves to inspire thought and creativity among countries to try new approaches in the fight against terrorism.

>> [Read Good Practices in Counter Terrorism](#)

APPOINTMENT OF YRSG BOARD OF DIRECTORS



The YRSG Board of Directors play a key role in the rehabilitation and reintegration of ex-offenders by enhancing and strengthening the employability of ex-offenders. This is done by providing ex-offenders with opportunities through partnerships with chambers of commerce, trade associations, employers and other key partners.

On 18<sup>th</sup> August, YRSG introduced new members to its Board of Directors, the appointments of which will take effect from September 2021. YRSG also extended its heartfelt thanks to outgoing members who have led and pioneered YRSG’s key reintegration efforts in recent years.

>> [go.gov.sg/yrsg-180821](http://go.gov.sg/yrsg-180821)

# YELLOW RIBBON VIRTUAL RUN

## SAVE THE DATE

After a year-long hiatus, the Yellow Ribbon Prison Run returns with a virtual edition that will take place from 1 to 30 September 2021 to showcase that community support transcends physical boundaries and you are invited to participate in the virtual run! Registration is now open!

This is the first time that the Yellow Ribbon Run will be organised virtually, offering participants an opportunity to **Challenge YRself** and **Inspire Second Chances** at your preferred location, in your own time during the month of September. Participants are encouraged to run/walk/hike on routes in the shape of a yellow ribbon as a pledge of support towards second chances for ex-offenders. An exclusive medal specially crocheted by our inmates would also be given to all participants - each crochet medal is hand-made, symbolising an ex-offender's remorse and desire to be given a second chance.

We look forward to your participation and support in the Yellow Ribbon Virtual Run 2021. And we also hope that you can encourage your family members and friends to take part and show their support. Register now at [www.yellowribbonvirtualrun.sg](http://www.yellowribbonvirtualrun.sg)!

Do follow us on social media for more details and exciting features on the run:

- Instagram: @yellowribbonsg
- Facebook: Yellow Ribbon Singapore
- Twitter: @yellowribbonsg



# RUN INFORMATION

RUN CATEGORY	DISTANCE	REQUIREMENT	INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION	GROUP REGISTRATION (5 PARTICIPANTS IN A GROUP)
YR INSPIRE	NO MIN. DISTANCE	ROUTE COMPLETED MUST BE IN THE SHAPE OF A YELLOW RIBBON	\$15 PER PAX	\$13 PER PAX
YR CHALLENGE	60 KM	ROUTE COMPLETED MUST BE IN THE SHAPE OF A YELLOW RIBBON (CAN BE COMPLETED IN 1 RUN OR UP TO A MAXIMUM OF 5 RUNS)		

Register Now!



[www.yellowribbonvirtualrun.sg](http://www.yellowribbonvirtualrun.sg)

For Corporate registrations, please contact [enquiry@yellowribbonvirtualrun.sg](mailto:enquiry@yellowribbonvirtualrun.sg)

# RUNNER'S ENTITLEMENTS



PUMA T-SHIRT (YR INSPIRE)

OR



PUMA T-SHIRT (YR CHALLENGE)



ECO BAG



SPORTS POUCH



CROCHET MEDAL (MADE BY RMATES)



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