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Note from the Team

In any organisation, change is vital in preventing stagnation. In this spirit, the Force embraces change and officers work tirelessly to implement new initiatives. In this issue, we bring you some of these initiatives, ranging from the fantastic new technology showcased at the Police Workplan seminar, to the first Volunteer Special Constabulary officers who do bicycle patrols in the Community Policing unit.

We'll take a look at the new Special Operations Command "pepper ball" gun and take a behind-the-scenes look at the gripping TV series, Crimewatch. Come have a chat with the new COPS bicycle and see what it has to say about community engagement. If you have qualms about talking to bicycles, get in the SG50 spirit and catch up with two famous celebrities from the upcoming film 1965 about their Police characters.

We hope that you find the articles we have written in this edition of the *Police Life* entertaining and informative.

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The Changing Face of Volunteerism

By Sgt (V) Muhammad Jailani Abu Talib
Clementi Police Division

Deputy Assistant Commissioner of Police (DAC) Chua Chuan Seng has headed the Volunteer Special Constabulary (VSC) since 29 October 2014. *Police Life* finds out from DAC Chua on how his unit is all set and ready to take on new challenges in the policing frontier.

Growing from strength to strength since its inception in 1946, the challenges of today demands greater attention on the VSC. It is timely therefore that DAC Chua has embarked on a review of the roles and deployment of VSC officers. Two workgroups have been formed and are in the midst of preparing their recommendations. In the meantime, DAC Chua has some key issues in mind.

Firstly, he plans to increase the total strength of the VSC, in effect boosting the number of deployment hours served by volunteers. "We need to value this group of people," said DAC Chua. "We should make it easier for them to volunteer and do policing work on their terms such as being accommodating towards their schedules." The profiles of the VSCs are very diverse, with their ages ranging from below 21 years old to above 55, and 2.5% of the VSCs having more than 30 years of experience in SPF. It is thus no surprise that the scheme has to be flexible enough to suit the various needs.

While he acknowledges that his presence as a regular officer may present challenges to himself in understanding the minds of his charge, he is optimistic that officers would maintain a positive outlook towards the spirit of volunteerism. Among others, he envisions that VSC officers would play a greater role in serving operational needs.

DAC Chua also likens himself to the role of facilitator by developing systems and processes to further improve the efficiency of the unit. Undeniably, through the deployment of police volunteers on the ground, VSC officers would be placed in autonomous positions to establish better relationships with the community they serve. Given their unique backgrounds, they can assist the main body of SPF in defining problems and developing possible solution for common problems faced on the ground. "They want to see themselves able to contribute more," said DAC Chua. Thus, he hopes to provide them more opportunities during their stint as a VSC.

Just like the officers under his charge, he is passionate about policing and the commitment to make Singapore safe. He rose through the ranks in the past 24 years, starting from being an Investigation Officer at the Clementi Police Division. Driven by sincerity, he appreciates sincerity emanating from fellow officers.

As he reflects upon the challenges that lay before him, he remarks, "I set out to do things right, not looking for material gains nor rewards. I do whatever is the right thing to do."

New Gadgets for the Future

by Cpl Muhd Shahrunnizam Bin Abdul Rashid

The Police Workplan Seminar is an annual affair where the Singapore Police Force (SPF) takes stock of its achievements and unveils its proposed plans for the year.



A Force for the Nation

The Police Workplan Seminar 2015 was held on the 24th April 2015 with the theme “A Force For the Nation” to highlight SPF’s vigorous efforts, commitments and contributions in the quest to make Singapore’s streets the safest in the world. At the seminar, innovative police gadgets, gear and initiatives were showcased.

Among the guests who viewed the exhibition were Guest-of-Honour

Deputy Prime Minister Teo Chee Hean, SPF officers together with their family members, students from various institutions and Police Pioneers. They got a first glimpse of the new devices being explored such as the electric Unicycle and the Unmanned Police Aerial Vehicle (UAV).

DPM Teo also tried on the new SPF Load-Bearing Vest (LBV), an alternative to the utility belt currently used by our NPCOs. The

PELLETS

— THAT TEAR PERPETRATORS —

The Special Operations Command unveiled the latest addition to their arsenal of defensive weapons at the Workplan Seminar. Named the “pepperball” P4.1, the weapon is powered by compressed air and provides Police Tactical Unit troopers a less lethal option when dealing with violent public order incidents.

The P4.1 fires spherical impact rounds that can either be filled with indelible paint to mark rioters or Oleoresin Capsicum, a form of irritant which has an effect similar to tear gas. Don’t let the name fool you though. Staff Sergeant Mark Ooi, who explained the weapon’s powers to visitors, described the weapon as being useful in deterring rioters. The weapon has two distinctive functions.

Firstly, when fired, its pellets release Ultra-Violet ink-like substances that could stick to the clothing of whoever that’s shot. The substance is invisible to the naked eye and is only visible with the aid of a black light. This is useful in helping SOC officers narrowing down the ring leaders without them ever noticing.

Secondly, the weapon could also fire a pepper-ball projectile releasing a Synthetic pepper-like substance that could tear even the fiercest perpetrators.

According to Staff Sergeant Ooi, he is glad to have the option of using the P4.1 Pepper-ball. “Now we have more varieties of weapons, and with this, it is easier for us to narrow down the steps needed to tackle different situations”.

“You may also notice that the weapon is painted in both orange and black. This is because we want the public to know that the weapon is non-lethal as a full black weapon represents the colour for violence.”

The weapon has a loading capacity of 15 rounds per cartridge and its projectile could fire as far as 25 meters.



LBV allows our officers to fasten their equipment securely without inhibiting their movement, freeing them up to engage subjects when going chase.

“I think that the design is cool for officers patrolling on the

streets. The uniform has no silver buttons, which makes it more comfortable for the officers to don it. It also looks more tactical and professional and I’m also proud of the change,” said National Service Inspector Benjamin Chia from the Operations Department.



PIONEER’S

— POINT OF VIEW —



Mr Sri Kanthan S/O N. Chelliah, a veteran instructor who was one of the pioneering officers who shaped the SPF, was struck by the advances in technology used in SPF.

He was impressed by the new uniform equipped with new gadgets like the body worn camera. “It’s a good change. Back in the 1970s, technology was not so advanced compared to now but now SPF is already moving towards an era where advanced technology is commonplace. The new uniforms also reflect the image of our Police Force which brings out confidence and discipline to our officers.”

Students were also invited to the seminar. Apart from the P4.1 Pepper-ball, they were intrigued by other weapons displayed by various departments, and the new devices that were showcased. An 18-year old student from Hwa Chong Institution, Lee Kay Han, said that it is good for the SPF to hold such annual events so that the public

would have a better understanding of the progression and development of Police Force. “I believe that it is important for SPF to be constantly upgraded so that they could tackle crime efficiently. Furthermore, with the implementation of these new devices like the UAV signifies that officers are prepared to face new changes and challenges every day.”

Supporting Friends in Need

By Ms Chew Si Lei Jinnie



Station Inspector (SI) Nor Yazid Bin Said from Training Command was “shocked” when he first heard the news of the 7.9-magnitude earthquake that devastated Nepal on 25 April 2015.

“I have lots of friends from the Gurkha Contingent (GC),” said the United Nations Peace Keeping Force (UNPKF) officer. “I called my friends in Nepal to make a check, and was glad that they were not affected by the earthquake. But sadly, some of their friends were.”

SI Yazid was part of the 66-strong Singapore Police Force (SPF) contingent to Nepal that was led by Commander, Ang Mo Kio Division, Assistant Commissioner of Police (AC) Lian Ghim Hua.

The SPF contingent was deployed to assist in general humanitarian assistance and several areas of specialisation such as Disaster Victim Identification and Contact Tracing of Missing Persons, along with the Singapore Armed Forces (SAF) and other Home Team agencies.



no less bravery and resilience than that the Nepalese possessed. Aftershocks followed after first quake had struck. A 7.3-magnitude tremor struck Nepal again less than a month later.

Despite the risks involved, ASP Lim was ready for the challenge with the full support of his wife, who is a Public Transport Security Command officer. The couple has a daughter who was just eight months old at the point of the deployment. “I’ve prepared myself both mentally and physically. I ensured that I was fully aware of the living conditions, terrain and possible turmoil in Nepal. The whole contingent is also well prepared logistically,” said ASP Lim.



Aside from the disaster relief efforts, AC Lian called on Inspector-General of Police (IGP) Upendra Kant Ayril and the Deputy Prime Minister (DPM) of Nepal, Mr Prakash Man Singh.

During the courtesy calls, the Police Forces of Singapore and Nepal reaffirmed their close ties and professional cooperation. AC Lian also took the opportunity to thank the Nepalese government for their assistance rendered during the mission and wished them well. DPM Prakash expressed appreciation for the Singapore contingent’s efforts and contributions.

The SPF contingent returned safely to Singapore on 10 May 2015.



THE TIMELINE

7.9 magnitude earthquake hits Nepal.

25 April

First deployment of Disaster Victim Identification (DVI) consisting of eight officers led by Superintendent of Police Eugene Wang Heng Tuck. The team was sent off by Minister in Prime Minister’s Office, Second Minister For Home Affairs and Foreign Affairs, Mr Masagos Zulkifli, Deputy Commissioner of Police (Investigations & Intelligence) Tan Chye Hee and members of the SPF Leadership Group.

27 April

Five more SPF officers join the DVI team.

30 April

A team of nine SPF officers and one forensic pathologist from the Health Sciences Authority join the team in Nepal, along with AC Lian Ghim Hua.

1 May

30 other SPF officers departed for Nepal.

2 May

13 other SPF officers join the team, bringing contingent strength to 66.

3 May

The SPF contingent returns with counterparts from the SAF and the Home Team.

10 May

HAPPENINGS

Last Phase of COPS Roll Out

Marine Parade Neighbourhood Police Centre (NPC) rolled out the Community Policing System (COPS) on Sunday, 5 April 2015, completing the transition of all 35 NPCs islandwide to COPS. To mark this milestone in community policing, Emeritus Senior Minister (ESM) Goh Chok Tong, Grassroots Advisor for Marine Parade GRC, graced the event as the Guest-of-Honour. Accompanied by Commissioner of Police (CP) Hoong Wee Teck, Deputy Commissioner of Police (Operations) (DC) Lau Peet Meng, Commander, Bedok Police Division, Assistant Commissioner (AC) Alvin Moh, and Commanding Officer, Marine Parade NPC, Superintendent (SUPT) Philip Ong, ESM Goh attended the event showcasing the successes and capabilities of Marine Parade NPC while recognising the contributions of community partners in helping Police deter and detect crime.

Change of Director, Commercial Affairs Department

Mr David Chew Siong Tai, was appointed Director, Commercial Affairs Department (CAD) on 13 June 2015. Taking over from Mr Tan Boon Gin, Mr Chew has held various legal appointments including District Judge at the Subordinate Courts, Deputy Public Prosecutor, Senior State Counsel at the Attorney-General’s Chambers (AGC) and was most recently a Deputy Chief Prosecutor at the Financial and Technology Crime Division of the AGC. We wish Mr Chew all the best in his new role!



Name Change for Six Land Divisions

As part of the Police Transformation Program (PTP), our six Land Divisions have been renamed to reflect the Force’s common and united identity. Since 30 June 2015, the word “Police” has been removed from the formal names of each Division. In its place, the words “Singapore Police Force” have been added after the Division names. For example, Tanglin Police Division has been renamed Tanglin Division, Singapore Police Force. This change will be seen on all Singapore Police Force (SPF) public signages and communication materials. In the month of August, all six Divisional Headquarters will have their facades renovated to reflect their new names using the new SPF logotype.

Volunteer Special Constabulary Participates in COPS



Third year National University of Singapore student Jocelyn Choo has been serving in the Singapore Police Force’s (SPF) Volunteer Special Constabulary (VSC) for three years. Deployed as part of 60 VSC officers at Clementi Division, the 21-year-old is one of the first batch of 20 VSC officers to have completed the cycling familiarisation course. Officers such as Ms Choo utilise bicycles to navigate the diverse terrain of the Division and also carry out the Community Policing System (COPS) as part of the Community Policing Unit (CPU). Since April 2015, COPS has given our officers the chance to interact more closely with residents, bringing the Police closer to the community. Despite having to juggle school work and other personal commitments, Ms Choo clocks in more than 100 hours of service per month during her school holidays, far surpassing the minimum requirement of 16 hours each week. “I don’t find it strenuous as I get to help people in need and engage the public,” said Ms Choo, who has been thinking about joining the Force eventually. “Volunteering helped me become more certain of that decision,” she said.

May Day Model Partnership Awards 2015

Representing the Police as part of the Security Tripartite Cluster (STC), the Police Licensing & Regulatory Department (PLRD) received the May Day Award on 23 May 2015 at the NTUC May Day Model Partnership Awards 2015. The award recognised STC endeavours that led to the creation of the Security Progressive Wage Model (PWM) to help officers from the security industry achieve sustainable pay raises.



Crimewatch: Behind the Scenes

By SC/Sgt Gabriel Chan Duen Yue

Crimewatch is a televised programme jointly produced by the Singapore Police Force and the National Crime Prevention Council, and sponsored by the Tote Board and Singapore Pools. It showcases the work of the Singapore Police Force and re-enacts solved cases, appeals for unsolved cases, and hands out crime prevention advice.

Since its inception in 1986, the popular and riveting police documentary-drama has captured the attention of the young and the old, garnering over one million views for every episode – and the number is still on the rise!

Children who are intrigued by Police work would have their eyes glued to the screens, thrilled to witness Police officers hot on the heels of suspects; blending in with the environment while waiting inconspicuously to pounce on their targets at a moment's notice.

For the older generation, *Crimewatch* provides them valuable crime prevention advice. Many of the episodes feature trending crimes in Singapore and caution viewers on how to avoid becoming a victim.

By highlighting the modus operandi of these crimes, viewers can make a conscious effort to take preventive measures to avoid falling prey to crime.

The display of the Singapore Police Force's capability in solving even the most complex cases is to assure the public that the safety and security of our nation is in good hands, and to gain their trust and confidence to join with us in the fight against crime. Preventing and deterring crime remains a collective effort and the Police will continue to empower and engage the community to safeguard our nation.

As this year's *Crimewatch* season reaches its mid-point, let's take a sneak peek behind the scenes of Episode 5.





My View

By SC/Cpl Mok Wen Jie

Why hello there Ma'am, you are looking beautiful again today. I am the adaptable Trek 8.3 DS 2013, more commonly known as the Trek bicycle used by the Community Policing Unit (CPU) officers. Part of the Sengkang Neighbourhood Police Centre, I enable our CPU officers to travel light and fast as they perform their patrols and while being open to engagement with members of the community, like this lady and her son over here! Oh, looks like they have something new to tell our officers today...



Needless to say, I enable CPU officers to cover a much larger area during their patrols compared to foot patrols, and in a shorter time too. I am no slouch when it comes to travelling fast! My small, sleek and size also allows the officers to get around the neighbourhood more easily, unlike my larger vehicle counterparts.

When using me, CPU officers can mingle with community members more easily; and establish a close relationship with the community over a large area. Nothing beats having a personal touch in good relationships.

As you can see from my fellow bicycle in front, our small, sleek—okay okay, you don't have to roll your eyes at me! Our frame allows officers to carry more equipment than what would be viable for foot patrols. Together with the CPU uniform, we provide a pretty comfortable experience for officers as they go around the neighbourhood. Nothing quite beats having the wind in your face as you work hard!

22nd INTERPOL Asian Regional Conference, 15 – 17 April 2015

By International Cooperation Department

The Singapore Police Force, together with the INTERPOL General Secretariat, co-hosted the 22nd INTERPOL Asian Regional Conference (22nd ARC) at the Marina Bay Sands Expo and Convention Centre from 15 to 17 April 2015.

The INTERPOL Asian Regional Conference is a biennial INTERPOL meeting where issues such as the regional crime situation, policy and strategic matters concerning the improvement of police cooperation between the Asian and South Pacific member countries are discussed.



The conference was graced by Minister, Prime Minister's Office and Second Minister for Home Affairs and Foreign Affairs, Mr Masagos Zulkifli. The conference gathered about 160 senior law enforcement officials from 31 member countries in the region and other international organisations. The participants exchanged views on strengthening regional efforts against transnational crime and discussed issues ranging from terrorism, environmental crime, human trafficking, pharmaceutical crime, sports integrity, trafficking in illicit goods and counterfeiting to capacity building and training.



Commissioner of Police, Mr Hoong Wee Teck, hosted a gala dinner for the delegates at the Gardens by the Bay on 16 April 2015. The next day, delegates were also treated to an organised social programme at Sentosa island where they got to enjoy visits to the S.E.A. Aquarium and the Madame Tussauds.

The 22nd ARC was well-received by the INTERPOL and attending delegates. The Conference provided the SPF a platform to network and reaffirmed ties with our strategic counterparts for future cooperation and paved the way for greater exchanges with reputable law enforcement agencies. The attendance of high-level global law enforcement representatives strengthened the SPF's reputation of being at the forefront of security-related work.

The 22nd ARC also concluded a week of INTERPOL events held in Singapore such as the INTERPOL Global Complex for Innovation Inauguration Ceremony held on 13 April and the INTERPOL World Forum held from 14 to 16 April respectively. The next Asian Regional Conference will be held in Nepal in 2017.



FILL IN THE BLANKS

Questions

- 1 The _____ allows our officers to fasten their equipment securely without inhibiting their movement.
- 2 SPF officers together with their family members, Schools and Police Pioneers who got their very first glimpse of the newly launched devices such as the _____ used by our Community Policing Unit (CPU) officers.
- 3 Cyber Crimes such as _____ rose as perpetrators often preyed on victims with the motive to either _____ or _____ them.
- 4 As part of the Police Transformation Program (PTP), the six Land Divisions will undergo a name change. From 30th June 2015 onwards, the word "_____ " will be removed from formal names.
- 5 Officers like Ms Choo utilize _____ to navigate the diverse terrain of Clementi Division.

Terms and Conditions for PLM Quiz

- 1 This contest is open to all persons residing in Singapore.
- 2 Each contestant may only submit one response. All submissions should reach us before 11 Sept 2015.
- 3 Each submission must be completed with the correct answer, name as in NRIC, NRIC, email address and contact number.
- 4 Submit your answers to spf_plm@spf.gov.sg
- 5 No other forms of submissions will be considered.
- 6 Prize winners will be informed via email or phone call.
- 7 Prize winners are to collect their prize, a Police Life passholder with a C.L.I.F. lanyard, in person.
- 8 Any prizes not claimed within a period of three months shall be forfeited without any liability on the part of Police Life.
- 9 Police Life reserves the right to amend the terms and conditions stated without prior notice.



Remembering A Police War Hero

By SC/Cpl Mok Wen Jie

When it comes to heroes during the Japanese Occupation in World War II, we think of the stories of the well-known Lim Bo Seng or Elizabeth Choy. Yet, there were many more unsung heroes who did their part during the Japanese Occupation. Now, we can get insights into one police officer's contributions during those dark times from the book 'Duty Bound' by David Miller, which was launched on 11 April 2015 at the Senior Police Officers' Mess.

A Police Officer's Duty to Help

As the Japanese occupiers began to take control of Singapore and its administration in 1942, Police Inspector Halford Boudewyn had few choices. He could lay low and hope that he would not get caught as a Eurasian, or he could disguise himself as a Malay and work for the Japanese. However, as the torture and cruelty became ever more apparent, he felt that although he may no longer have his Police badge, he was still a police officer at heart, and felt that it was his duty to help.

When he was given a third option to work for an Allied spy ring, he leapt at the chance, hoping to do his part in the effort against the Japanese Occupation. Besides helping to smuggle intelligence to the British about a planned Japanese invasion of India, he also helped to share supplies and news on the war effort with British Prisoners of War (POWs), giving them hope when they had near none left.

Laying his Demons to Rest

After the war, Police Inspector Halford Boudewyn received multiple commendations and awards. In 1948, he was promoted to Chief Inspector, and in 1968, he was conferred the Pingat Bakti Setia (Long Service Medal) and was promoted to Deputy Superintendent of Police. He retired from the Force a few years later.

However, his experiences during the war left their mark on him. He experienced nightmares of the horrors he had seen during the war, suffering from what is now known as Post-traumatic Stress Disorder. He began to get rid of his letters and commendations as he battled with the demons of the past.



A War Hero Remembered

While his contributions remained largely unknown after the war, The Straits Times published a story of his experiences in 1992 as part of a series of articles commemorating 50 years since the Fall of Singapore.

Keeping his stories untold, he decided to have his wife record his experiences as he recounted them, requesting to have a book written to record his memories from the war. Passing away on 26 April 1998, his story is a moving example of how a police officer honoured his duty, and embodied the Police values of Courage & Loyalty.

Telling the Story of Singapore Life in 1965

By SC/Cpl Harsha Ramachandran

'1965' is a riveting dramatic thriller that uses a piece of Singapore history like never before. Telling engaging and touching stories of immigrants and natives, the movie explains how a group of people, divided by race, language and religion, saw their lives profoundly transformed by a defining moment in history. Their paths will cross and clash in the race riots in the months leading to the separation between Singapore and Malaysia, to the independence of a nation.

Set in the years leading up to Singapore's independence, *1965* focuses on a turbulent era where racial harmony was fragile and where the Police Force was often called into action to maintain the peace. Apart from giving us a glimpse of Singapore's formative years, the film also provides precious insight into what *Police life* was like in the past. Two of the main characters in the film are police officers.

One of the protagonists in *1965* is Inspector Cheng, a senior police officer who must provide for his sickly mother, his wife and daughter. Played by the popular Qi Yuwu, Inspector Cheng becomes an accidental leader when his daughter Xiao Yun disappears, and is forced to face his own prejudices and fears.

Speaking to *Police Life* at the film's press conference, Qi shared that he had to explore what it meant to be a police officer in those days in order to understand his character.

Qi, who also starred in the successful Police drama series C.L.I.F., recalled a situation in the film where his family is implicated in his Police work suppressing riots. His character overcame the situation objectively and Qi describes the spirit of righteousness as the embodiment of the very spirit of the Police Force.

Former Singapore idol winner Sezairi Sezali also stars as Adi, an eager-to-please rookie officer who believes in justice and morality. Tasked to support his family after losing his father at a young age, Adi helps his mother overcome her racial bias in a tumultuous chapter of Singapore's history.

The film will also feature Sezairi's fantastic vocals in the form of his latest single – *Selamat Pagi*.

1965 also stars Lim Kay Tong as Singapore's founding Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew along with Joanne Peh and Nicole Seah. Catch *1965* in theatres from 30 July 2015.



Home Team
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Driving Community Involvement with Delta Citizenry and Youth COP

By Cpl Muhd Shahrunnizam Bin Abdul Rashid

As technology advances, criminals alter the way they commit crime by utilising the latest tools and tactics. The Delta Citizenry and the Youth Community Outreach Patrol have been actively engaging residents in the Clementi Constituency with the aim of educating them about the latest crime trends and crime in general.



Extra pairs of Eyes and Ears to Keep the Community Safe

Formed in August 2010, the Delta Citizenry is a Residents' Watch Group aimed at building a connected community within the Clementi Constituency and strengthen the safety and security of the neighbourhood.

Working in tandem with our officers from Clementi Division, the watch group not only conducts patrols and targets contemporary crime concerns such as online scams but also strives to create closer relationships between the Police and residents in the vicinity. The success of the Delta Citizenry model has prompted the formation of eight other similar watch groups in other constituencies such as Bukit Timah, Buona Vista and Telok Blangah.

One of its main aims was to establish trust and to work together with the residents consisting of Residents Committee and Youth at risks members

so that they could be the domestic eyes and ears of the law. The programme has attracted more than 300 residents.

Youth Community Outreach Patrol (Youth COP)

The Youth Community Outreach Patrol is another initiative by the Singapore Police Force (SPF) to involve and empower the community to deter and detect crime. Introduced in 2007, Youth COP proactively engages students through activities after their school hours and during the school holidays. Youth COP members participate in joint patrols with the Police and are equipped with skills to contribute to the community and raise crime awareness among their peers.

In light of the recent trend of online scams, the Clementi Neighbourhood Police Centre (NPC) and Youth COP jointly-organised the Delta Citizenry Community Engagement Day on 28 February

2015. The event aimed to educate and engage the community on scam awareness and provided many valuable crime prevention tips.

The Delta Citizenry Community Engagement Day attracted more than 300 residents and they were treated to flash mob-styled performances by Clementi NPC officers, members of the Delta Citizenry and Youth COP.

Speaking to *Police Life* at the event, Community Policing Unit (CPU) officer Sgt Khalaf Bin Togemin from Clementi Division said that students can also learn more about the consequences of offences such as theft, housebreaking and rioting through the Youth COP. "Our purpose is to educate and help these youths set a correct path for their future," he added.

At times, residents would notify him about youths hanging out in the neighbourhood and he would conduct checks and befriend these groups.

Another CPU officer at the event, Sgt Balan S/O Amurugam from the Clementi NPC's CPU, believes that the event was a success as residents enjoyed the performances and also became more aware of online scams. Sgt Balan also plays his part to engage youths by facilitating soccer tournaments such as the Delta League to bond with youths and also to keep them out of trouble.

A "SMOKING" MOTIVATOR

On the surface, 16-year-old Azli bin Azman looks just like any other fresh-faced student. The self-described rebellious student was a heavy smoker before meeting a CPU officer who changed his outlook on life.

"Sgt Khalaf Bin Togemin asked me who's going to think about your family if something were to happen to you," he said.

That struck a chord in Azli and he vowed to turn over a new leaf.

The Kent Ridge Secondary School student is now a Youth COP member and uses his spare time educating his family, friends and community on ways to prevent crime and protect themselves. He has since kicked the smoking habit after receiving help from other CPU officers, and has been actively encouraging his friends to follow suit.



Camera Rolling... and Action!

By SC/Cpl Mok Wen Jie

When Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) Jimmy Law took on the role of Head, Multimedia (re-named Media Production and Liaison in 2014), at the Public Affairs Department, he was eager but anxious. "I had big shoes to fill, especially when it came to 'Crimewatch'," he said with a smile. Now, more than five years on, he has not just filled the shoes, but made it bigger and better than before.



Yet, his work is not done yet. As the episode goes through post production in MediaCorp, he organises 'Crimewatch' previews, where the episode is screened to SPF and Ministry of Home Affairs management for review. He then works with MediaCorp, to have the changes needed incorporated accordingly. After three rounds of previews, the episode is ready to air on television.

Continuing to polish the 'Crimewatch' brand

With the increasing competition from the Internet and other television programmes, he embarked on various initiatives to bring 'Crimewatch' further, such as starting the Crimewatch Singapore

Facebook page in 2013. Going the extra mile, he also takes behind-the-scenes photos of 'Crimewatch' which he shares on the Crimewatch Facebook page. He also uses footage to create the episodic 'Crimewatch' publicity posters.

"When I took over the position, I was very happy to be able to continue the legacy of Crimewatch, but I knew I had a big responsibility, to sustain the show's 24 years as a successful television series brand...I really enjoy the work, and I hope to continue to improve the show. I hope to make it more intense, with more drone shots, special effects, and even use computer-generated graphics!" he exclaimed with excitement. "I also hope to be able to involve the public more, especially since next year will be the 30th anniversary of *Crimewatch*."

With so many things planned for 'Crimewatch' SPF-media production collaborations, keep your eyes out for more exciting productions on your television screens!



WORKING TOGETHER WITH VARIOUS PARTNERS

DSP Law does not work only with the SPF units and MediaCorp, but with a wide variety of both government and non-government agencies and companies when he coordinates the programme. For example, he has worked with the Health Sciences Authority when featuring murder cases

that required extensive forensic investigation, ensuring that their work is properly depicted and credited. Through 'Crimewatch', he has also built significant rapport with various local partners such as stores used as film locations.

Maintaining the image of the SPF on screens worldwide

DSP Law is in charge of all external media productions that deals with the Singapore Police Force (SPF), such as requests to film police officers, utilise the SPF uniform or crest, or conduct video filming at SPF related locations. Screening through submitted scripts and production requests carefully, he ensures that any depiction of the SPF is accurate and follows standard operating procedures.

With proposals and requests coming from both local and foreign productions, he has helped coordinate productions such as Channel News Asia's 'Honey Money' documentary about scams and a documentary by Fox Crime which featured a murder case with the Special Investigation Section of the Criminal Investigation Department. Yet, of all the dramas, documentaries and movies he has coordinated, one television series stands out among all the rest.

29 Years showcasing Police Professionalism

With more than a million viewers per season, and running strong on Singaporean television screens for 29 years, 'Crimewatch' is a household brand unto itself. A collaboration

between the SPF, the National Crime Prevention Council and MediaCorp, 'Crimewatch' was started with the aim of showcasing police professionalism and spreading crime prevention messages. It also allows the SPF to appeal for information and inform the public about new initiatives such as the Community Policing System (COPS) and the revamped Neighbourhood Police Posts. As DSP Law described it simply, "Crimewatch is a bridge between the Police and the public."

One can call DSP Law as the policeman behind 'Crimewatch'. Describing his work with a fiery passion, he studies recent crime trends and identifies cases which underwent intensive investigations, utilising his extensive network of contacts to dig up the most interesting stories.

Following that, he looks for suitable police officers to act in the episode, and coordinates with MediaCorp and the Division being showcased on the logistics of the filming, such as vehicles needed as well as filming locations. Attending every filming session, which takes place over four to seven days of 12 hours straight filming or more each day, he ensures that the SPF officers are always presentable and follow procedures when being filmed.



ONE OF US

Hi, I am...

Koh Seo Kuan, holding the rank of Staff Sergeant and currently attached to Nanyang Neighbourhood Police Centre as a Ground Response Force (GRF) officer.

Identify one item on your desk that motivates you while you are at work.

As a GRF officer, I do not have any desk. My team mates are the ones who motivate me to be a better officer.

On a work day, what is your favourite dish to have for lunch and where can you find it?

Cheese waffle and Gong Cha at Gek Poh Shopping Centre. After work, I like to eat Korean dessert which has green tea ice cream on top of shaved ice from Westgate.

Please share with us the most interesting incident that you have encountered while at work.

There was a spike in cases of stolen cables for a period of time at my sector. My partner and I were patrolling around our sector during midnight when we came across two men who were riding power-assisted bicycle along the vicinity of Jalan Bahar. We also observed that there were some cables found on the back seat of the bicycle. We then decided to interview the subjects and they admitted to stealing the cables at the nearby vicinity.

What is the weirdest misconception you have heard about police officers?

Police officers waste taxpayer's money.

I believe in...

...fairness regardless of any social status in the society. To me, everyone is equal in the eyes of the law.

