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Minister K Shanmugam Praises Police Officers for Doing 'Exceptionally Well' this Eventful Year

By Denise Lee
Home Team News



During his first official visit to the Central Police Division on 30 November 2015 since his appointment as Minister for Home Affairs in October the same year, Minister K Shanmugam thanked police officers for their hard work throughout a hectic year of security operations.

The State Funeral for the late founding Prime Minister Mr Lee Kuan Yew, the 28th Southeast Asian Games, the jubilee weekend celebrations and the 2015 General Election—these were some of the many security operations the Police mounted this year.

"This has been a very, very taxing year for the whole of the Home Team, police officers included," said Minister for Home Affairs and Law Mr K Shanmugam.

He was speaking to the media on the sidelines of his first official visit to the Central Police Division on 30 November 2015 since his

appointment as Minister for Home Affairs in October this year.

He was there to meet and thank officers from the various land divisions, Special Operations Command and Traffic Police for their hard work throughout an especially busy year.

"We had many events where 4,000 to 5,000 officers were deployed at one go, stretching for a long period... work leave has been cancelled, a lot of plans have been put on hold, and [it's been] pretty much 24/7 right through the year," he said.

"This is on top of the regular policing that has to be done, and with a very different changing security landscape. The fact that nothing happens tells you a story."

Noting the challenges the Home Team faces in the years ahead, such as cybercrime, growing terror threats, and a shrinking workforce, he said: "We have to, rather than react, see what's happening and then prepare

ourselves for it. I think greater use of technology, greater integration between the different Home Team agencies, better use of existing resources—all of these will take you some reasonable distance, but it will nevertheless be challenging."

"Within Singapore, you can't turn the whole place into a lockdown. People need to be free, people need to be able to go where they want, do what they want. At the same time, we want to make sure as far as possible that that is maintained while creating a good, secure environment. So those are challenges with resources which are not increasing, but demands that are increasing. So we have to do the best we can," he added.

Senior Staff Sergeant Ong Chao Hui, 31, a Community Policing Officer from the Central Police Division was involved in crowd control at the State Funeral for the late founding Prime Minister Mr Lee Kuan Yew, among other major events this year.

"It was heartening to see so many Singaporeans paying their respects. I was proud to be of service to the late Mr Lee for the last time. While we as police officers were sad, we had to hold back our emotions and concentrate on our tasks."

"This has definitely been a busy and eventful year, but it's part and parcel of the job and I take the extra work in my stride," she said.



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2015: The Year in Pictures



Police vehicles displaying SG50 commemorative stickers throughout the year.



Officers saluting as the cortege of Singapore's founding Prime Minister Mr Lee Kuan Yew passes by the Police Cantonment Complex on 29 March 2015.



Community Policing Unit officers handing out flyers to raise public awareness of the 'Liquor Control (Supply and Consumption)' Bill that took effect from 1 April 2015.



The Community Policing System (COPS) being rolled out at Marine Parade Neighbourhood Police Centre on 5 April 2015.



Police officers at the National Stadium ensuring that the closing ceremony of the 28th Southeast Asian Games proceeds smoothly.



Divisional Tactical Team officers from the Land Divisions undergoing a riot-control simulation exercise in preparation for security deployments.



Commander Traffic Police, Assistant Commissioner of Police Sam Tee sharing with the media on the Annual Road Traffic Situation 2014 and the new initiatives undertaken by them to enhance safety on the roads.



Then Senior Minister of State, Masagos Zulkifli wishing officers from the Singapore Police Force a safe and successful mission, before their departure to Nepal to provide humanitarian assistance after the devastating earthquake on 26 April 2015.



Former Second Minister for Home Affairs and Trade and Industry Mr S Iswaran together with retired Police officers at the Police Pioneers Appreciation Night on 31 July 2015.



Police officers keeping a close watch as members of the public enter the Padang for the National Day Parade 2015.



A watchful Police officer observing the crowd from the watchtower during one of the General Election 2015 rallies.



A Police officer interacting with a 8th ASEAN Para Games volunteer while on her patrol.

Police get High-tech Nerve Centre

By Walter Sim
The Straits Times

A new 24-hour nerve centre for Singapore's police officers to monitor and respond to incidents was officially opened by Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong yesterday.

The Police Operations Command Centre coordinates information received through various sources – including emergency 999 calls, the police hotline and the CrimeStopper online form – and manages the police's response, said a statement released by the police last night.

The centre is an upgraded version of the Singapore Police Force's Combined Operations Room, and will use more advanced technology to help the police better manage

incidents in real time as well as prevent, deter and detect crime. Operations at the centre started last November.

“Our police officers don't carry little black notebooks around any more,” PM Lee said in a Facebook post yesterday after launching the centre. “They use IT and 3G comms, and are linked to the Police Operations Command Centre.”

The centre's official opening, which was also attended by Deputy Prime



PM Lee Hsien Loong examining a body-worn camera for police officers to record everything they see or do.

Minister and Home Affairs Minister Teo Chee Hean, was not open to the media over concerns of operational sensitivity.

The centre will also contain the Police HQ Incident Command Post, which is set up for major police operations, such as the recent funeral arrangements for Mr Lee Kuan Yew.

At the centre's launch, PM Lee spoke to some police officers who he said had “worked so hard to manage the huge crowds during the recent state funeral” of the elder Mr Lee.

He added: “Deeply appreciate their efforts to keep Singapore safe.”

Community Policing Rolled Out at All Neighbourhood Posts

By Amelia Tan
The Straits Times

The men in blue will be popping up in your neighbourhood more often.

As part of a community policing system rolled out islandwide, police officers and volunteers are pounding the beat more frequently, and more CCTV cameras have been installed in Housing Board estates. The Community Policing System (Cops), launched in 2012, has been introduced at all 35 neighbourhood police posts.

Yesterday, a community event in Marine Parade was organised by the police to mark the full roll-out of the scheme.

Assistant Commissioner (AC) of Police Alvin Moh told reporters yesterday that CCTV cameras had been installed in more than 4,400 HDB blocks and carparks.

The police are on track to install such cameras in all 10,000 HDB blocks and carparks by the end of next year, he added. “The police will continue to work hard to build on our foundation of trust with the community,” said AC Moh, who is commander of the Bedok Police Division.

Said grassroots leader David Siow, 47, an engineer who has been doing patrols around Marine Crescent

Gardens for 15 years: “There are fewer loan-shark harassment cases in my neighbourhood. I think this is because of the frequent patrols by volunteers and police officers.”

Yesterday's event was attended by Emeritus Senior Minister Goh Chok Tong, who spoke about the late Mr Lee Kuan Yew's contributions to the police force. Mr Lee, Singapore's first prime minister, died at the age of 91 on March 23.

Mr Goh said the Cops scheme strived to build on Mr Lee's belief that the police must maintain close ties with the community. “Mr Lee suggested that the police should be part of the community,” said Mr Goh, who is an MP for Marine Parade GRC. “They should be out walking around, befriending community members and getting support from the community.”

Mr Lee also helped establish a high-quality police force by launching the police scholars scheme and ensuring that officers received competitive salaries, Mr Goh added.

“(Mr Lee said) if police officers were paid much less than the market (rate)... we would not be able to attract good-quality people. If we did, they wouldn't stay long,” he said.



Grassroots leader David Siow says he has seen fewer loan-shark harassment cases in Marine Crescent Gardens.

At yesterday's event, community partners, including students and grassroots leaders, were given plaques to recognise their crime-prevention efforts.

Police Force Aiming to Improve in Three Areas

By Lim Yi Han
The Straits Times

Initiatives cover partnerships, use of technology, tapping officers' potential.

Police troopers will soon get something that is orange and black, leaves a mark and makes people shed tears.

Called the P4.1, it resembles a rifle and fires projectiles filled with an irritant similar to tear gas. It also has paint to mark rioters.

Effective but not lethal, it allows troopers to tackle violent public disorders without compromising public safety or causing unnecessary injuries.

The P4.1 was one of the gadgets and innovations unveiled at the annual Police Workplan Seminar and Exhibition at the Home Team Academy yesterday.

Deputy Prime Minister and Home Affairs Minister Teo Chee Hean, who was the guest of honour at the event, said the police had done well last year and that he was glad they were looking to improve in three areas. These were “making strong partnerships and taking community partnerships to the next level, making the best use of the potential of our officers, and making good use of technology”.

Assistant Commissioner of Police Teo Chun Ching, director of planning and organisation, said these initiatives will allow the police to remain relevant in their fight against crime.

Under one initiative, front-line police officers at Ang Mo Kio North Neighbourhood Police Centre will try a new load-bearing vest from June. Officers can carry standard patrol equipment such as a taser and communication set on the 900g vest, instead of placing all on the utility belt.

This gives police officers “greater mobility” and allows them to carry more equipment during emergencies, said AC Teo. Officers will also get to try a new uniform that allows faster evaporation of perspiration.

The trial for both the vest and the uniform will run for six weeks. Meanwhile, community policing officers at Jurong East and Sengkang neighbourhood police centres will be using electric unicycles that can go up to 18kmh as part of a trial until July. Officers will be able to cover more areas using them compared with patrolling on foot. The electric unicycles are also easier to manoeuvre in narrow lanes than bicycles.

The police are also exploring the use of drones during public disorders. These are equipped with sirens and blinkers to deter rioters, and cameras to record the events. Another new initiative is to install police vans with equipment to test for drunken drivers.

Currently, the Traffic Police (TP) use handheld breathalysers during anti-drink-driving road blocks. But they aim to carry out more accurate tests on site, using breath evidential analysers in police vans.

To boost police presence, police vehicles, including fast response cars and TP motorbikes are getting a new look from August.

The designs feature a new Singapore Police Force crest and red and blue chevron patterns. MP Alvin Yeo, a member of the Government Parliamentary Committee for Home Affairs and Law, welcomed the initiatives. He said: “It's good that the police are updating their equipment and tactics. The Little India riot serves as a reminder that such public disorder incidents can happen.



Officers to Wear Cameras

Officers from Bukit Merah West Neighbourhood Police Centre (NPC) will start to use body-worn cameras (above) today as part of a plan to enhance frontline crime-fighting capabilities.

The devices can capture audio and video, and will be worn in a visible manner on the front of an officer's uniform. They will be switched on and be in recording mode when officers perform their duties.

NEW POLICE TOOLS

From a body vest to a new riot-control weapon, the police will be getting more help to do their jobs



SPECIAL VEST

- The load-bearing vest will increase the mobility of ocers as they carry their standard patrol equipment on it, instead of putting all on a utility belt.
- There will also be a new uniform which keeps wearers cooler by allowing perspiration to evaporate faster.
- On trial by frontline ocers at Ang Mo Kio North Neighbourhood Police Centre for six weeks from June.



NEW LOOK FOR VEHICLES

- Police cars and motorbikes will feature an updated crest and alternating red and blue chevrons patterns to make them easier to spot.



THE P4.1

- It's a weapon which shoots projectiles filled with a chemical used in pepper spray.
- It can also shoot paint projectiles to mark rioters.
- It is a less lethal weapon so it will allow riot troops to better resolve public disorder incidents without compromising public safety or causing unnecessary injuries.



ELECTRIC UNICYCLES

- These are more portable than bicycles, easier to manoeuvre in narrow lanes, and allow police to cover more ground than foot patrols.
- Currently on trial at Jurong East and Sengkang Neighbourhood Police Centres.



MOBILE BREATHALYSER TEST CENTRES

- Instead of the less precise handheld breathalysers, a van containing a breath evidential analyser will be stationed at road blocks.
- Trac Police intend to expand this initiative in the next few years.



FLYING SIREN

- Police are exploring the use of the unmanned aerial vehicles or drones in public disorder incidents.
- The drones will have strobe lights, sirens and high-definition cameras to record and stream live footage.



Singapore Police Force Honours Pioneer Officers

By Lim Yi Han
The Straits Times

Some 600 attend event in appreciation of their work during S'pore's tumultuous years

From Konfrontasi to racial riots, pioneer police officers here have all played a role to safeguard Singapore's stability and security.

Yesterday, the Singapore Police Force (SPF) held a buffet dinner and movie screening in appreciation of their work.

More than 600 pioneer officers attended the event at the refurbished Capitol Theatre.

Second Minister for Home Affairs S. Iswaran said: "In the 19th and early 20th century, secret societies, riots, gambling and other vices were rampant in Singapore. Our rudimentary police force had to not just combat crime, but also fight pirates, run the jail and fight fires.

"Apart from social unrest, dangerous criminals such as gunmen, goldsmith robbers and kidnappers were a scourge in the 60s and 70s."

Mr Iswaran added that maintaining law and order then was "an uphill task" and some officers even died in the course of work.

"Your dedication to this mission is the reason we have a safe and secure Singapore today," he said. "(Even) as we look back on how far we have come over the last 50 years, the SPF must continue to reinvent itself and remain forward-looking."

At the event, the minister also launched an e-book by The Straits Times and the SPF.

Titled Guilty As Charged, it features 25 high-profile cases since 1965, including the stories of ritual

child killer Adrian Lim and Anthony Ler, who paid a teenager to kill his wife.

After the launch, pioneers watched the film 1965, which looks at the underlying racial tensions and the turmoil in the months leading up to Singapore's separation from Malaysia.

One officer who worked through the tumultuous period is 85-year old Ismail Ahmad.

Mr Ismail, a guard police constable between 1948 and 1972, was an officer on the ground after the Maria Hertogh riots in 1950. His job was to control the crowd and disperse them.

He said: "The situation was so chaotic. After the riot, officers had to stay in the police station for two weeks and were not allowed to go home, in case anything broke out.

"We are living in harmony now, and we should appreciate that. I'm very proud to be part of the police and I hope younger officers can follow in our footsteps and work hard."

Mr Ong Swee Kee, who retired from the police force in 1988 after 25 years of service, hoped that such events could be held regularly. The 71-year-old said: "I hope this can be organised as and when they can for the retired officers. It's difficult to keep in touch because during my time, we used pagers and not handphones."

Mr Ong took on various roles in the police including fingerprint searcher and examiner, as well as station inspector.

He added: "I saw a lot of old friends, I have not seen some of them in 40 years. It's a fantastic feeling to see them still healthy."

UNREST IN THE 1950S

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Mr Ismail Ahmad
85, who was an officer on the ground after the Maria Hertogh riots in 1950

Softer Approach to Road Safety

By Christopher Tan
Senior Transport Correspondent,
The Straits Times

Police try dialogue instead of summons, campaigns.

Rather than rely on campaigns and summonses, the police yesterday kicked off a series of conversations to engage the public on ways to improve road safety.

Traffic Police commander Sam Tee described the Use Your RoadSense programme, which will involve dialogues with stakeholders, as the first time law enforcement has taken such an approach and marks a departure from its campaign-driven and penalty-reliant approach in the past.

"The Singapore environment is changing much faster than before and we're much more diverse than before," he said. "We're also having a lot more distractions on the road, and we seem to be always in a hurry." Hence the previous methods of "pushing out messages" and enforcement may not effect real change.

"We aim to create a movement – one that is revolutionary and lasting," commander Tee said. "That's why we want to start a conversation."

Yesterday, the first conversation took place at public relations agency Ogilvy Singapore's premises in Robinson Road with a multi-disciplinary panel of experts and about 40 people attending.

Psychologist Kevin Menon believed Singapore can develop a road culture akin to Japan's, where "people don't cross a road unless the Green Man comes on – even when it is late in the evening and there are no cars on the road".

The behavioural expert said a tendency for mistakes arises when motorists become complacent and drive "unconsciously", or when they let emotions overtake logic. A key to better road behaviour, he added, depended on how road-users react to other people's behaviour.

"The point of this conversation is to encourage people to look inwards," he said.

Retired transport engineer Gopinath Menon said: "We need to let people know the road is a very hostile environment, and the risk of getting into an accident is high. We need to be alert at all times."

The vice-chairman of the Singapore Road Safety Council and adjunct



associate professor at Nanyang Technological University said: "We should think like pedestrians when we drive. When we make mistakes when we walk, we just say sorry and be on our way. Why can't we do that when we drive?"

Economist Sumit Agarwal said it was crucial for "salient information" to be made available to help motorists make informed choices. He cited the case of motorists parking by the road shoulder to wait for electronic road-pricing (ERP) rates to change.

He thinks this happens because motorists are not aware of the ERP system's graduated pricing. Intelligent Transportation Society of Singapore president Sing Mong Kee said this sort of behaviour will

be irrelevant in the "near future", when vehicles and infrastructure are connected wirelessly.

When autonomous vehicles become a reality, "you can 'drive' even if you are handicapped, don't have a driving licence or even if you are drunk", he said. Things like speeding and running red lights will be things of the past, too.

In the meantime, drink driving, speeding and running red lights remain the top causes of road fatalities, commander Tee said, contributing nearly half of all road deaths. He said even though road fatalities have dropped by more than 20 per cent in the last four years, one person died almost every two days. "One death is one too many," he said.

Insp Patrick Pang

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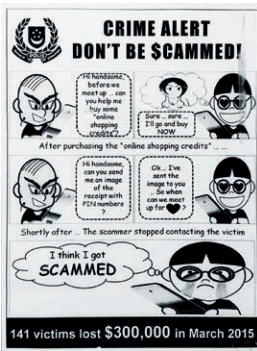
Scam Alert in 2015

By SC/Sgt Gabriel Chan Duen Yue

As part of the ongoing Anti-Scam Public Education Campaign, the Police and the National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC) rolled out a wide array of advertorials to keep the members of the public informed of the trending crimes especially relating to scams.

Scams could manifest in many ways – check out some of the 2015 series of anti-scam posters that are put up at public and residential areas. If you missed out the vibrant artworks containing anti-scam messages that

are emblazoned on the floors and walls when you step into a public train, do keep a lookout for them this year!



Beyond the Call of Duty

By Public Affairs Department

Helping to Resolve Municipal Issues

Inspector of Police (Insp) Mohd Khairuddin Mohd Adnan helped avert a broken window from becoming an accessory to killer litter. An elderly lady living in a HDB flat at Woodlands Drive had a broken window that was about to fall off. HDB contractors had tried to get into her flat to repair the broken window but were repeatedly refused by the elderly lady.

The HDB contractors sought help from Insp Khairuddin who took the time to visit the elderly lady and patiently explained to her what the HDB contractors had to do and the

dire consequences if the window was not repaired. After his explanation, the elderly lady finally consented to letting the contractors in to repair the window.

In his small way, Insp Khairuddin went beyond his call of policing duties and worked with other agencies to resolve municipal issues on the ground. For his kind deed, Insp Khairuddin was awarded the Municipal Services Award (Individual) on 29 September 2015.

Big and small, we make a difference every day.



Saving Baby Trapped in Car

Off-duty officer, Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) Koh Koon Beng, was out with his family on Sunday evening, 20 July 2014. Leaving the basement car park, they were alerted to loud screams for help.

Approaching quickly, DSP Koh found a woman in her thirties standing outside a white SUV, pulling desperately at the door handles. In tears, she told DSP Koh that her baby had been trapped inside for the past ten minutes. DSP Koh assured her that he would help.

Peering through the rear windows of the car, he saw a baby about 8-months-old, strapped to the booster seat. **“He was screaming and crying and my only thought was to bring him out quickly”**, recounted DSP Koh. Unable to open the locked car doors and the boot, DSP Koh realised that the only way in was by breaking the glass window.

DSP Koh explained to the mother what he intended to do. With her consent, he took a

steering lock he had in his car and carefully broke the left rear quarter window farthest from the baby. Putting his hand through the broken glass, DSP Koh unlocked the door and carried the child out to safety and into the arms of his very relieved mother.

Touched by the help rendered, the mother wrote to DSP Koh to thank him for dealing with the situation so calmly. She also expressed her gratitude to his wife and children for staying with her throughout the ordeal. It turned out that a mechanical fault in the car caused the auto-lock to malfunction, inadvertently locking the baby in.

When asked how he felt about the incident, the Chief Investigation Officer of Tanglin Division said, **“I don’t think much of what I have done as anyone would do the same. But as a police officer, we are on duty 24/7 and I am glad to have helped.”**



Rescuing Child from 30th Storey Balcony Ledge

Off-duty officer Senior Staff Sergeant (SSSgt) Roland Teo was at home on Friday, 4 September 2015 when his daughter alerted him to a shocking discovery. A 6-year-old boy was standing on the outside of a 30th-storey balcony, clinging precariously onto the railing.

Quickly running up to the unit, SSSgt Teo found a concerned neighbour who was already there. She told him that the doors were locked and that she had called the Police. **“There was no time to lose. I knew I needed to do something because the boy could fall off anytime,”** recounted the 39-year-old officer.

Removing his shoes, SSSgt Teo climbed onto the sloping parapet. To reach the boy, he needed to step over a metre-wide gap and support himself on a narrow ledge. **“It was definitely a risk but I was confident I could save him,”** said SSSgt Teo.

Soothing the child by assuring him that he was there to help, SSSgt Teo carefully put one foot over the gap and balanced himself on the ledge - one misstep meant a 30-storey plunge straight down. Making sure he had a firm footing, SSSgt Teo hoisted the child up and quickly carried him over the parapet to safety. Though traumatised, the child was unhurt throughout the incident.

It was revealed that the boy had climbed out because he was unsupervised and the window grills were not locked. On why he risked his life to save the boy, the Bukit Timah Neighbourhood Police Centre officer said, **“I had to do it because I could. A child was in danger and I imagined how his parents would feel. As a police officer, I also felt that it was my duty to save him.”**



HAPPENINGS

Johore Shield

The Annual Johore Shield Shooting Competition was held on 21 January 2016 at the Home Team Academy. Johore police chief, Dato’ Wan Ahmad Najmuddin Bin Mohd graced the event as the Guest-of-Honour. Many departments within the Singapore Police Force (SPF) fought hard to win the competition. Ultimately, the team from Jurong Division emerged as champion with an impressive 3497 points out of a possible 4000.



‘Forget Us Not’ Campaign

In collaboration with Lien Foundation and Khoo Teck Puat Hospital, the SPF helped to raise awareness of the growing number of Persons With Dementia (PWD) by producing a video for the ‘Forget Us Not’ campaign. Launched on 20 January 2016, the touching video features Staff Sergeant (SSgt) Clarence Chua and SSgt Khairul Nezam from Yishun North Neighbourhood Police Centre (NPC) aiding a PWD to reach home safely. Yishun North NPC has also set up a database to keep track PWDs in the area as a part of the ‘Forget Us Not’ campaign and to make their neighbourhood community dementia-friendly.



Change of Command: Central and Tanglin Divisions

Two Land Divisions witnessed Changes of Command in January 2016. Deputy Assistant Commissioner of Police (DAC) Tan Chia Han assumed Command of Tanglin Division on 1 January 2016, succeeding DAC Lu Yeow Lim, who took over as Director of Police Licensing and Regulatory Department on that same day. The next day on 2 January 2016, DAC Arthur Law Kok Leong assumed Command of Central Division, taking over from DAC Daniel Tan Sin Heng, who took on the post of 2 Deputy Director of Operations Department. *Police Life* congratulates and wishes all of them success in their new positions!



Courtroom Life-Savers

By Ms Amanda Chung
Public Affairs Department

It was the morning of 27 November 2015. Deputy Team Leaders of the Courts Police Unit, Station Inspectors (SI) Quek Suan and Jahabar Sadiq had just ended a meeting when they were alerted to an incident - a man in his fifties had collapsed in one of the courtrooms.

Arriving quickly, the two officers found the man pale and unconscious. He was not breathing and without a pulse. A court staff had begun using an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) on the man and a shock was subsequently delivered. The man, however, remained unresponsive.

Seeing this, SI Quek immediately performed Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) on the man while SI Jahabar supported his head and kept his airway open. Recounted SI Quek, **“As a Police officer, it was instinctive for me to act. It also helped that I attended a CPR re-certification course one week before the incident.”**

After two rounds of 30 chest compressions and mouth-to-mouth breathing, the man suddenly gasped for air and became responsive. He was quickly put into a recovery position. SI Jahabar said, **“I think everyone in the room felt an immediate sense of relief seeing signs of life in him.”**

Paramedics arrived shortly after and the man was sent to hospital for treatment where he made a full recovery. On his thoughts about resuscitating the man, SI Quek said, **“I am happy to learn that the man survived and that our actions had made an impact.”**

For their quick actions in administering first aid to the man, both Central Division officers were awarded the Survivor Awards Singapore yesterday. The award is jointly organised by the Unit for Pre-hospital Emergency Care and the National Resuscitation Council.



Policing the 8th ASEAN Para Games

By Cpl Muhd Shahrinnizam bin Abdul Rashid

The 8th ASEAN Para Games opened with pomp on 3 December 2015 at the Singapore Indoor Stadium, with the games being held till 9 December 2015 at various locations including the Singapore Sports Hub. This was the first time that Singapore hosted the Games, a multi-sport event for athletes with disabilities. The event involved some 3000 athletes, officials and 3000 volunteers from 11 participating countries.

More than 600 officers from the Singapore Police Force (SPF) were involved in the 7-day security operation to ensure the safe and smooth proceedings of the Games. The Police worked closely with the organisers and stakeholders to support and facilitate smooth access and safety for the athletes with special needs as well as the officials and spectators who attended the Games.



Upcoming Police Division in Woodlands

By Insp Patrick Pang
Public Affairs Department

The ground-breaking ceremony for the new Woodlands Division Headquarters (DHQ) was held on Sunday, 22 November 2015. Mdm Halimah Yacob, Speaker of Parliament, Member of Parliament for Marsiling-Yew Tee GRC (Marsiling) and Adviser to Marsiling-Yew Tee GROs, graced the event as the Guest-of-Honour. The new Woodlands DHQ, to be located at the junction of Woodlands Avenue 3 and Woodlands Street 12, will be the 7th division headquarters. It will augment frontline policing capabilities and services in the northern part of Singapore. The Woodlands West Neighbourhood Police Centre (NPC) will be co-located at the same site. The new DHQ, expected to be operational by end 2018, will feature a self-service lobby, as well as an enhanced public reception area, amongst other facilities, to serve the needs of the community.



Dining-in Honouring Acting Minister Ng Chee Meng

By Ms Amanda Chung
Public Affairs Department

On 6 January 2016, the Singapore Police Force (SPF) held a Dining-In at the Senior Police Officers' Mess in honour of Acting Minister Ng Chee Meng, previously the Chief of Defence Force (CDF). The Dining-In honours the special contributions of former CDF in building up the close relationship between both organisations. The event was graced by the Commissioner of Police (CP) Hoong Wee Teck, current CDF MG Perry Lim, as well as more than 90 guests from both services.

Before the dinner, President of the Mess Committee, Deputy Commissioner of Police (Operations) Lau Peet Meng, thanked Minister Ng for his efforts in bringing the SPF and the Singapore Armed Forces (SAF) closer together during his term in office, and said that both organisations shared a common heritage as fellow guardians of the nation that goes back to our Ministry of Interior and Defence days. Minister Ng had worked closely with the SPF during the period of National Mourning, and had done much to ensure the success of the joint operations. In honour of Minister Ng's commitment to building up the SPF and SAF's close ties in order to better serve Singapore, CP presented him with the prestigious Temasek Sword.

After dinner, the guests adjourned to the lawn, where the Combined SPF Band entertained with a medley of songs, including a moving rendition of Mariah Carey's "Hero" specially dedicated to Minister Ng. At the end of the night, a visibly touched Minister Ng thanked all the officers for the honour of the Dining-In, saying that the SPF would always have a special place in his heart.



Lines of Valour

By SC/Cpl Harsha Ramachandran

On 2 December 2015, Senior Staff Sergeant (SSSgt) Abu Jalal Sarimon presented a painting, titled Lines of Valour, to the Commissioner of Police Hoong Wee Teck at the Novena room in Police Headquarters. The painting features the newly introduced secondary graphic – the Police chevrons. SSSgt Jalal shared with us that the painting symbolises all the different aspects of work in the Police Force. The Chevrons reflect the positivity of officers in the Force; the stains on the chevrons show the challenging nature of police work; and the bright hues of orange and yellow represent the energy and strength with which officers face these challenges.

SSSgt Jalal has had a lifelong passion for art. When he is not carrying out his duties as a Curriculum Review and Development Officer at the Training Command, he is usually pursuing this passion in one way or another. As a renowned artist he has had his work featured at exhibitions around the world. He had always meant to create a Police-related painting and when Mr Omar bin Mohamed, Assistant



Logistics Officer from the Police Logistics Department invited him to do just that, he took up the opportunity to complete his previously planned project.

The Commissioner of Police thanked him for his initiative and the painting is proudly displayed in the Novena room which is often used to host esteemed guests.



SYNOPSIS

By Abu Jalal Sarimon

The chevrons were recently introduced as part of the Police's corporate image and they are found on most Police collaterals. The bold graphic lines from the chevrons give a strong impression of Police presence in Singapore's rapidly changing operating environment.

The three paintings flank each other in an attitude of deep adoration. The entire work of art is shaped purely by tones and a linear element. These parts exude supreme, painterly facility (sic) and purpose.

It is a composition which is richly articulated, in its strokes, choice of colours and symbolic contents. The chevrons emerge from the canvas, as spectral presences, and then are enmeshed in a welter of patterned shapes and textured surfaces.

Evidently, impressive law enforcement work cannot be easily given; neither is it merely available; to obtain an effective result one must labour purposely.

The artist maintains sustained control over the medium in each of the three panels, and thereby imbues the presentation with purpose. A delicate juxtaposition is sustained between decorative interest and painterly forms, the imagery ranges over a wide, yet related field of iconography. This is a satisfying and engaging composition.

ONE OF US

Hi, I am...

Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP) Edward Ong. I am currently a Team Leader at the Public Communications Division, Public Affairs Department.

What is something you do every day without fail?

My daily work entails a significant amount of reading as I am required to trawl and track police-related news on both mainstream and social media. When I am off work, I usually read self-help books and periodicals such as the Economist, Newsweek etc. One of my favourite books is “The Rules of Life” by Richard Templar. Each read brings with it fresh perspectives.

Where do you go to take a break during work?

When I am at the work cubicle, I would make myself coffee and savour it while looking out of the window. I find this very therapeutic.

What is the most interesting or amusing incident that you have encountered while at work?

Being mistaken as a full-time Police National Serviceman. I am glad though, as this means I do not look as old as my age!

The weirdest misconception you have heard about police officers is...

I was speaking to a member of public previously, who launched into a “by-the-way” kind of tirade as to why Police officers should not be buying food when they are on duty. I remain baffled as to why Police officers are thought of by some as being impervious to basic human needs such as hunger and breaks during work.

I believe in...

I saw a meaningful quote sometime back and have tried to live by it. Many relationships are destroyed because of “Ego”. Therefore, be the bigger person, skip the “E” and let it “GO”!

