

Home Team Connects

Connecting You with the Home Team

An initiative by the Home Team Volunteer Network



EDITOR'S PICK

HTX-FACTOR: THE HOME TEAM'S FORCE MULTIPLIER

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Read [here](#) to find out how HTX harnesses S&T to enhance Home Team operations and keep Singapore safe and secure!

HIGHLIGHTS

HOME TEAM VOLUNTEER NETWORK 2019

HTVN 2019 Highlights

Goodbye 2019, Welcome 2020!

Home Team Volunteer Network has had a great 2019 thanks to all our hardworking volunteers dedicating their time and effort to support the Home Team.

Let us look at our HTVN event [highlights](#) in 2019 before we look forward to creating new milestones this year!

#OrdinaryPeopleExtraordinaryMission
#HomeTeamVolunteerNetwork

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

HOME TEAM GIVES BACK AT HOME TEAM FESTIVAL 2019

A Heart for the Community

If you'd visited the Home Team Festival on the afternoon of 22 November, you might have caught a glimpse of our very special guests – over 150 senior citizens and children with special needs who, together with Home Team officer-volunteers, were enjoying the performances and displays.

These guests were invited to the Festival as part of **Home Team Gives Back**, an initiative by Home Team officers (including NSFs) to bring about positive change in the community through service and volunteerism.

SPS Amrin Amin and an enthusiastic group of Home Team officer-volunteers hosted the guests as they toured the Festival and took in the many displays and ops demos.

DID YOU KNOW?

Fostering Stronger Partnerships with the Community

The Home Team has a history of meaningful partnerships with the community. Examples include various Community Safety and Security Programmes, SCDF's Community First Responder initiative and SPF's Citizens on Patrol scheme.

Through the Home Team Volunteer Network, members of the public also volunteer for frontline volunteering opportunities with Home Team Departments and serve on MHA Boards, Councils and Committees.



Home Team Departments also make a difference to the community through various Corporate Social Responsibility activities. Beneficiary groups include elderly homes, Special Education schools and orphanages.

LEARNING

MHA – SUSS MOU

Continuous Learning with the Home Team

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed on 11 December between MHA and the Singapore University of Social Sciences (SUSS) for further collaborations in training and learning.

MHA and SUSS have been working together over the past three years, with SUSS providing technical assistance to help build up MHA's training and learning capabilities. Under the MoU, MHA and SUSS will jointly develop programmes and projects that contribute to continuing education and training for Home Team officers.



>> [Read the Press Release](#)

REHABILITATION

CARE NETWORK – ISCOS

Give a Line, Change a Life

ISCOS (industry & Services Co-Operative Society) launched a new mobile app at Selarang Halfway House on 9 December. The ISCOS mobile app provides ex-offenders with updates on ISCOS services and programmes, such as pro-social support and job placement schemes. Users can also use the app to sign up for events, submit enquiries and make appointments with ISCOS staff.

ISCOS has also launched **Give a Line, Change a Life**, a project that increases the accessibility of the mobile app to ex-offenders who may not have the means to afford smartphones or mobile data plans upon their release. ISCOS partnered with corporate sponsors to provide free smartphones and Zero1 Unlimited Data Mobile Plans, pre-installed with the ISCOS mobile app.



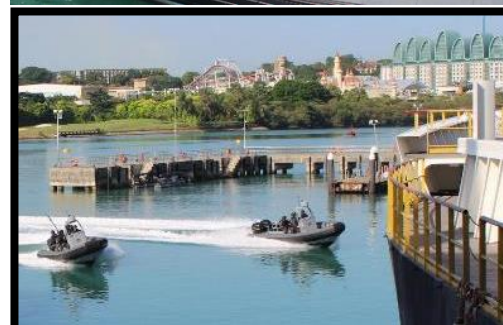
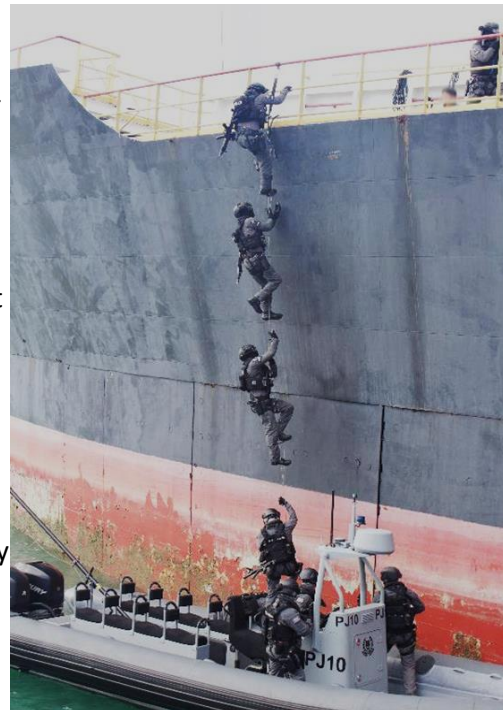
FIELD REPORT

PCG SPECIAL TASK SQUADRON (STS) GRADUATION CEREMONY

Fearless Maritime Guardians

On 26 November, the 21st batch of PCG's STS graduated in a ceremony held at PCG's Brani Base. For their graduation exercise, the graduates comprising officers from STS and Gurkha Special Action Group conducted a joint-ops exercise. Beginning with a forced entry of the ship, the officers neutralised assailants and secured the vessel by executing Contact Tactics, Ballistic Breaching and Room Entry before a final assault at the Live Firing Area.

Having completed their mission, the officers proceeded with their graduation ceremony, officially taking their place among fellow STS professionals who are dedicated to countering complex maritime security threats. Well done, Guardians!



SALUTING OUR HOME TEAM GUARDIANS

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BRAVING THE FLAMES
SCDF firefighters battled a raging industrial blaze at Tuas this week. For more about their efforts, check out Saluting Our Home Team Guardians below.



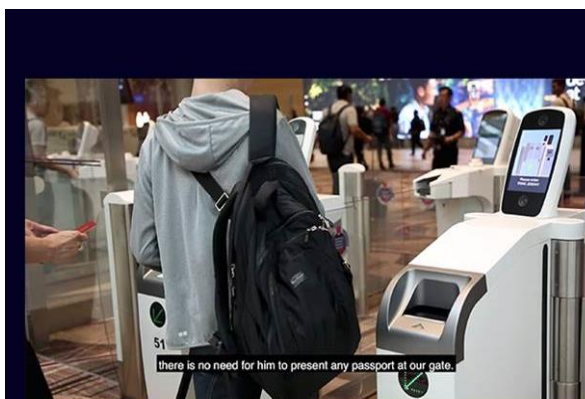
Containing the Flames

At around 6AM on 11 December, SCDF firefighters contained and extinguished a large-scale fire at an industrial waste management plant at Tuas Crescent. The fire triggered multiple explosions from metal drums storing flammable industrial liquids.

A total of 34 emergency vehicles and about 130 firefighters were deployed to contain the football pitch-sized blaze, with ten jets and three Unmanned Firefighting Machines used to mitigate the fire at its peak. The fire was brought under control by approximately 10AM, with no reported injuries.

FYI In an emergency, a rapid response is key. SCDF first responders arrived at the incident site within four minutes of the fire call. Due to the size of the blaze, it took four hours before the flames were contained and firefighters could enter the site to conduct damping-down operations.

COOL CONTENTS



Contactless in Changi

MHA FB

Visit the new contactless clearance counters at Changi Airport Terminal 4!
go.gov.sg/ica-ncc-changi

SCAM CALLS
WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?

Spread the word & share this advisory!

Don't panic

- Ignore the calls and caller's instructions.
- Hang up.

Don't believe

- Scammers may use caller ID spoofing technology to mask the actual phone number and display a different number.
- For foreign residents receiving calls from persons claiming to be government officials, verify the caller's claims with your Embassy/High Commission.

HELLO!

Don't Fall for Scam Calls

ICA FB

Got a call asking for your particulars and that you have parcels pending your collection? Don't fall for it.
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