

Home Team Connects

Connecting You with the Home Team

An initiative by the Home Team Volunteer Network



EDITOR'S PICK

HOME TEAM FESTIVAL 2023

Home Team Festival 2023 has come to an end, but we want to say THANK YOU to all the volunteers who came down to the Home Team Volunteer Network (HTVN) Booth, whether you were manning and engaging with the visitors or coming down to support and check out our booth activities! The success of the HTVN booth would not have been possible without your valuable efforts. 😊

Follow our socials (@HTVolunteers) for more photos and highlight videos!



HOME TEAM UPDATES

A CLEAR STAND ON THE ISRAEL-HAMAS CONFLICT



During Humanity Matters' inter-faith joint humanitarian relief effort for the people of Gaza, Minister K Shanmugam noted the strong desire in the Singapore community, regardless of race, language, religion, to help people in Gaza.

Minister also reiterated Singapore's stand on the Israel-Hamas conflict:

- Singapore supports the UN resolution – which was to **protect civilians, and uphold legal and humanitarian obligations**. A way must be found to stop the hostilities. Israel's right to self-defence cannot include indiscriminate killing of civilians.
- We must still **condemn the terrorist attack by Hamas on 7 October**, which cannot be justified.
- **All public rallies relating to this conflict are disallowed due to public order reasons**. We do not want to import foreign arguments into Singapore.
- **Views posted online must not cross into incitement or hate speech against other religions or races**.
- **We do not take lightly any foreign interference in our domestic politics**.

- >> [Watch Minister's interview](#)
- >> [Read the Transcript](#)

DEEPAVALI FESTIVE VISITS

Our frontliners work 24/7 to ensure Singapore's safety and security. To thank them for their dedication and hard work, MIN K Shanmugam, 2MIN Josephine Teo, MOS Muhammad Faishal Ibrahim and MOS Sun Xueling visited HTDs such as Tampines Fire Station, Marina Bay Fire Station, Woodlands Checkpoint and Police Operations Command Centre on Deepavali.



MIN K Shanmugam with SCDF officers



2MIN Josephine Teo with SCDF officers



MOS Muhammad Faishal Ibrahim with ICA officers



MOS Sun Xueling with SPF officers

OPENING OF WOODLEIGH NPC



On 31 October, **Woodleigh NPC was officially opened** by MOS Sun Xueling. The new NPC will better serve the policing needs of Bidadari estate and its surrounding areas.

Woodleigh NPC boasts **redesigned workflow processes leveraging tech-enabled systems** to enhance the provision of policing services to members of the public, as well as improve operational efficiency.

Self-Help Kiosks and Found Property Drop Box



Members of the public can lodge online reports through the self-help kiosks. This service benefits residents with no internet access. The Found Property Drop Box will enable members of the public to conveniently register and hand over found properties.

Automated Armoury System (AAS)



The AAS is a smart locker system complemented by Radio-Frequency Identification technology and Two-Factor Authentication, for officers to perform self-withdrawal and return of their firearms. Several officers can simultaneously withdraw or return their sidearms and tasers, saving time and improving efficiency at work.

Automated Equipping System (AES)



The AES allows officers to self-draw and return equipment from the lockers using the Two-Factor Authentication system. Similar to the AAS, this allows multiple officers to withdraw and return equipment concurrently, saving time and improving work efficiency.

- >> [Follow their Facebook page](#)

HTA'S LOGO REVAMP



Earlier in May, HTA's revamped logo was unveiled at the HTA Workplan Seminar 2023. Sporting a modern look with a clean design, the new logo highlights HTA's commitment to evolve with the times, while continuing to spearhead the development of Home Team (HT) leaders, trainers and officers in the area of training and learning (T&L).

Future-focused, Future-ready

Besides refreshing HTA's image, the new logo complements several ongoing initiatives that prime HTA to be future-ready, such as efforts in leveraging technology and digital solutions to transform its premises into a Smart campus by 2025.

HTA will continue to take the lead in driving and shaping the HT T&L ecosystem, and strive towards its vision of **being a leading corporate university in homefront safety and security** by boosting its stature and influence on the global stage. Collectively, these initiatives reinforce HTA's position as a Centre of Excellence (CoE) in Leadership Development in Public Safety and Security, and Simulation Training for Incident Management at the whole-of-government level; and as CoE in Evaluation and Assessment, and Online Learning at the HT level.

Anatomy of the HTA Logo

More than just a splash of new colours, HTA's revamped logo incorporates a touch of modernity with symbols that represent the very being of HTA, what it stands for, and what it strives to achieve. The revamped HTA logo consists of several elements:



- **The MHA Buildings**, which represent HTA's parent ministry, and an iconic symbol of homefront safety and security.
- **The State Shield**, which reflects HTA's identity as a proud national institution.
- **The laurel leaves**, which symbolise HTA's training excellence, and the traditional symbol of training and academic honours and distinction.
- **The colour yellow**, which represents our optimism, warmth and intellect.
- **The circular shape**, which symbolises HTA's unity of purpose

CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE AND UNITY



At the Minister's Awards Presentation Ceremony on 3 November, 123 awards were presented to Home Team officers and partners who have done excellent work and served with distinction.

Speaking at the event, Minister K Shanmugam commended the excellent work by the award winners and stressed the importance of all our agencies working closely and seamlessly together as a united Home Team.

"Many of today's awards were only possible because of this close cooperation," he said.

Minister also announced the launch of the inaugural Home Team Day on 24 February 2024. It will be an annual event to celebrate the contributions of officers and reaffirm our commitment to the Home Team concept and mission. Look out for more details on Home Team Day in the coming weeks!

>> [Read Minister's Speech](#)

ICA BUST



Eagle-eyed ICA officers detected anomalies in the scanned images of two lorries, which led to the uncovering of large amounts of duty-unpaid tobacco.

>> go.gov.sg/ica-161023

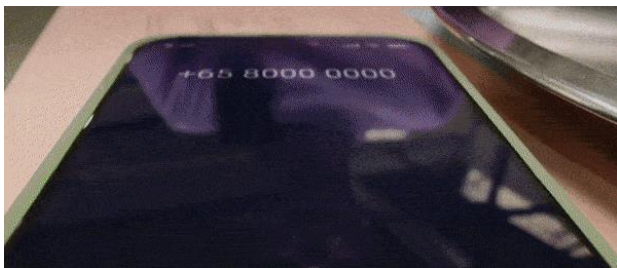
HEAR FROM FELLOW OFFICERS



How do CNB officers enforce, educate, and engage for a drug-free Singapore? Hear Tiara and other HTD officers' sharing about HTDs at the Festival.

>> go.gov.sg/mha-061123

DID YOU ACT?



Caught the new ACT campaign video yet? The specially composed song informs you on actions you can take to protect yourself from scams.

>> go.gov.sg/ncpc-scam-alert-sg

YOUR FEEDBACK MATTERS

GOT A MINUTE?

Thank you for reading our HT Connects newsletter! 😊

Any feedback on this month's HT Connects issue? Let us know by scanning the QR Code or email us at MHA_HTVOLUNTEERS@mha.gov.sg!





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One Home, One Team – Together We Keep Our Home Safe and Secure

