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## Police Day Parade 2021

The Singapore Police Force (SPF) commemorates Police Day on 3 June every year. On this day, our officers come together to celebrate the SPF's achievements and recognise the contributions of past and present officers. Police Day this year was marked with a virtual Police Day Observance Ceremony due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, and the ceremony was attended virtually by more than 2,200 officers from SPF units islandwide. Check out the highlights here!



## Behind the Scenes with the Host of the "Hello Police?" Web Series

You may have heard about or watched the "Hello Police?" web series. In this issue, we get up close with Sergeant Yeo Yulin, the bubbly host of "Hello Police?" to learn more about her hosting experience and how it feels to be the 'public face' for this mini-web series produced in-house by the SPF.



## Police Workplan Seminar 2021 – Smarter Policing, Empowered Community

Despite the challenges arising from the COVID-19 pandemic, the SPF continues to remain vigilant, adapting to the ever-evolving operating environment while continuously seeking ways to innovate and improve its capabilities to keep Singapore safe and secure. This year, the seminar took on a virtual form to unveil a slew of technologies and initiatives to enhance frontline capabilities and strengthen our partnership with the community. Check out the Police Workplan Seminar 2021 video to have a look at some of our new gadgets and systems!



## Brimming with Youth and Passion

Meet Ms Nicole Lee, a young Volunteer Special Constabulary (VSC) officer living her dream of serving in the SPF, while being a full-time student. Hear about her motivations to join the VSC and the challenges she faces to make her dream a reality!

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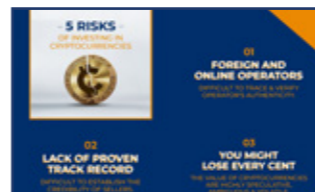
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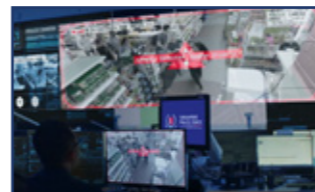
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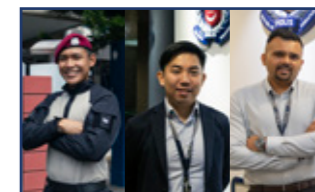
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# Let's Get Social!

Domnic Dass

Check out the Singapore Police Force's Facebook page to find out the latest happenings! Here are some of the highlights for the months of May and June 2021!

**Singapore Police Force** premiered a video. May 6 · 🌐  
In the season finale of "Hello Police?", Yulin will share how she truly feels being an officer in the Singapore Police Force. Get ready for some feels!  
#hellopolice  
#spfhellopolice  
#singaporepoliceforce



- Ashton Soo**  
Salute to all police officers who have been making personal sacrifices to contribute to our nation
- Vijay Kathir**  
You all are doing great. It was a very interesting series. Everyone has feelings.
- Carol Lee**  
What she goes through shows it is not easy to be a police officer.



**Singapore Police Force** June 4 at 2:30 PM · 🌐  
**Fight Song**  
Original song by Rachel Platten  
Music arrangement inspiration from The Piano Guys  
Performed by the Singapore Police Force Band  
The COVID-19 pandemic has changed our way of life but some things remain unchanged - our commitment to keep Singapore safe and secure as well as our fighting spirit.  
As we commemorate Police Day, we dedicate this "Fight Song" to all frontliners including our healthcare workers, transport workers, cleaning workers, safe distancing personnel, food delivery riders and many more, for working tirelessly every day to keep us going. Salute!  
If you have any family members or friends working at the frontline, dedicate this song to them to spur them on!  
We also thank each and every one of you who is supporting us in keeping Singapore safe and secure!  
Ministry of Home Affairs, Singapore  
Ministry of Health, Singapore  
Ministry of Transport, Singapore  
Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment  
#SGUnited  
#safeguardingeveryday  
#singaporepoliceforce  
#policeday2021



- 1.1K 53 Comments 335 Shares
- George Lim**  
Nice piece....Thank You to all our Guardians in Blue keeping Singapore safe in spite of the situation... and also incorporated Amazing Grace remembering the fallen ones.... Salute!!!! FIGHT ON!!!!
  - Cindy Sim**  
The violinist played well! Great song and performance 🙌🙌
  - Kris Childress**  
Very inspiring. Thank you for your service and for safeguarding our island home.



**Singapore Police Force** June 3 at 9:00 AM · 🌐  
**[Our People, Our Heartware]**  
The Singapore Police Force commemorates Police Day on 3 June every year. On this day, we celebrate our past achievements, recognise the contributions of our officers across generations, and reaffirm our commitment to serve the nation.  
Being at the forefront of law enforcement within the community, our officers are often faced with challenging situations every day that require them to make tough decisions with the interests of the public at heart.  
Watch the video to catch a glimpse of the varied situations that officers deal with in their line of duty, and the choices they make to keep Singapore safe and secure.  
#safeguardingeveryday  
#singaporepoliceforce  
#policeday2021



- Dennis Chan**  
Words can never express my gratitude to SPF for keeping us safe. Thank you SPF & Happy Police Day!
- Caleb Chiang**  
Thank you to all our daily heroes, all the good work put in by every batch of police officers from every dept of the home team. Upholding high integrity and honesty thru the years. Thank u all, ex, present, and future police officer. Enjoy this day where Singapore celebrates with u
- Jason Teo KS**  
Nice heart warming video on our men in blue! Keep up the faith to serve and protect the public! Our respect to all of you!

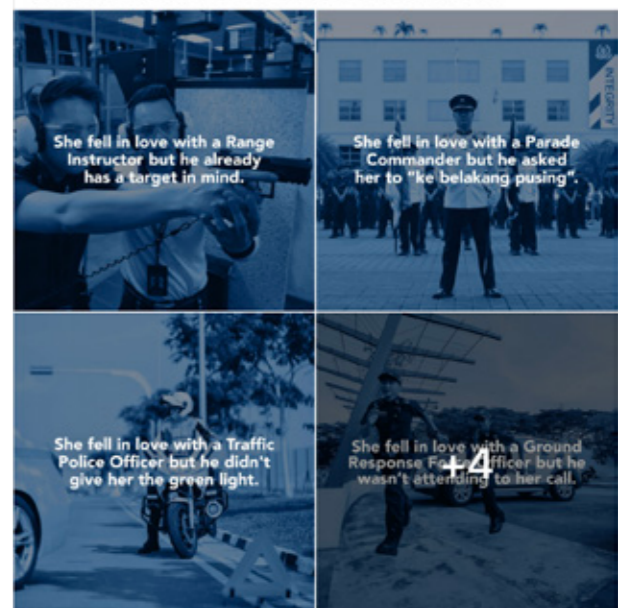


**Singapore Police Force** May 30 · 🌐  
How did Station Inspector Jeff Lim react to the allegations made after he helped an elderly woman in Yishun? Tune in to his candid sharing with Mothership to find out.  
#sgpolicefeatures



- Mothership.sg May 30 · 🌐  
Find out if Station Inspector Jeff Lim cursed when he's being accused and under what circumstances he will buy you chicken wings.
- Key Tan**  
You and your fellow officers also got a lot of support from the community.. keep up the good work 🙌
  - Rashid Kifly**  
Great job SI Jeff 🙌  
Lets move on.
  - Frances Jeremiah**  
U r wat u r..officer..ur kind man n helpful too..keep up e kindness..n ur team too.

**Singapore Police Force** May 22 at 4:36 PM · 🌐  
Presenting to you the SPF version!  
Have a good weekend, everyone. Stay home, stay safe!



- 1.5K 108 Comments 532 Shares
- Zach Wu**  
This is really hilarious 🤣🤣
  - Alex Neo**  
Thanks for the effort. Nice one!
  - Carol Lim**  
Love these brilliant and witty posts! So well done!



# POLICE DAY 2021

Syam Roslan

Public Affairs Department

The Singapore Police Force (SPF) commemorates Police Day on 3 June yearly. On this day, officers come together to celebrate our achievements and recognise the contributions of past and present officers. Officers also renew their pledge to reaffirm their commitment to serve the nation and to carry out duties with courage, loyalty, integrity and fairness.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the SPF marked this year's Police Day with a virtual Police Day Observance Ceremony instead of the traditional Police Day Parade. The ceremony, led by Commissioner of Police (CP) Hoong Wee Teck, was attended virtually by more than 2,200 officers from SPF units islandwide.

At this year's ceremony, a video titled "Our People, Our Heartware" was released. This video depicted the difficult decisions our officers have to make in everyday policing, and how despite these challenges, they continue to serve the public with their interests at heart.

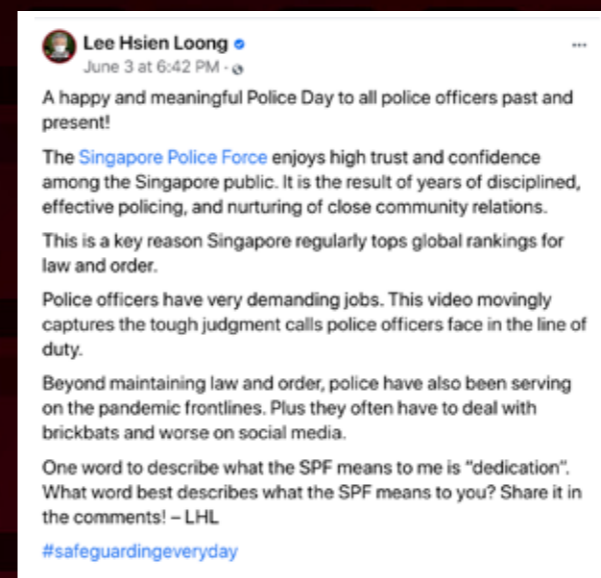
As a tradition, the ceremony also observed one minute of silence to pay tribute and honour the officers who sacrificed their lives in the line of duty.

Lastly, the award recipients for the Best Land Division, the Best National Service (NS) Operationally Ready Unit, as well as the Full-time Police National Servicemen and Operationally Ready Police National Servicemen of the Year were also announced at the ceremony. Ang Mo Kio Division took top honours to clinch the Best Land Division award this year, while Jurong Division won the Best NS Operationally Ready Unit for the third consecutive year.

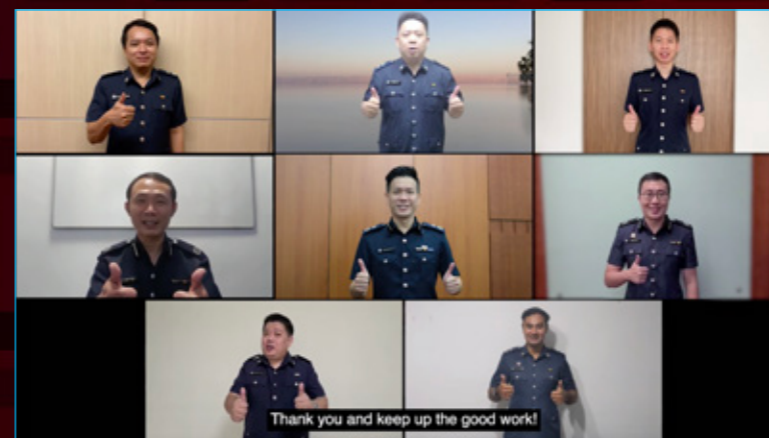
Check out some of the highlights here!



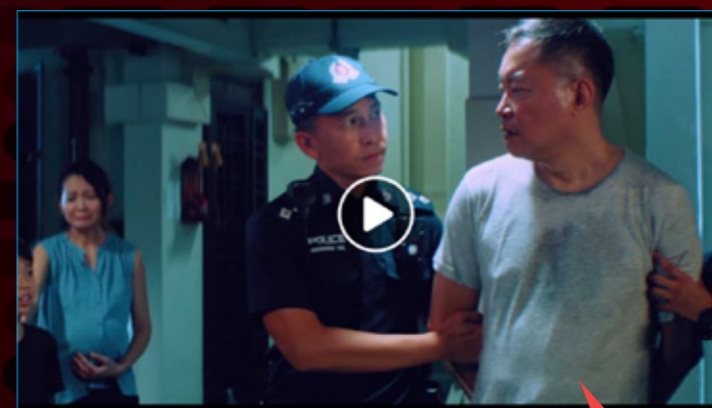
CP leading officers in the recitation of the Police pledge.



Ang Mo Kio Division, the winner of Best Land Division Competition 2020.



Jurong Division, who clinched the Best NS Operationally Ready Unit for the third successive year.



A scene from 'Our People, Our Heartware', which was released during the ceremony.

Scan the QR code to watch the "Our People, Our Heartware" video!



"Today, we come together as one Force to mark Police Day. Often, we have to make difficult but the right decisions, to uphold the law and protect life and property. I hope the video will inspire us, to continue to be a professional, effective and trusted police force, ensuring that Singapore remains one of the safest countries in the world. I thank all of you for your hard work and sacrifices. You are at the heart of our success. Happy Police Day."

- CP Hoong Wee Teck, Commissioner of Police

## Behind the scenes

# with the host of "Hello Police?" web series

✍️ Domnic Dass

📷 Ong Lin Hui

In this issue of *Police Life*, we caught up with Sergeant (Sgt) Yeo Yulin, the bubbly host of "Hello Police?", the mini-web series featured on the Singapore Police Force (SPF) Facebook page that answers burning questions about our officers in blue and various day-to-day police-

related matters. We also took this opportunity to get Sgt Yeo to share more about her life and first-time experience of becoming a 'public figure' as a host in this SPF produced mini-web series.



Sgt Yulin, a Ground Response Force (GRF) officer with Bukit Batok Neighbourhood Police Centre (NPC), has been with the SPF for more than three years after graduating from Ngee Ann Polytechnic with a Diploma in Nursing. Sgt Yulin's drive to pursue her childhood ambition eventually steered her to become a police officer. "As cliché as it may sound, being a police officer has always been my aspiration. As a young kid, I loved watching 'Crimewatch' or anything related to crimes. I still remember that I screamed in joy when I received the email informing me of my successful application with the SPF!" said Sgt Yulin expressively.

When asked about her work and colleagues at Bukit Batok NPC, Sgt Yulin shared with a wide smile, "I know that I can always count on my colleagues. They are like my second family!" Being an avid 'foodie', she also revealed that one of the reasons she enjoys working at Bukit Batok NPC is the abundance of good food options just around the corner.

In her role as the host of 'Hello Police?', Sgt Yulin recalled that she was startled when the Public Affairs Department (PAD) contacted her for an audition as she had no emceeing

background nor hosting experience. Nevertheless, she decided to step out of her comfort zone to give the audition a try and was thrilled when she clinched the role! Beaming as she was, there was also anxiety. "I was excited but also worried that I may not perform up to expectations," she said. "I remember telling my family and colleagues about it, and they were all so happy and supportive. Their words of encouragement gave me the push to persist and give my best. More importantly, I was also looking forward to learning something new!" remarked Sgt Yulin.

With both apprehension and excitement, Sgt Yulin started filming for "Hello Police?" on 6 January 2021. What followed were long hours of filming, sometimes involving multiple retakes. "I felt so bad about it because it always took up time, and when the mistakes kept repeating, I became impatient and a little mad at myself for holding the crew back", she confessed. Despite the challenges encountered, Sgt Yulin persisted and shared that the PAD production team was ever so patient and always there to help her throughout the filming process. She added that this experience also enabled her to learn new skills such as emceeing techniques, developing her way of articulation, and gave her a more in-depth knowledge about the work of other Police units.

Following the release of 'Hello Police?', Sgt Yulin was surprised that there were people who could recognise her, even with her mask on! "I was buying food at the 'Kopitiam' one day when a lady approached me and asked if I was the host of the show and added that she enjoyed watching it," she said. In addition to her public fame, she also started receiving a surge in follower requests on her social media accounts after her friends tagged her private profile when they shared the videos. Thankfully, there were many positive reviews and comments from her fans!

When asked about her favourite episode, Sgt Yulin shared that it was the final episode that impacted her. She had been looking forward to filming it as she wanted to use this opportunity to share her unfiltered and unscripted views with the public. She shared that the video served as a heart-warming reminder that police officers are just like you and me, and it is inevitable for the public to misunderstand the Police at times. She hopes that through her efforts in the 'Hello Police?' series, the public can be more empathetic towards the Police and trust that our officers will always strive to be as professional and effective as they can be, with the public's interests at heart.

At the end of the interview, Sgt Yulin shared that if she is offered the opportunity to host season 2 of the "Hello Police?" series, she would definitely take it on, even if it meant juggling between her regular work and the filming.



# - 5 RISKS - OF INVESTING IN CRYPTOCURRENCIES



## 01 FOREIGN AND ONLINE OPERATORS

DIFFICULT TO TRACE & VERIFY  
OPERATOR'S AUTHENTICITY.

## 02 LACK OF PROVEN TRACK RECORD

DIFFICULT TO ESTABLISH THE  
CREDIBILITY OF SELLERS.

## 03 YOU MIGHT LOSE EVERY CENT

THE VALUE OF CRYPTOCURRENCIES  
ARE HIGHLY SPECULATIVE,  
AMBIGUOUS & VOLATILE.

## 04 LOSING YOUR PRIVATE KEY

YOU RISK LOSING ACCESS TO  
YOUR CRYPTOCURRENCIES. BE WARY  
OF DIGITAL WALLET HACKS.

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THIS COMES WITH HIGHER  
RISKS & COULD POTENTIALLY  
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# ROAD SAFETY RULES WHEN CYCLING

Syam Roslan

While it may be fun to cycle with your friends and family to explore our island, it is important to follow our road safety rules to keep yourself and other road users safe. Check out these cycling safety tips from the Traffic Police!

**Safety tip!**  
Plan ahead, pick the safest route, and avoid cycling on roads with heavy traffic as much as possible.

**ROAD SAFETY RULES  
WHEN CYCLING**

Cyclists are allowed to ride on minor and major arterial roads.

**ROAD SAFETY RULES  
WHEN CYCLING**

Cyclists are not allowed on expressways.

**ROAD SAFETY ADVICE  
WHEN CYCLING**

Cyclists are not allowed on road tunnels

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# POLICE WORKPLAN SEMINAR 2021

**SMARTER POLICING**  
**EMPOWERED COMMUNITY**

Seah Hwee Khan Singapore Police Force

The COVID-19 pandemic has changed the world considerably in terms of the way we live and work. Despite the challenges, the Singapore Police Force (SPF) remains vigilant, adapting to the ever-evolving operating environment, while continuously seeking ways to innovate and improve its capabilities to keep Singapore safe and secure.

Taking a virtual form, this year's Police Workplan Seminar unveiled a slew of technologies and initiatives to enhance frontline capabilities, streamline work processes, improve training regimes, and strengthen the partnership with the community.

Check out the video titled 'Smarter Policing, Empowered Community', which was released through the virtual seminar, featuring several of the new technologies.



Read on to find out more about some of the new gadgets and systems that were introduced at the Police Seminar Workplan 2021!

## SMARTER POLICING

### Body Worn Camera 2.0 (BWC 2.0)

The BWC 1.0 was first implemented in 2015 to facilitate investigations and to gather evidence. The BWC 2.0 has several improvements, especially a new on-demand live streaming function. This function will allow footage from the BWC 2.0 to be live streamed to the Police Operations Command Centre (POCC) and will help POCC make more informed decisions to support frontline officers. The BWC 2.0 will be rolled out to frontline units by end of 2021.

#### The BWC 2.0 and its key features



- Full HD recording
- Longer battery life (increased from 2.5 hours to 13 hours)
- PIN protected playback
- Live video and audio streaming to POCC
- Remote wiping of data

## Police Smartphone

Around 14,000 police officers are currently equipped with the Police Smartphone, which is a secured device that allows officers to access various SPF mobile applications. These mobile applications help officers in their frontline work and allow them to remotely access administrative and training functions. These capabilities have become even more vital during the COVID-19 pandemic. The SPF is working with Home Team Science & Technology Agency on a new mobile application that will provide a seamless process for the booking of SPF vehicles and for fleet maintenance as well.

### A Police Smartphone



## Automated Equipping System (AES)

The AES automates the process of issuing, returning and record-keeping of operational equipment at the Neighbourhood Police Centres (NPCs). The AES is equipped with smart lockers with RFID and QR code technology, allowing officers to self-draw equipment using a two-factor authentication system. This saves time and manpower, as it eliminates the need for a maintenance officer to be present. The AES has been on trial at Bishan NPC since June 2018, and an updated and improved design will be rolled out to the NPCs starting this year.



### The Automated Equipping System (AES)



## Investigation Case Management System

The Investigation Case Management System is a fully digitalised system that will allow investigation officers to quickly request and receive information from various sources, generate investigative leads, and work seamlessly together. The system will enable investigative officers to do all this and conduct their investigations anywhere and anytime, which will lead to improved efficiency and effectiveness. The system will be progressively rolled out from November 2021.

### Police Camera 2.0 (PolCam 2.0)

PolCams are familiar fixtures in Housing Development Board (HDB) estates and multi-storey carpark blocks, where they help to deter and fight crime. Since 2012, they have helped solve more than 5,000 cases! PolCam 2.0 will further extend coverage in neighbourhoods and public spaces, such as new HDB blocks, hawkker centres and transport nodes. Cameras installed in Town Centres and Neighbourhood Centres will also have Video Analytic (VA) capabilities that will help the SPF detect sudden crowd congregation and dispersal, as well as violent behaviors. This will help the SPF to coordinate an appropriate response to an incident quickly and effectively.

PolCams are installed in neighbourhoods and public spaces to deter and fight crime



### Beyond Visual Line of Sight (BVLOS) Drones

The SPF has deployed traditional drones to help combat crime and security threats for major events, enforcement operations, searches for missing persons, and unlawful landings from sea. The SPF is now exploring the use of BVLOS drones to support operations. BVLOS drones are integrated drone pod systems, and the drones can be remotely deployed from a centralised command and control centre. As part of trials, BVLOS drones were deployed in industrial estates in the western part of Singapore during the COVID-19 Circuit Breaker period.

A BVLOS Drone with drone box



### Video Extension for Emergency Numbers (VEEN)

The VEEN system enables the SPF to establish a dedicated video stream from the caller's mobile phone to the POCC. During a '999' call, if POCC call takers assessed that it will be useful for the caller to stream video of the scene to the POCC, a SMS link will be sent to the caller to activate VEEN. The system will help POCC to better understand the situation, and the footage can be also disseminated to the responding officers and Ground Commander.

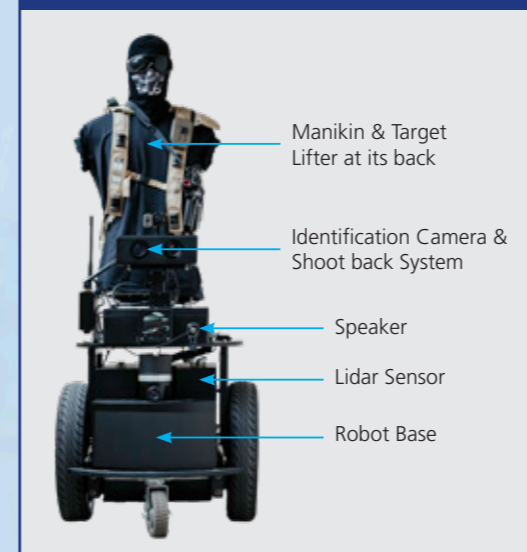
### Mobile TASER Training Target (MTTT)

The MTTT is a training system to replace the conventional "man-in-suit" training for taser scenario-based training. The MTTT is remote-controlled and can project audio to simulate engagement with the officer being trained. The MTTT can detect the landing points of the taser probes on the training target and the distance between them, which will help to provide more information for trainees to better understand how they can improve. Importantly, the MTTT reduces the risk of injury during such scenario-based training and is particularly useful during the COVID-19 pandemic as it reduces physical contact. The MTTT will be trialed with frontline units from July to September 2021.

A prototype of MTTT and its components



A prototype of FORT



### Live Instrumentation Training System (LITS)

LITS is a training system that enhances realism and simulates weapon engagement for tactical training, helping to train officers to make ground assessments and apply correct tactics and techniques in neutralising security threats. LITS has a Laser Engagement System, which is used to fire lasers and capture their corresponding hit events using body-worn detectors. LITS also has a robotic platform that can be deployed as an opposing force against the trainees. The Force-On-Robotic Target (FORT) consists of a human-like target system that can conceal itself when the target is hit. It also has a 'shoot back' system that can identify, track and fire at trainees. LITS has an analytics system that can consolidate the results of the simulated firefight and provide training data to the trainees. The system will undergo trials from December 2021 to March 2022.

## EMPOWERED COMMUNITY

### Digital Community Alert System (dCAS)

The dCAS will be a new feature of the Police@SG mobile application. Currently, NPCs disseminate alerts to Community Alert Service subscribers through SMS. The dCAS will enable NPCs to send out interactive multimedia messages and increase their audience reach from specific subscribers to general users of the Police@SG application through push notifications.

### Community Watch Scheme (CWS)

The CWS builds on the success of the Neighbourhood Watch Zone (NWZ), which was launched in 1997. However, instead on being based on the geographical location of a neighbourhood, the CWS will engage and involve citizens based on interests, namely Home, Work/Learning, Transport, Lifestyle and Cyber. Interest groups can be formed under each of these categories, and members of the public can sign up with these interest groups, and be provided with crime information, alerts and advisories relevant to their areas of interest. CWS members will also be given access to training materials and resources to help increase the general level of vigilance in the community and encourage active citizenry. The CWS will also help bring together various existing schemes under one umbrella. For example, schemes such as Riders-on-Watch and Vehicles-on-Watch will be subsumed under the Transport category of CWS. The CWS is expected to launch in December 2021 and the NWZ will be integrated under CWS thereafter.





# WHAT'S IN MY NEIGHBOURHOOD?

 Syam Roslan

 Naveen Raj Kunaseelan



In this issue of 'What's in my Neighbourhood?', we caught up with Sergeant Ruby Tan from Sembawang Neighbourhood Police Centre (NPC). The Ground Response Force (GRF) officer shared her affinity for the neighbourhood that she has served and protected for the past five years, as well as her pride as a police officer.

**Police Life (PL): What do you like about your current job as a police officer?**

**Sgt Tan:** As a police officer, I get to see and engage with people from all walks of life. There is never a dull day as the ever-changing operational environment brings about many challenges, which require us to be always vigilant and agile to manage them effectively. I also enjoyed the strong camaraderie amongst my colleagues. Apart from learning on the job as well as from the guidance from my colleagues and management team, I have many opportunities to upgrade my skills through relevant training courses.

**PL: What is your most memorable work-related incident as a GRF officer in Sembawang NPC?**

**Sgt Tan:** There was this incident where we responded to multiple calls about a female subject standing on a window ledge of a HDB flat, at least ten storey up. However, there were no signs of the subject when we arrived at the scene. Together with officers from the Singapore Civil Defence Force, we combed the area and conducted ground enquiries with the residents nearby. Finally, after interviewing the callers and watching the various video footages, we managed to locate the unit of the subject's residence.

We eventually found the subject in the unit, who informed us that she was stressed out after a dispute with her partner. While I was relieved that the subject was unharmed, we observed that her emotions were unstable. Hence, my colleagues and I stayed on to help her 'settle down' and prevent her from harming herself. As this was one of the first incidents I attended as a first responder, it left a lasting memory. Seeing how my colleagues applied empathy for someone going through a tough time presented the 'Heartware' side of a police officer, which really touched me.

**PL: What is the greatest satisfaction you derived from your work?**

**Sgt Tan:** Helping others. It could be as simple as helping someone who was lost or providing crime prevention advice to members of the public. Knowing that what I do helps the community I serve, gives me a great deal of satisfaction.

**PL: What is the biggest misconception of a GRF officer?**

**Sgt Tan:** The public sometimes shuns police officers as they believe that offering information to the Police would be troublesome and might lead to investigations back to them. Arising from these misconceptions, we would encounter uncooperative people on occasions which made information gathering a challenge for officers attending to incidents. The public can play a crucial role in helping the police to apprehend criminals and bring them to justice. So please do not be afraid to step forward and share information with us so that we can help solve or prevent crime.

**PL: Describe your relationship with the people of Sembawang.**

**Sgt Tan:** Open, gracious and helpful. When I am on patrol, some residents will come up to me to extend their greetings and if we are coping well with the COVID-19 pandemic. There are also other residents who would alert us if they come across something unusual or suspicious in their neighbourhood. Some even offered to help!

**PL: What is your comfort food in Sembawang?**

**Sgt Tan:** My favourite would be the 'Bak Kut Teh' from Admiralty Street, especially on rainy days or when I miss home-cooked food.

**PL: Any hidden gems or spots around this neighbourhood?**

**Sgt Tan:** When we mentioned Sembawang, people would talk about the Sembawang Hot Spring Park. I have many memories of the place as I frequented it with my family when I was younger. It has since been upgraded beautifully with more facilities. Another spot would be the beach view from the entrance at Jalan Selimang. It is serene and clean, thanks to the volunteers who clean up the beach frequently.

**PL: Give a shoutout to the residents of Sembawang.**

**Sgt Tan:** Stay strong, stay united, and we will overcome this COVID-19 pandemic and emerge stronger!

## Crime Files: Gardens by the Bay Murder Mystery

 **Domnic Dass**

From love to lies and wrath, we recall how a missing person case grew into a murder mystery in this issue of crime files. Read on to find out how the Singapore Police Force (SPF) work together with the Health Sciences Authority (HSA) to solve the murder using Mitochondrial DNA sequencing for the first time in Singapore without the victim's body.

### Have you seen my colleague?

31-year-old engineer, Miss Cui Yajie, had been absent from work for three days and was also not found at her residence, prompting her colleague to file a missing person report. While examining the rented room where Cui stayed, officers from Clementi Division found it undisturbed, suggesting that she had never returned home. After checking with hospitals and the Immigration and Checkpoints Authority, they concluded that she was neither admitted for medical care nor left the country. The case was then handed over to the Criminal Investigation Department's (CID) Special Investigation Section (SIS). SIS officers found out from the missing person's colleague that the victim had a boyfriend called "Leslie" working at a dry-cleaning company. The colleague also recalled that on the last night Cui was seen in the office, she had a heated argument over the phone about money "Leslie" owed her. The colleague also added that when she later realised her co-worker was nowhere to be found, she had called "Leslie" to find out if he knew of her whereabouts. The man had denied any knowledge on Cui's whereabouts and hesitantly gave Cui's address to the colleague. SIS officers also interviewed the landlord, who recalled her tenant leaving the house on the morning of 12 July 2016 wearing a dress with prints while arguing with someone on the phone.

## Remains of woman found; man charged with murder

S'porean man accused of killing 31-year-old engineer who was reported missing last week

Ng Huiwen and Amir Hussain

After 31-year-old engineer Cui Yajie failed to turn up for work for two days straight, worried colleagues at semiconductor firm MediaTek lodged a missing person report last Thursday and even took to social media to appeal for information. But she was already dead.

On Wednesday night, the police found her decomposed remains in a forested area in Lim Chu Kang. They were led to the grisly scene by 48-year-old Leslie Khoo Kwee Hock, who works at a laundry business. He showed little emotion in court yesterday when he was charged with the murder of Ms Cui, a Chinese national from Tianjin who graduated from the University of Southampton in Britain. The Singaporean was accused of killing her between 8am and 10.11am at Gardens by the Bay East in Marina Bay last Tuesday, a day after she went missing. Clad in a dark blue polo T-shirt, Khoo, who faces the death penalty, did not enter a plea.

Ms Cui was last seen at Fusionopolis Walk in Buona Vista at about 9.15pm last Monday, close to where her firm is located. She had stayed back to work that night. But she never returned home. The police managed to establish

Khoo's identity on Wednesday and he led them to Lim Chu Kang Lane 8 later that night. By 8pm, the area was cordoned off as officers carrying flashlights worked to recover evidence. A forensics team from the Health Sciences Authority joined them later.

Yesterday morning, about 20 Gurkha officers and the police's dog unit combed an area about 2km wide looking for the rest of her remains, said Chinese newspaper Shin Min Daily News. Investigations at the scene, located near several dairy farms, ended at around 5.30pm. The police were seen taking away a part of an abandoned truck.

Ms Cui was described as a cheerful and warm person who made friends easily, by those who knew her. She was said to be active in the Chinese expatriate community here. Khoo, meanwhile, had been held up as a role model for former prisoners. A 2012 report by The New Paper revealed how Khoo and his wife had volunteered to deliver Christmas hampers to the families of inmates, after his release from prison that year.

District Judge Christopher Goh granted the police prosecutor's request to remand the suspect for a week, with permission to take him out to assist in investigations. There have been four other unnatural deaths in the last two weeks



Khoo (below) has been charged with the murder of Ms Cui (left), a Chinese national from Tianjin. The 48-year-old Singaporean is accused of killing her at Gardens by the Bay East in Marina Bay last Tuesday, a day after she went missing.

Bottom: Police officers at Lim Chu Kang Lane 8 on Wednesday night, where Ms Cui's remains were found. PHOTOS: FACEBOOK, TNP FILE



On July 13, a 55-year-old man was allegedly murdered in a boat Quay pub. Two days before, a 42-year-old man died after being stabbed outside a Jalan Besar pub. On July 9, two men were found dead, one in Geylang Lorong 23, another at Yusuhin Block 279. Arrests were made in all but the Jalan Besar case. Yesterday, Deputy Commissioner of Police for investigations and intelligence Tan Chye Hee, highlighting the recent spate of incidents, said offenders will be tracked down and "face the full brunt of the law".

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### Too many lies to remember.

After carefully trawling through closed-circuit television (CCTV) footages from the MRT stations near her residence, officers discovered that Cui had alighted at Joo Koon MRT station and boarded a car with a license plate that was registered to Leslie Khoo Kwee Hock. As Khoo was the suspected last point of contact, he was interviewed for information about the missing woman. During the interview, Khoo denied knowing her whereabouts, stating that he last saw her at the Bay East Garden carpark of Gardens by the Bay. Khoo further shared that they had an argument about money he owed Cui in the car, after which he pushed her out and left. When the SIS officers brought Khoo to the location he claimed to have last seen her for further investigations, his statements were found to be incongruent, which prompted the SIS officers to probe further. After reviewing more CCTV footages, the officers noticed that Khoo appeared to be alone in the car when he drove into Marina Bay Gardens. His vehicle was processed by HSA's Forensic Chemistry and Physics Laboratory, where traces of blood were found. After examining the blood, HSA discovered that the blood had matching deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) - a molecule that contains the genetic code of organisms - with objects Cui had used at her home. Faced with mounting evidence, Khoo eventually admitted that he had killed her in a fit of rage.

### The dead tell no tales.

Khoo told the officers that on the morning of 12 July 2016, Cui had threatened to go to his office, but she was persuaded to meet up with him first. A heated argument broke out between them in the car, forcing Khoo to stop along Marina Gardens Drive. He said that Cui became very physical, demanding that he return the SGD10,000 she had given him for an investment. In the heat of the argument, Khoo strangled her to death. Not knowing what to do, Khoo drove around with the victim's lifeless body, carefully concealing her with clothes and reclined the seat to evade CCTVs and eyes of the public. Recalling a location during his National Service (NS) days which was remote and far away from human traffic, he brought the body to Lim Chu Kang Lane 8, where he attempted to burn it under a metal lorry canopy with charcoal and kerosene. When he realised that the body was taking a long time to burn, he shifted the body to a nearby drain to discreetly continue the burning process. After burning the body for three days, he collected the remains and ashes and scattered the ashes into the sea at Sembawang.


### The first time Mitochondrial DNA Sequencing was used in Singapore.


When Khoo brought the SIS officers to the location where he burned the body, Crime Scene Specialists were also called down to process the scene. Even though there was no physical body, the team managed to collect traces of evidence, including a piece of burnt clothing and some human hair. After further examinations, the HSA's Forensic Chemistry and Physics Laboratory managed to find a match of the piece of clothing with the same dress belonging to another customer, based on thread count and pattern. The matching clothing strongly suggested that the burnt clothing came from the dress belonging to the victim. However, the HSA's DNA Profiling Laboratory team could not determine that the human hair was matched to the victim as it was missing the roots, which possessed crucial DNA. HSA then requested the Police to attain some hair strains from the victim's mother to proceed with Mitochondrial DNA sequencing.

This was the first time Mitochondrial DNA sequencing was used to aid in an investigation in Singapore. Mitochondrial DNA is exclusively carried on the offspring from the mother, and a match between the victim's mother's hair and the hair sample would help uncover if the hair found at the scene belonged to the victim. The victim was also an only child, which helped the HSA's DNA Profiling team establish that it was indeed Cui's hair that was found at the crime scene. With this evidence, the Police were finally able to conclude and proceed with charging Khoo for the murder of Cui.

Khoo was convicted on the charge of Murder under Section 300(b), punishable under Section 302(2) of the Penal Code, Chapter 224, on 19 August 2019, and was sentenced to life imprisonment. This case saw officers trawling through more than 100 hours of CCTV footage, interviewing more than 60 witnesses and thoroughly examining more than 200 case exhibits. This case was really challenging, but through the use of forensic science and thorough investigative work, justice was served!

# Brimming with Youth and Passion

 Syam Roslan

 Aloysious Low



Ms Nicole Lee has always been interested in policing since childhood as her father used to share his fond memories of his National Service (NS) days with the Singapore Police Force (SPF) regularly. Now 21, the National University of Singapore undergraduate is living her policing dream as a Volunteer Special Constabulary (VSC) officer and hopes to take the next step in her crime-fighting journey!

## Police Life: How did you learn about the VSC vocation?

**Lee:** I first heard about the VSC scheme back in 2016, through the hit police-themed television series 'C.L.I.F 4' which depicted the life of a VSC officer! I have been a huge fan of the 'C.L.I.F' series since 2011, which piqued my interest in the work of police officers in different vocations.

## PL: What motivated you to sign up as a VSC officer?

**Lee:** My father served his NS with the Police K-9 Unit, and he would always share with us his exciting NS and policing life ever since I was a kid. He had a great influence on me and that piqued my interest to be a police officer. After my GCE 'A' Levels, I applied to be a VSC officer to experience the work of a police officer and work towards my long-term goal of becoming a regular police officer. I wanted to experience policing at a young age, as it would allow me to understand the crime situation in Singapore, think from multiple perspectives and hone my communication skills.

## PL: Were your family members and friends supportive of your decision to join the SPF as a VSC officer?

**Lee:** Definitely! Coming from a family with a background in uniformed groups (my mother used to be an auxiliary police officer), they were extremely supportive and looked forward to seeing me don the blue uniform as a VSC officer. My friends also gave me their fullest support and encouragement to pursue my dreams even though it would be a challenging journey. They all know my interests in policing work and look forward to seeing me convert from a VSC officer to a full-fledged police officer upon graduation from university!

## PL: What were some of the challenges you faced during the VSC training? Which training stood out for you?

**Lee:** I had to adapt quickly to different scenarios and pick up new skills. The training was physically challenging for my relatively small stature. Being the youngest officer in the squad, I was also worried that I could not bond well with my squad as we were from vastly different age groups. However, I was appointed as the Squad Leader and given multiple opportunities to lead and bond with the squad.

The firearms training stood out for me. As a female, I did not go through National Service and I had never handled a firearm. My first ever practice shoot was the most memorable, as it was my first time firing a real gun!

## PL: How did you feel when you finally completed the training to be a VSC officer?

**Lee:** I felt immensely proud of myself and grateful to have the opportunity to graduate as a full-fledged VSC officer. As the Squad Leader, being able to graduate with the squad mates that I led and bonded with was a great

honour! I was also chosen to give the Commencement speech and led the recitation of the Police pledge at my Graduation Ceremony. It was certainly an unforgettable moment, especially for someone my age.

## PL: Which Division are you serving at now, and where do you often patrol?

**Lee:** I have been a Ground Response Force officer with Tanglin Division's Orchard Neighbourhood Police Centre (NPC) since March 2020. Together with my regular colleagues, we conduct patrols at areas with high footfall such as Orchard Road and Clarke Quay. I have also attended to a wide range of cases such as affray, shop theft and more.

## PL: How do you juggle your time between studying and volunteering with the SPF?

**Lee:** After joining VSC, my time management skills have improved tremendously. Even though I might feel burnt out after the long and busy 12-hour shifts, and having to attend lectures or study for examinations right after, I have no regrets! What keeps me going in VSC is the strong support of my family, friends and SPF colleagues who believe in my abilities and passion for doing the work that I love.

## PL: Tell us about your most memorable incident while on duty.

**Lee:** Recently, I was dispatched to a case involving a fight in Orchard area. It was my first time attending to such an incident. The subjects involved in the fight were very aggressive and agitated. As first responders, we had to stop the fight immediately to prevent any further injuries to either party. Thanks to great teamwork, we managed to contain the situation and eventually arrested a subject involved.

## PL: Do you have any advice to share with your peers who may be interested in signing up as a VSC officer?

**Lee:** If you have a strong interest and passion for police work, but you have a job to commit to, joining the VSC could be the right option for you! Juggling between VSC duties and your commitments can be challenging, but the experience will be fulfilling and meaningful. The strong camaraderie between SPF officers makes you feel like home, as they will not hesitate to support you when you are in need.



If you are interested to learn more about the VSC vocation, scan the QR code to head over to the SPF website!

# HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

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**This Father's Day, dads in the Force share how they balance their police work and their role as fathers.**

## ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE (ASP) MUHSIN BIN ABDUL RAZAK

Officer-in-Charge (OC) Kilo Juliet (KJ), Rapid Deployment Troops (RDT), Police Tactical Unit, Special Operations Command (SOC)



### Briefly share with us your roles and responsibilities in your current designation.

I lead a team of 40 officers, and I am responsible for maintaining their operational readiness to respond to any public order and public security incidents. In addition, I also keep abreast of global issues related to public order and public security to understand their potential impact on Singapore and ensure that my team is ready to respond when called upon.

### Tell us more about your children.

I have a one-and-a-half-year-old son. He is attending pre-school and will be moving from infant care to playgroup soon.

### What is your proudest moment as a father so far?

My proudest moment was witnessing the birth of my son and holding him in my arms for the first time in the delivery room.

### What are some of your challenges as a working dad?

It was really challenging during the first few months as my wife and I had to wake up every two to three hours to

feed him. As he is a light sleeper, we had to pat him for a good 10-15 minutes before he went back to sleep. During that time, my wife and I forgot how a three hour stretch of sleep actually felt like!

Our son attends pre-school as both of us are working. As I am on shift work, it becomes challenging whenever he falls sick. During such times, both of us have to take turns to be on leave to care for him, and I will have to multi-task and juggle between my work as well as my family commitments.

### How are you able to juggle your responsibilities as a father and a police officer?

A good support system at home and at work helps me to manage my responsibilities as a father and a police officer. I have a very understanding wife who will take care of my son when duty calls. I also have very understanding supervisors and colleagues who will always help to adjust my schedule or cover my duties whenever I need to attend to my son.



### What are you looking forward to in the next phase of parenthood?

I am looking forward to seeing him write and draw. It is heartening to see my son grow every day, from learning how to sit up on his own to crawling and walking. These are the key milestones during the various stages of a child's life, and it is important as a father to be there at every stage.

### Any advice for future fathers in the Force?

Parenting is an endless race. We all face challenges as dads daily, such as teaching them to behave themselves properly, developing our children to their fullest potential,

and juggling various commitments so that we can have more time for our family. There will be days when we feel overwhelmed or feel guilty at not providing more for our kids, but we must not stop trying.

## STATION INSPECTOR (SI) DINESH VISHNU

Senior Investigation Officer (SIO), Commercial Crime Squad, Central Division

It is during such times that you could feel overwhelmed between juggling work and family commitments.

### How are you able to juggle your responsibilities as a father and a police officer?

I am truly blessed to have an understanding and supportive wife. My wife is my pillar of strength. As the saying goes, 'Behind every man, there is a strong woman'. Apart from my wife, I am also very fortunate to have understanding supervisors and colleagues throughout my policing career. In addition, the SPF is an organisation that places emphasis on the importance of family.



### Briefly share with us your roles and responsibilities in your current designation.

I am part of the Commercial Crime Squad at Central Division, and I investigate online scams, forgery, and protracted cases.

### Tell us more about your children.

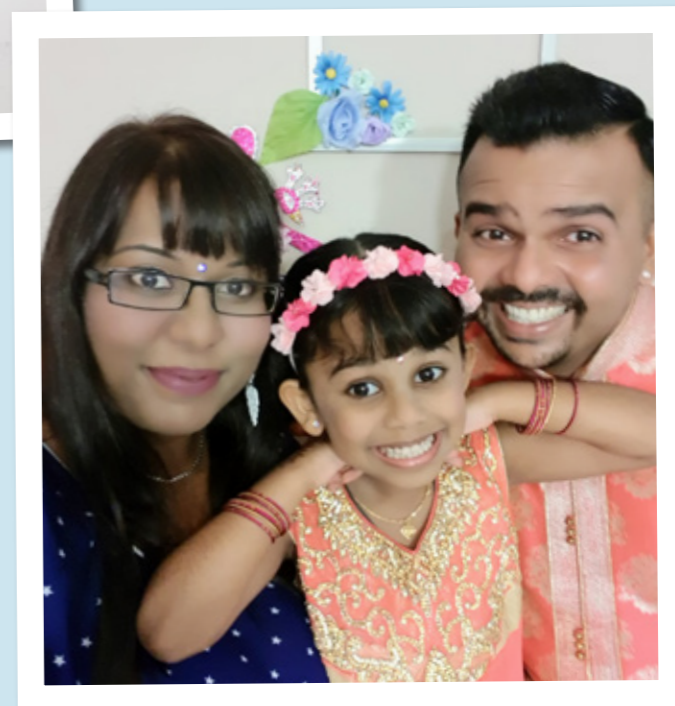
I have a beautiful 7-year-old daughter, who is in Primary two. She is an active and curious girl who enjoys nature and loves animals. Now, she is learning how to play the tongue-drum.

### What is your proudest moment as a father so far?

Once, my daughter received a donation envelope from school, and on it was a picture of a boy and a short story of his plight. She asked me to read the story to her. After hearing the boy's story, she went to her piggy bank, took out a ten-dollar note and placed it in the envelope. She said, "This boy needs this money more than me. I have everything my mummy and daddy can give me". I was very touched.

### What are some of your challenges as a working dad?

Being an investigation officer is very challenging and demanding, as we never know what to expect, both on and off duty. Recently, I had to handle a time-sensitive case over four days. I would come home past midnight and leave early for work in the morning without seeing her awake.



### What are you looking forward to in the next phase of parenthood?

I am looking forward to my daughter growing up and crossing all her milestones with her. But at the same time, I wish time will not pass so fast because I treasure my time with her, and she always will be my little princess.

### Any advice for future fathers in the Force?

Don't miss the precious little moments in your child's life. It may be challenging to juggle work and family commitments, but for our family, we need to persevere!

**CHIANG JIN JIE**

Team Leader, Financial Investigation Branch I,  
Commercial Affairs Department



**Briefly share with us your roles and responsibilities in your current designation.**

My team and I investigate offences under the Banking Act and Finance Company Act, as well as the Corruption, Drug Trafficking and Other Serious Crimes (Confiscation of Benefits) Act.

**Tell us more about your children.**

I have three children. My youngest son, Owen, arrived in March this year. Ryan and Ashley are currently two and four years old, respectively.

**What is your proudest moment as a father so far?**

I am amazed by my eldest daughter, Ashley's, ability to be diplomatic at such a young age. When she was asked if she preferred the food prepared by her grandmother or mother, she responded, "I like both!"

**What are some of your challenges as a working dad?**

With my wife taking care of Owen, it is a bit of a juggling act for me to send my two older children to and back from school. Although my working hours are quite regular, it is still subject to operational exigencies. For example, suspects can enter Singapore without notice, early morning raids may need to be planned, or interviews could be extended.

Sometimes, I could get so mentally exhausted after my work that I do not have any more energy to spend quality time with my children.

**How are you able to juggle your responsibilities as a father and a police officer?**

I would not have been able to manage if not for my bosses' and colleagues' understanding. My very understanding wife also played an important role. Being able to work from home has also greatly helped me to juggle between my work and family commitments.



**What are you looking forward to in the next phase of parenthood?**

I look forward to the days when my children will become more independent and acquire the skills to resolve conflicts among themselves. My two older children usually look to me to help resolve the issues between them. I would love to see them enjoy each other's company and play happily together.

**Any advice for future fathers in the Force?**

Regardless of the challenges, fatherhood is a very fulfilling experience. It is not mission impossible as long as you have ever-lasting strong support from your colleagues, wife and other family members.



*"Daddies don't just love their children every now and then, it's a love without end."*

– George Strait –

# A FORCE FUR THE NATION

Rachel Ng

Singapore Police Force

Recognised for their impressive agility, intelligence and sense of smell, dogs have been playing an important role in policing since the 1950s. However, not all dog breeds are suitable for police work. They must be carefully selected and trained for their specialised roles due to the unique temperaments and senses of smell of different dog breeds. K-9 handlers too, need to possess a flair for working with dogs to form strong bonds with their working companions.

## Establishment of Police Dog Unit (PDU)



*Chief Inspector Frank Pestana training with his German Shepard Rover, circa. 1955.*

The Police first recognised the potential of dogs in law enforcement in the 1950s, following the successful use of police dogs in the United Kingdom (UK). In 1954, the Singapore Police Force (SPF) sent Chief Inspector Frank C. Pestana to the Metropolitan Police Dog Training School in Kent, UK, to attend a three-month long Dog Instructor Course. There, he was gifted a German Shephard named Rover, and they worked as a team in tasks like tracking targets and performing patrols.

In 1955, Chief Inspector Pestana brought Rover and four other dogs back to Singapore to form the nucleus

of the SPF's Police Dog Unit (PDU), which is now known as the Police K-9 Unit today. Back then, the dogs were based at the Police Academy together with four trainee handlers. After five months of training, the handlers and their canine partners began their deployments to suppress secret society activities and disorderly crowds; perform anti-housebreaking patrols; and track criminals from crime scenes. Today, such duties continue to be conducted by Police Patrol Dogs (PPD) within the Police K-9 Unit.

## The Early Years of the PDU

The PDU grew from strength to strength throughout the 1950s–70s despite setbacks. For a period, the unit housed more than 15 dogs at the Police Reserve Unit at Mount Vernon. However, in 1965, nearly all the dogs in the unit perished from a severe disease.

The unit was given a new lease of life in 1970 when it acquired Mowbray Camp, Ulu Pandan, and its guard dogs detachment from the departing British Armed Forces. This camp had a bigger training space and enabled the sharing of common dog training and kennelling facilities with the Singapore Armed Forces (SAF) Provost Unit Dog Wing. Under the command of Senior Inspector Michael



*Police dogs marching in step with their handlers during a parade, circa. The 1960s.*



*Senior Inspector Michael Chan and a PDU dog, 1972 (Source:New Nation © Singapore Press Holdings Limited. Permission required for reproduction.)*



*Corporal Siah Mei Lek with her "Narco" dog Dicky going through a vehicle search training, circa. 1970s. The first female dog handlers were recruited in 1977.*



*A police dog team demonstrating a non-lethal takedown of a target, 1978.*



*Narcotic Detector Dog examining packages at Chai Chee Mails and Parcels Centre, 1990.*

Chan, the PDU grew in prominence and size. Partnerships with police counterparts in the UK and New Zealand also helped to bolster the unit. By 1973, the PDU had more than 30 dogs.

### Forging Inter-Agency Partnerships

The Police K-9 Unit conducts many functions to complement frontline police operations today, including crime scene pursuits; border security; and explosive and drug detections. It is also involved in many joint operations with Home Team departments such as the Immigration and Checkpoints Authority (ICA) and Singapore Prison Service (SPS).

These partnerships go back to as early as the 1970s, when the PDU helped establish the now-defunct Customs Dog Unit in 1977. In just over two years, and with the support of international partners like the United States Customs Service, the first 60 narcotics detecting dogs in Singapore were trained. In 1987, the PDU absorbed this unit in its Narcotics Detection Dog (NDD) teams. Today, NDD teams are deployed at all major entry points at Singapore's borders.

In 1995, the PDU also took over the assets and functions of the Prison Dog Unit. The Security Dog teams from SPF K-9 Unit continue to be deployed today for security coverage duties at Penal Institutions and Drug Rehabilitation Centres.

### The Police K-9 Unit in the New Millennium

The turn of the century saw several changes in the PDU. In 2003, it was renamed the Police K-9 Unit and reorganised to be part of the newly established Special Operations Command (SOC). The unit was also re-homed in 2004 to its current base in Choa Chu Kang. This base is equipped with

state-of-the-art training facilities and kennels, including a training block for Explosive Detection Dogs (EDD).

The EDD capability was first introduced in 2002 in the wake of the 9/11 terror attacks in America. EDDs are specially trained to detect hidden explosives and are deployed today with the Public Transport Security Command and at checkpoints.

Today, the Police K-9 Unit continues to serve as a tactical supporting unit to a multitude of frontline operations. Dogs are often seen as lovable companions by many who keep them as pets. However, their loyalty and strength take on a different meaning for the police officers who work alongside them in the line of duty.

*The Police K-9 Unit supports a multitude of frontline operations today, including the Police Tactical Unit.*



# A Passion for Dizi

In this edition of 'SPF Got Talent', Police Life shines the spotlight on Special Constable/Corporal (SC/Cpl) Ng Wei Xuan, who is currently serving his full-time National Service (NS) with the Singapore Police Force (SPF) Band. He is well-versed in both the Western and Chinese flute (*Dizi*). In addition, SC/Cpl Ng is also a trainer for music theory and aural skills. Read on to find out more about SC/Cpl Ng's musical journey!

✍ Saiful Imran

📷 Iffat Arfan Mahmud



## Interest in Dizi

SC/Cpl Ng has been musically inclined since young. The *Dizi*, a type of Chinese flute, has particularly caught his attention. "My mother once read to me a story about the Eight Immortals in Chinese mythology," he recalled. "One of them, Han Xiangzi, plays the *Dizi* and would sail down the stream, while serenading all the birds and animals. I thought it was pretty magical how he was able to become one with nature through playing music with his *Dizi*!" he said. His passion for Chinese classical music and the *Dizi* eventually led him to join the Chinese Orchestra at Maris Stella High School, where he became the *Dizi* section leader.

Being part of the Chinese Orchestra allowed SC/Cpl Ng the opportunity to meet like-minded musicians on the local scene. "Their burning passion motivated me to be a better musician," he said. A key turning point for SC/Cpl Ng came when he saw his private musical instructor working as a part-time professional musician. "Seeing that it is possible to have a career in music, I decided to pursue the path of becoming a professional musician," he said.

## First Major Competition as a Soloist

SC/Cpl Ng's first major competition was the National Chinese Music Competition in 2014 for the *Dizi*, in the Youth Category. It was the first time SC/Cpl Ng participated in a competition as a soloist. "As I went up on stage, I felt the pressure of being under the scrutiny of several judges and the thousands in the audience who were watching," he recalled. Despite his competition jitters, SC/Cpl Ng took the competition as a learning experience and eventually managed to advance to the final round. "Unfortunately, I did not do well during the final round as I was inadequately prepared," he said. After this experience, SC/Cpl Ng learned to better manage his stage fright and to be better prepared for future performances.

SC/Cpl Ng is now a more confident musician, with a mature understanding of the Chinese classical music. Most people would think that technical skill is the key to perfection in music. However, SC/Cpl Ng prefers to focus on other aspects of music. As shared by SC/Cpl Ng, "Most Chinese music works have a story to tell. So, with my music, I try to capture the emotional essence of the narratives portrayed in the music, to bring to life the alluded Chinese folklores and legends!" - And this was what it took for SC/Cpl Ng to reach the next milestone in his musical journey.

## Road to Success

While studying *Dizi* at the Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts (NAFA), SC/Cpl Ng also played with the Singapore National Youth Chinese Orchestra as its principal *Dizi* player. This helped to further refine his skills at the *Dizi*.

SC/Cpl Ng's highest achievement of his musical journey was being awarded the first runner-up for the Solo *Dizi* (Open Category) at the Singapore Chinese Music Competition in 2018. This accomplishment greatly motivated him to achieve more breakthroughs in his musical career.

## Life in the SPF Band

These days, SC/Cpl Ng is still actively playing music, albeit not in the Chinese classical music scene. He is currently serving his NS, playing the Western flute with the SPF Band. When asked how he felt about joining the SPF Band, he shared, "Honestly, it feels surreal to be able to continue doing music while serving my NS. It is also an honour to be able to pursue my passion and serve with the SPF Band!"

Being part of the SPF Band also gave SC/Cpl Ng the opportunity to learn about different musical art forms from his mentors and fellow band members, and he has also been able to share his knowledge of Chinese music with them.

When he first joined the SPF Band, he was new to the Western flute. However, through the guidance of his fellow officers, SC/Cpl Ng has become competent in playing the Western flute. "Everyone here has been the most welcoming too, and it is heart-warming to be accepted into this big family of like-minded individuals," he shared.

## Carrying on the Legacy

After completing his NS, SC/Cpl Ng plans to pursue his Bachelors of Music (Honours) degree at NAFA. "I hope to carry on the legacy of Chinese music in Singapore beyond the current generation through innovation, while keeping the simplicity of the traditional art form," he said.





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