

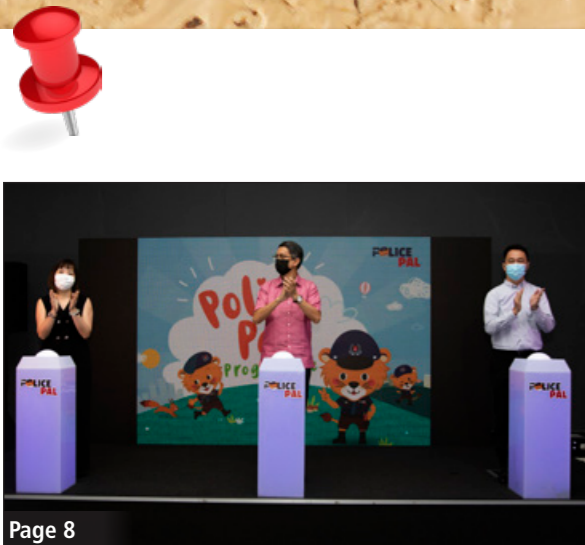
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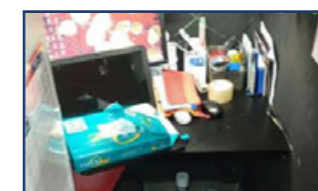
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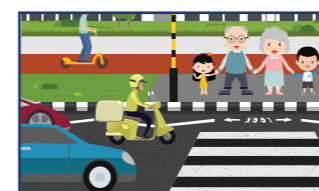
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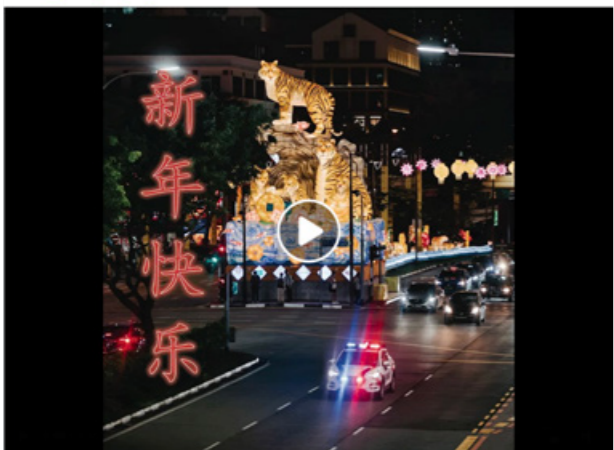
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Check out the Singapore Police Force's Facebook page to find out the latest happenings! Here are some of the highlights for the month of January 2022!

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Lee JK
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< Capturing Moments, Frame By Frame >
You may have seen various videos and photos of the Singapore Police Force's (SPF) officers in action on SPF's social media channels such as SPF's Instagram and even in our Police Life magazines. Meet Naveen Raj Kunaseelan (Naveen), one of the key photographers behind many of our visual images. Take a look through his viewfinder as we hear from him about his love for photography.
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What was racing through SGT Sharon's mind when she found herself evacuating residents from a fire?
Police officers often put their lives on the line to help others. Read the first of our new series, 'My Duty, My Calling' where officers share their stories about policing and their response to the call of duty.
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Wak Zool
Good job SGT Sharon you must have been taught, guided and trained well

Sarene Ann David
Thank you for dedication officers! It's amazing how dedicated our SPF officers are despite the fact they have to put their own safety & well being at risk everyday.

Jaya Josephine Anboo
Well done SGT Sharon, it sure takes great effort and guts to do this job with passion...you withstand the pride of a true Singaporean....



Scan the QR code above to read the full article!

ANNUAL CRIME SITUATION 2021

Christabelle Lim

Our Streets Remain Safe but Scams are a Major Concern

Singapore's streets remained safe in 2021, with a decrease in physical crimes¹. However, a 52.9 per cent increase in scam cases drove up the total number of reported crimes to 46,196 cases in 2021, from 37,273 cases in 2020. Excluding scams and cybercrimes, the total number of reported crimes in 2021 decreased by 1.0 per cent to 19,303 from 19,498 in 2020.²

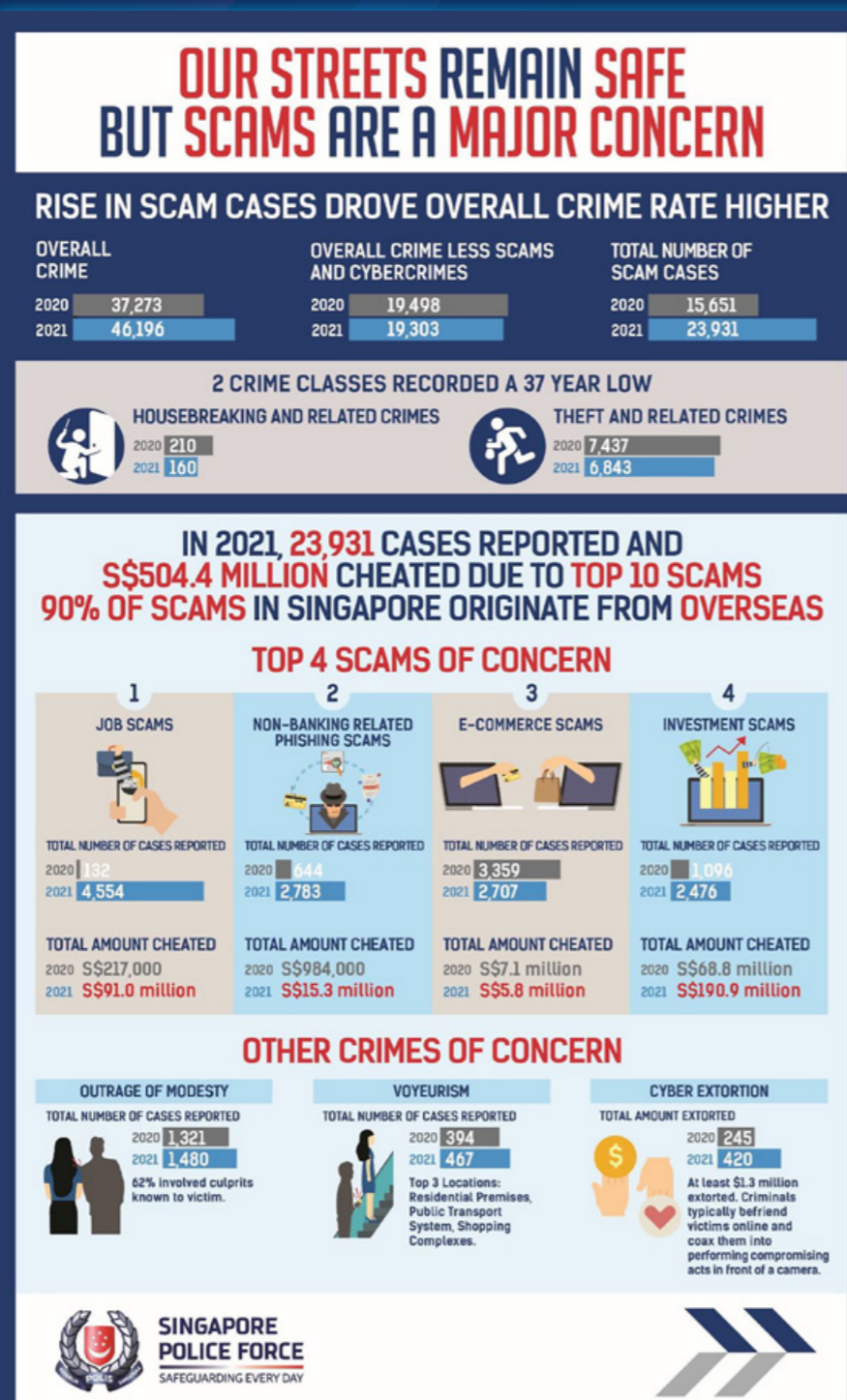
In 2021, 250 days were free from three confrontational crimes, namely snatch theft, robbery and housebreaking, an improvement of 48 days compared to 202 crime-free days in 2020. Two of the six crime classes that make up Overall Crime decreased significantly in 2021 compared to 2020. Theft and related crimes decreased by 8.0 per cent to 6,843 cases from 7,437 cases in 2020. Housebreaking and related crimes decreased by 23.8 per cent to 160 cases in 2021, from 210 cases in 2020. Both are at a 37-year low.

Criminals, especially scammers, pose a constant crime concern. They will develop new ruses to prey on vulnerable and unsuspecting victims, taking advantage of the COVID-19 situation and the prevalence of online banking, social media platforms and e-commerce sites to perpetrate their illegal activities.

Everyone has a part to play in keeping Singapore safe and secure, especially during these uncertain times. Business operators such as banks, online marketplaces and telcos have a responsibility to prevent, deter and detect crimes committed through their platforms. Family members and friends can prevent someone they know from falling victim by being aware of the threats and cautioning their loved ones about them. Let us all continue to stay vigilant and work together to keep Singapore safe and secure!

¹ Overall Crime excluding scams and cybercrimes

² Overall Crime Rate refers to the Overall Crime per 100,000 population. It is computed by dividing the number of crime cases reported over the total Singapore population, and multiplied by 100,000.



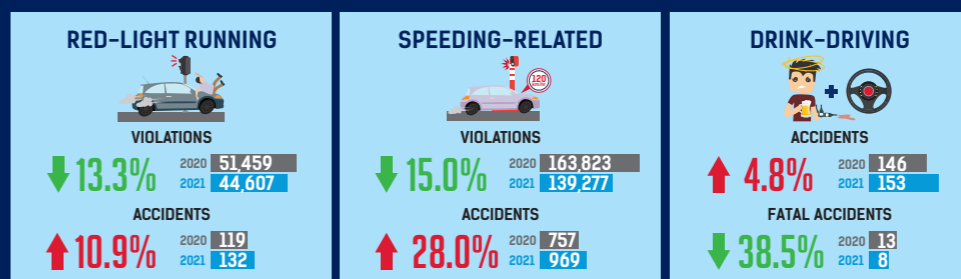
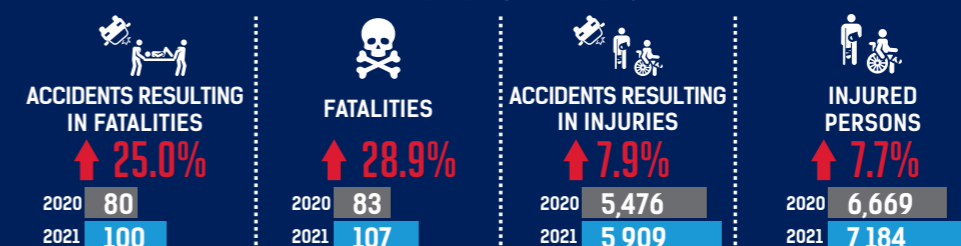
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ANNUAL ROAD TRAFFIC SITUATION 2021

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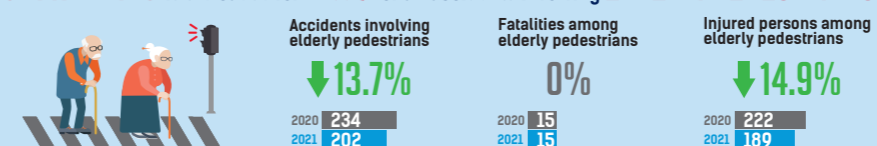
TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS RESULTING IN FATALITIES AND INJURIES INCREASED, PARTLY DUE TO THE INCREASE IN TRAFFIC VOLUME WITH RESUMPTION OF MORE ACTIVITIES IN 2021. HOWEVER, THE NUMBER OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS AND VIOLATIONS REMAINED GENERALLY LOWER THAN THE PRE-COVID-19 PERIOD.



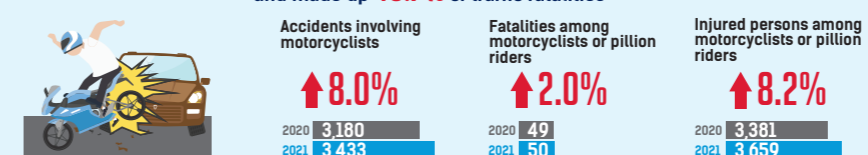
ELDERLY PEDESTRIANS AND MOTORCYCLISTS REMAIN VULNERABLE

THEY ACCOUNT FOR A DISPROPORTIONATE NUMBER OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS RESULTING IN INJURIES OR DEATH

JAYWALKING is the cause for **49.0%** of all accidents involving **ELDERLY PEDESTRIANS**



MOTORCYCLISTS or pillion riders were involved in **57.1%** of overall traffic accidents, and made up **46.7%** of traffic fatalities



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With the resumption of more activities, the number of road traffic accidents rose in 2021 when compared to 2020. However, it is still lower than the pre-COVID-19 period.

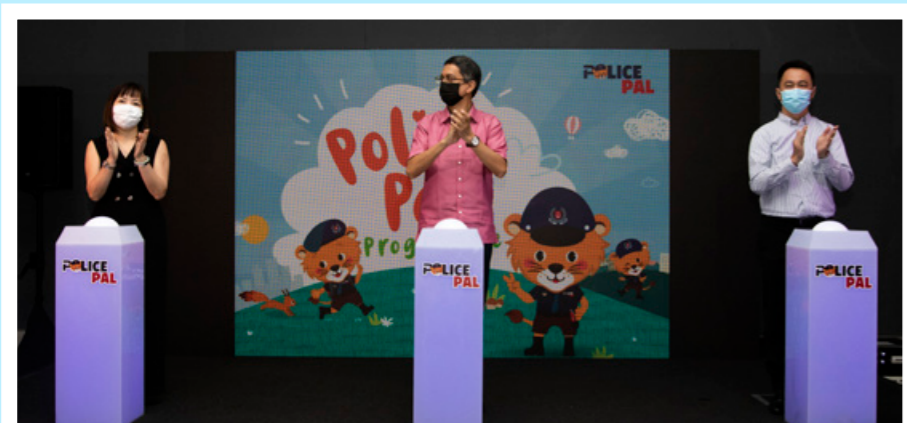
The number of traffic accidents involving elderly pedestrians decreased in 2021. Nonetheless, elderly pedestrians, as well as motorcyclists, remain as groups of concern, as they continue to account for a disproportionate number of traffic accidents resulting in injuries or death³.

Traffic Police will continue its education, engagement, and enforcement efforts to keep our roads safe. Road safety is a shared responsibility. Together, we can keep our roads safe.

³ Elderly pedestrians refer to pedestrians aged 60 and above.

'POLICE PAL' FOR THE YOUTH!

✍️ Domnic Dass & Christabelle Lim 📷 Public Affairs Department



Launch of Police Pal by (from left to right) Director of Character & Citizenship Education Branch, Student Development Curriculum Division, Ministry of Education, Ms Loh Wee Cheng, Guest of Honour (GOH), Minister of State, Ministry of Home Affairs & Ministry of National Development, Assoc Prof Dr Muhammad Faishal Ibrahim, and Singapore Police Force's Director of Community Partnership Department, Assistant Commissioner of Police Shng Yunn Chinn.

On 23 December 2021, the Singapore Police Force (SPF) launched 'Police Pal', the SPF's flagship engagement programme for primary school students, aiming to educate them on crime prevention as well as the roles and responsibilities of the Police through exciting and interactive activities. Let's find out more about the programme and hear from schools that participated in the pilot programme, about what they have learned and what they love about Police Pal!

What is 'Police Pal'?

The Police Pal programme was developed from the 'Young Police Buddy' initiative that was launched by Bedok Division back in 2019. In developing this programme, the SPF worked closely with the Ministry of Education's Character and Citizenship Education Branch to ensure that the programme's content is relevant and the materials are attractive and engaging for primary school students.

The Police Pal programme involves using three activity booklets, which are structured into three levels. Students are required to complete different sets of crime-prevention and Police-related activities before advancing to the next level. Each activity booklet contains 10 activities that the students can engage in with the help of teachers and parents. Students are also able to complete the activities outside of school curriculum time.



Front page covers of the three different levels of activity booklets.



Photo of Guest of Honour, Assoc Prof Dr Muhammad Faishal Ibrahim, with the mascot, Ray, during the launch.



One of the activities in the Level One activity booklet that encourages students to think about how the Police keep the community safe.



A page from the Level Two activity booklet, where students research and find out more about SPF volunteer schemes. Students also get to learn about identifying common crimes through informative and illustrative graphics.



Activity from a Level Three activity booklet, where students learn more about other online platforms on crime prevention and also find out more about historical events where the SPF played important roles, such as the 1983 Sentosa Cable Car Tragedy.

Pilot Programme

Seven primary schools participated in Police Pal's pilot run from January to September 2021. The pilot programme was a success and provided valuable feedback and support from the teachers, allowing the SPF to finetune the programme. The Police Pal was eventually launched on 23 December 2021. In January 2022, Police Pal was rolled out to 116 primary schools and more than 112,000 students.

Ray, SPF's Mascot for Children

Each activity booklet also features Ray - the lion cub, SPF's mascot for children who was also revealed for the first time during the launch. Ray, who is also the face of the Police Pal programme, was named so for shedding light on all Police matters and helping children raise their awareness on crime. Ray serves to be a trustworthy companion and inspires students through the activities to learn more about crime prevention and police work.



Ray is found throughout the Police Pal programme's activity booklets, serving as an inspiring and motivating 'guide' for students while they attempt the activities!

Let's hear from some of the teachers and students who had participated in the pilot programme to learn more about their experiences and what they thought of the Police Pal programme!



Mr Abdul Mohamed Ziawul Haq
Head of Department,
Discipline and Student Leadership (DM),
Poi Ching School

Mr Abdul: I found it rewarding teaching the programme as it complements our current educational efforts. Through rich discussions from the Police Pal activities, teachers can sieve out if the students can distinguish right from wrong, a key outcome of primary school education.

Social-emotional skills form the cornerstone of value education. I found that the programme also encompasses several of the social-emotional skills that we deliberately teach our students. These skills include self-regulation, help-seeking, moral action and problem-solving.

The activities in Police Pal are simple but effective. Students at different levels can comprehend and complete the activities, and they are able to connect the activities to the real-world context. Since the Police Pal's activity booklets are pitched appropriately both in language and content, students feel comfortable and confident when attempting the activities.

The young generation now faces pressure from many different fronts, such as cyber and social. These pressures are coupled with foreign influences and trends. Thus, our young children need constant reminders about integrity and civic consciousness, among other things. The Police Pal programme is an informative journal for students to be aware of such influences as well as avenues to seek help when they are in trouble or need. The programme supplements our schools' direction to ensure that our students are reflective, self-directed learners, concerned citizens who play active roles in improving the lives of others and confident persons who are discerning in judgement.

Mr Ng: The Police Pal programme is convenient and fuss-free to use, as all materials needed to complete the activities are included within the activity booklets. The programme provides me with the opportunity to engage my students on safety and security as they embark on their character-building journey and learn how to protect themselves against crime.

My students enjoy going through the programme and the activities in the booklet. The activity booklet is colourful, and the activities are meaningful and well-designed. Through the curiosity and questions generated by the activities, it provided opportunities for me to engage my students on the topic of Education and Career Guidance (ECG). Parents can also use the resources to bond with their children when they assist them in completing the activities.

The Police Pal programme is beneficial for my students as they become more aware of their role in crime prevention and how they can keep themselves safe. With the rise in scams, it is crucial to equip my students with these skills and knowledge to protect themselves. The Police Pal programme inspires our students by taking them on a journey to learn more about crime prevention through the different levels. It also plays a vital role in raising awareness of crime among our children and youth.



Mr Ng Jun Wei Daniel
English and Mathematics Teacher,
Greenwood Primary School



Lai Yan Lin, Age 11
Primary 5 student,
Greenwood Primary School

Yan Lin: Through the Police Pal programme, I have learnt more about the SPF. The Police Pal programme got me curious to find out more about what the police officers do to keep us safe.

In completing the activities, I have learnt to protect myself from crimes by not sharing my personal information with strangers and looking out for suspicious-looking persons or objects. I also learnt through the programme that I can avoid being a victim of scams by ignoring suspicious calls, blocking suspicious numbers, and not giving my personal information to strangers. During emergencies like an armed attack, I can also **"Run, Hide, Tell"** to stay safe.

I liked the activity booklet because the materials are colourful, and it has many pictures and activities for me to try. It allows me to learn more about the police and activities in an interactive way. The QR code also allowed me to find out more about the activities in the booklet at home.



Saffiya Ali Lim, Age 11
Primary 5 student,
Gan Eng Seng Primary School

Saffiya: I was in class 4E during the pilot run of Police Pal. The Police Pal programme was a very useful resource for me as I learnt a lot about cyberbullying and online safety, as well as how to stay safe online. We also learnt how and where to seek help when we encounter cyberbullying. Most importantly, we also should not react by cyberbullying others. Road safety was also another useful topic as we learnt how to look out for cars and why it is dangerous to jaywalk.

One of the activities in the Police Pal's activity booklet that was fun was the colouring portion. The questions were also fun to research about and to answer. Even though we cannot go outside to complete some of the activities due to the pandemic, reading the booklet with the teachers was fun too!

I liked the gifts and the badges that were given to us. My friends and I pinned the badges onto our pencil cases and bags upon completion of the activities. Many of us enjoyed the programme, and I am looking forward to doing it again!



Nguyen Thi Ngoc Tran Francesca (left), Age 9
Shaik Hamzah Shaik Hazafah (right), Age 8
Primary 2 students,
Stamford Primary School

Francesca: Sometimes, the activity booklet questions can be challenging, but I learned not to give up as I am motivated to earn the badge. I also sought the help of my parents for particular questions or tasks, as I could do it outside my school curriculum time.

The activity I loved the most was the crossword puzzles. I also loved the cutouts of the Fast Response Car and Special Operations Command Tactical vehicle, which we could build into a 3D model. I found the activities engaging and fun too!

Hamzah: What I found most interesting in the Police Pal programme was the **'Run, Hide and Tell'**. I learned how to stay safe when there is danger, and I also learned that I could reach out to a teacher to call the Police when my parents are not with me. Besides learning

about emergency preparedness, I also liked the topics on road safety, which my younger brother and I could watch by scanning the QR codes within the booklets. The videos are very informative and taught us about being safe around vehicles, such as not going behind cars as they can suddenly reverse and hit us and why we should not jaywalk.

Similar to Francesca, my favourite part is also the cutout of the FRC, which we could build into a model kit. Now, when I see SPF vehicles go by, I can identify them!

POLICE AERIAL RESPONSE TEAM

 Christabelle Lim  Singapore Police Force

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Formation of SPF's Aerial Response Team

Due to the increasing use of UAVs to support Police operations, the SPF set up the Aerial Response Team (ART) in 2021, comprising UAV pilots who may be activated to support Police operations. These UAV pilots undergo rigorous training and are certified by the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore (CAAS).



UAV pilots Senior Staff Sergeant (SSSgt) Edwin Lim (left) and Station Inspector (SI) Jason Quek (right)

Police Life hears from Senior Staff Sergeant (SSSgt) Edwin Lim, on the training he went through to eventually be appointed to the SPF's ART.

"UAV officers are required to pass a CAAS theory and practical assessment test before we are granted the Unmanned Aerial Pilot License. The CAAS practical test was particularly challenging as we are required to perform complex manoeuvres such as flying in a 'figure of 8' to demonstrate our ability to control a drone in challenging situations and different terrains," highlighted SSSgt Edwin.

"Together with my fellow ART pilots, we conduct regular training to hone our skills. We are also given the opportunity to mentor new pilots that are pre-CAAS certified to prepare them for the assessment," added SSSgt Edwin Lim. To maintain their competency levels, ART officers are required to clock a minimum of three hours of flight time per month.



SSSgt Edwin Lim piloting the UAV during training.

Leveraging UAV capabilities in Police Operations

SPF's UAVs have been deployed to support Police operations for major security events such as the yearly National Day Parade and the New Year Countdown celebrations. Equipped with thermal imaging capabilities, these UAVs enable the Police to better sense-make and identify areas to deploy ground resources promptly to ensure public safety, both in the day and night.

These UAVs are also fitted with spotlights, blinkers, and speakers to enhance Police's operations. This allows the Police to broadcast public safety messages to the crowd, including relaying instructions during an emergency or major security incident, as and when necessary.



UAV fitted with spotlights, blinkers, and speakers



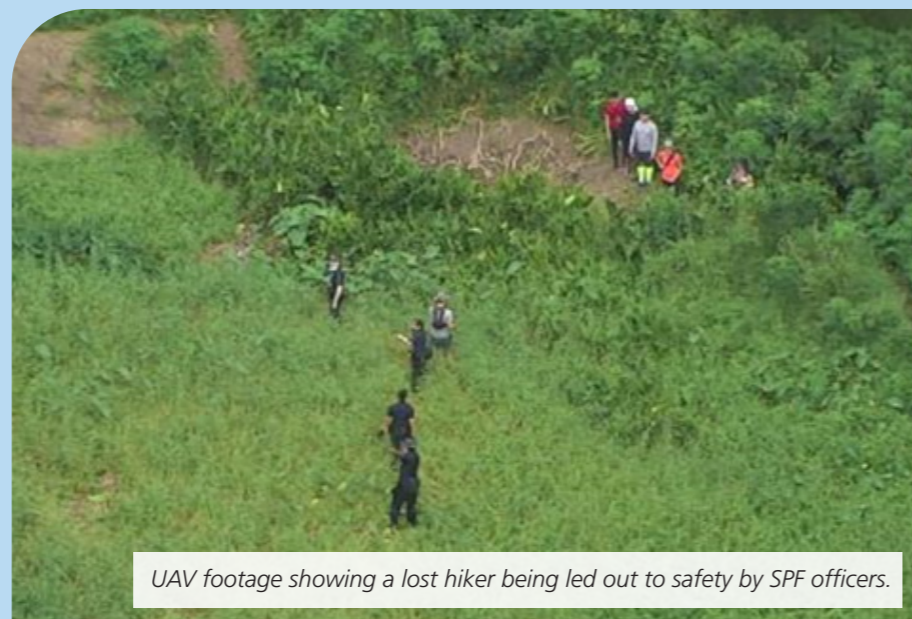
An SPF UAV, ready for deployment!

Achieving Operational Success

Apart from supporting Police operations for major events, UAVs have also been deployed for enforcement operations. In August 2020, a UAV was deployed in an enforcement operation against contraband cigarette peddlers at Tuas. With the advantage of the aerial view, the Police was able to identify the suspicious persons and vehicles, leading to the successful execution of the operation.

One of the most effective use of UAVs is for search and rescue operations which include searches for illegal immigrants, suspects on the run as well as for occasional lost hikers in forested areas. The footage from the UAVs provide the Police with a better situational picture for sense-making and to enhance their responses on the ground.

In March 2021, the Police deployed a UAV in an operation to search for a lost hiker in the Clementi Forest. Owing to the aerial view, the Police were able to locate the lost hiker quickly and used the UAV to guide the ground officers to locate the hiker and got him out of the dense vegetation safely.



UAV footage showing a lost hiker being led out to safety by SPF officers.

If you like to find out what it takes to be an SPF UAV pilot, check out the episode "What it takes – SPF UAV Pilot" feature on Instagram!



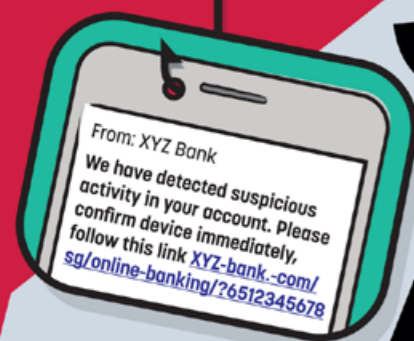
Road Safety is a Shared Responsibility

Be Seen, Be Safe Look Out for One Another





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TO PROTECT AND PREVAIL: PROTECTIVE SECURITY COMMAND'S 5TH ANNIVERSARY

Christabelle Lim Singapore Police Force

Due to the evolving complex security climate and manpower resource challenges, the Singapore Police Force (SPF) established the Protective Security Command (ProCom) on 8 July 2016 to optimise its National Service (NS) manpower resources to support the SPF's crime-fighting and counter-terrorism efforts. More than five years on, find out how ProCom builds up the SPF's protective security capability while providing a more engaging and meaningful experience for our NS officers, as well as enhancing their operational readiness.



ProCom Officers during a training exercise at the FIBUA Village

Mission of ProCom

ProCom's mission is to protect strategic events and locations, critical infrastructures, and increase police presence at security-sensitive locations, during peacetime and in times of national emergency. To achieve this mission, ProCom relies on its Full-time Police National Servicemen (PNSFs) and Police National Servicemen (PNSmen). In fact, ProCom comprises of the largest number of PNSFs and PNSmen of any stand-alone specialist unit in SPF.

Training to be a ProCom Trooper

ProCom officers are required to undergo a four-week intensive course that encompasses protective security

skills and theories, weapons training, specialist and tactical modules such as security searches in urban environments and 'Fighting-in-Built-Up-Area' or FIBUA in short. Specialist modules such as the 'Threat, Vulnerability and Risk Assessment of Installation' module, trains the officers to familiarise themselves with the current security environment.

To ensure that every ProCom officer is properly equipped with the skills and knowledge required, each ProCom officer is put to the test through scenario-based assessments for the different modules. To graduate from the course, ProCom officers are required to complete a 10km route march in full operational gear, wearing a ballistic resistant vest, helmet, and a HKMP5 mid-range weapon, weighing

close to 17kg. The route march symbolises the completion of their training and amplifies the resilience and resolution of the officers in completing any given mission, regardless of the challenges. Upon completion of the course, PNSFs in ProCom, like their regular counterparts, are awarded a skill badge – which attests to their tactical competency to protect Singapore as ProCom officers.



The ProCom Protective Security Unit Skill Badge

Protecting Strategic Locations and Major Events

As part of its mission, ProCom officers conduct deterrence patrols at security-sensitive and iconic locations, such as Marina Bay Sands and the Esplanade, as part of their day-to-day operations. During a major security event such as the National Day Parade, ProCom supports other SPF units by performing critical roles such as conducting security sweeps, security clearances, and counter-drone operations to enhance the safety and security of the event.

Enhancing Operational Response - In-Situ Reaction Teams (IRTs)

In the event of a terror attack, the speed of the Police's response is critical to minimise casualties and damage. In December 2017, the SPF began deploying IRTs, which comprised of ProCom officers armed with mid-range weapons to patrol popular iconic areas with high footfall, such as the Orchard Road shopping belt and Marina Bay. In the event of an attack, the IRTs which are within close proximity of the incident site will be able to respond swiftly to engage the perpetrators. To qualify as an IRT trooper, specially selected ProCom PNSF and regular officers are put through another intensive three-week course on

special tactics and the use of high-powered weaponry. This is over and above the basic protective security course that a ProCom officer has to go through.

Operationally Ready

Through all the training and exercises, the PNSFs will become more operationally ready to fulfil their mission of safeguarding Singapore. Their continued involvement as PNSmen will also instil a sense of pride and accomplishment for these officers, who continue to contribute directly to the safety and security of the nation throughout their NS.

"The protection of these critical installations is vital to the sustainability of our country. This is a heavy responsibility on my officers, and I am proud to say that each and every one of them has been exemplary in the discharge of their duties"
 - Deputy Assistant Commissioner of Police (NS) Ben Tan, Commander (NS) ProCom

Partnering the Community

In February 2021, ProCom established the Protective Security Engagement Group (PSEG), as the dedicated engagement arm for ProCom. Currently, PSEG works with more than 100 public and private agencies with ProCom officers conducting operations and patrols at the sites of these agencies. The close collaboration between ProCom and these agencies ensure that any security challenges around these sites can be dealt with effectively and efficiently.

ProCom's PSEG will connect with these stakeholders to provide timely advisories on protective security related matters, conduct joint patrols as well as simulated security exercises. This allows PSEG to better prepare stakeholders against potential security threats.



IRT Officers on patrol at Marina Bay Area in 2018.

A PROCOM OFFICER'S EQUIPMENT

PROCOM KHAKI BERET WITH POLICE CREST

BULLET RESISTANT VEST (BRV)

FRONT
Weighing around 9kg, the vest holds the HKMP5 magazines, tri-fold flexcuffs, compartments for shades and tactical gloves

BACK
At the back of the BRV, a high visibility Police logo is attached, and a tactical water bag pouch. Ballistic plates are inserted in the BRV, to protect officers against rifle rounds

BALLISTIC PROTECTIVE GLASSES

TAURUS M85 REVOLVER

Front Iron Sight, Rear Iron Sight, Hammer, Revolver Grip, Barrel, Rotating Cylinder, Trigger

BALLISTIC HELMET
Attached to BRV with helmet hook.

8-INCH FRONTIER BOOTS

HECKLER KOCH MACHINE PISTOL 5 SUB MACHINE GUN A2 (HKMP5)

Red Dot Aim Sight, Rotary Rear Sight, Butt Stock, Pistol Grip, Fire Selector Lever, Trigger, Magazine, Hand Guard, Weapon Torchlight, Muzzle, Front Sight, Cocking Level

THIGH HOLSTER FOR REVOLVER

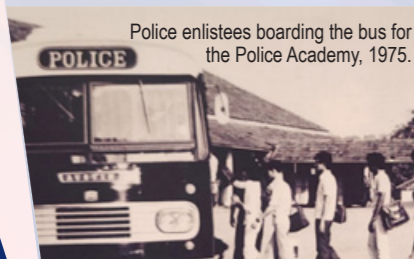
THE TRANSFORMATION OF KINS

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Life changed for all male Singapore citizens and second-generation permanent residents from 14 March 1967, when the National Service (Amendment) Bill was passed in Parliament to allow for conscriptions.

Introduction of Police National Service MARCH 1967



Police enlistees boarding the bus for the Police Academy, 1975.

On 22 February 1975, full-time PNS was introduced. On 24 July 1975, the SPF enlisted its first intake of 211 Full-time Police National Servicemen (PNSFs). In 1977, the first batch of PNSFs became PNSmen and was deployed for general policing duties. From August 1980, In-Camp Training (ICT) was introduced for PNSmen who had completed their full-time PNS, and they underwent training at the Police Reserve Unit Base at Jalan Bahar.

Introduction of PNSFs and PNSmen FEBRUARY 1975



The first group of PNSFs pictured above saluting for the camera, 1975.

The first batch of NSKU officers underwent training at the Mandai Tactical Camp in August 1994. The officers were selected for such training based on their aptitude and physical fitness. They were tasked to guard and defend vital civilian installations such as power stations and telecommunications facilities. This reflected the SPF's confidence in the PNSmen's ability, aptitude, and maturity to take on such critical responsibility. Skills taught during the training included defence tactics, M16 or HKMP5 weapons training, vehicle search, fire-fighting and first aid.

The first batch of NSKU officers undergo training at Mandai Tactical Camp. AUGUST 1994



Then Parliamentary Secretary for Law and Home Affairs, Associate Professor (A/P) Ho Peng Kee, inspecting the first batch of NSKU officers, 1994.

The roots of the Singapore Police Force's (SPF) Protective Security Command (ProCom) could be traced back to how it started off as the National Service Key Installations and Protection Unit (NSKU), and subsequently renamed to Key Installation Protection Unit, or (KINS) in short, where selected Operationally Ready Police National Servicemen (PNSmen) were trained to protect Singapore's vital installations and important industries. Read on to find out how KINS had transitioned and transformed into the present-day ProCom, a stand-alone specialist unit that enhances the SPF's counter-terrorism capabilities!

On 12 November 2003, a ceremony to launch the re-organised PNSD was held with then Commissioner of Police Khoo Boon Hui as the Guest of Honour. The ceremony highlighted the evolving roles of PNSD and the set-up of KINS. A new PNSD logo was launched jointly by both Commissioner Khoo and Director PNSD, Assistant Commissioner of Police (AC) Woon Sian Hai. The new logo also signified the new PNSD mission – "To be always ready to deal with any threats to the safety and security of Singapore".

Re-organisation of Police National Service Department (PNSD) NOVEMBER 2003

The new PNSD logo aimed to embody the professional image of KINS and PNS officers who are ever ready to safeguard our homeland round the clock without fail.



On 10 November 2004, the new KINS Camp at Ulu Pandan Road was officially opened. The new training ground signified a new breed of KINS officers, trained to handle the challenges of security and protection of Singapore's installations in a post-9/11 environment. The camp was equipped with areas for training with high-powered weapons, urban fighting, trenching and military defence tactics, providing a better-equipped and more spacious location for training.

Official opening of the KINS Training Camp NOVEMBER 2004



Then Director PNSD, AC Woon Sian Hai, presenting a painting of the new KINS Camp to then Senior Minister of State for Home Affairs and Law, A/P Ho Peng Kee, when the latter officiated the opening of the camp as Guest of Honour.

2015 witnessed the evolution of the roles performed by KINS as they went beyond their core duties of protecting critical infrastructures and conducting high visibility patrols at various 'soft' targets.

KINS officers conducted intensified Cluster Patrols during the 28th SEA Games and the SG50 Golden Jubilee celebrations to project police presence and enhance the security of vulnerable soft targets throughout Singapore. These patrols showcased how KINS contributed to a safe and secure Singapore.

The Evolving Roles of KINS 2015



KINS on patrol during the 28th Southeast Asian (SEA) Games in 2015.

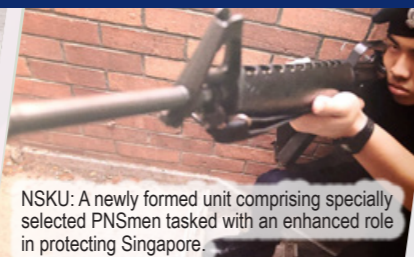


Police officers negotiating with two hijackers of the Laju ferry near Pulau Bukom, 1974 (Source: The Straits Times © SPH Media Limited. Reprinted with permission).

JANUARY 1974

Demand for More Manpower: Laju Incident

Part-time Police National Service (PNS) was introduced in 1967. But the need for even more manpower resources was felt soon enough. In January 1974, Japanese Red Army terrorists managed to hijack the ferry boat, *Laju*, at Pulau Bukom jetty and held its five crew members hostage. The episode, known as the *Laju* incident highlighted the importance of securing vital installations and protecting important industries. The SPF then had inadequate manpower resources to perform these protection tasks. Boosting the SPF's manpower with Full-time Police National Servicemen (PNSFs) was the next best solution.



NSKU: A newly formed unit comprising specially selected PNSmen tasked with an enhanced role in protecting Singapore.

JUNE 1994

Launch of the NSKU

In June 1994, then Minister for Home Affairs, Mr Wong Kan Seng, announced that PNS had re-organised to focus on specialisation, integration, and operational readiness. PNSmen were no longer charged with general crime prevention and crowd control duties only. Instead, they were grouped into specialised teams based on their aptitude and abilities. The revamp was aimed at enhancing the role of PNSmen in the Police Force by boosting their contributions towards the defence of Singapore. One of these new specialised teams was the National Service Key Installations and Protection Unit (NSKU).

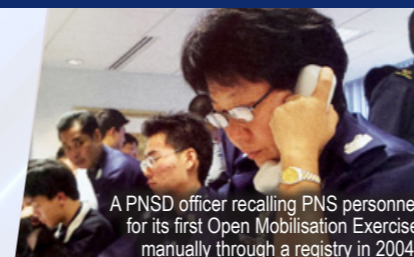


KINS officers guarding vital installations circa. 2000s.

2001

September 11 terrorist attacks: Significance of KINS

KINS were deployed at vital installations as part of the heightened security measures adopted immediately after the September 11 terrorist attacks in the United States of America. KINS played an integral role in Singapore's total defence through their protection of the country's key installations.



A PNSD officer recalling PNS personnel for its first Open Mobilisation Exercise manually through a registry in 2004.

FEBRUARY 2004

First Open Mobilisation Exercise for PNSmen

On 21 February 2004, the SPF conducted its first Open Mobilisation Exercise for PNSmen. Coordinated by PNSD, the exercise involved the mobilisation, equipping and briefing of four teams from KINS. A total of 423 PNSmen were recalled to four different reporting centres, namely Police Coast Guard, Central Division, Clementi Division and Tanglin Division.



Two KINS officers patrolling along a pontoon, circa 2000s.

2014

Police National Service Master Plan

In 2014, PNSD engaged relevant stakeholders on the PNS Master Plan to better maximise the potential of PNS officers as well as to harness the PNS resource through deployments that maximise operational returns.

The PNSD embarked on professional exchanges between the KINS Command and the Singapore Armed Forces 2nd People Defence Force (2PDF) to exchange learning on urban training methodology, equipment, and facilities. As part of the NS Masterplan, KINS was to be eventually transformed into ProCom to undertake a range of protective security functions.



The SPF's In-situ Reaction Teams from the Protective Security Command patrolling around Ngee Ann City shopping complex in Orchard Road on 15 December 2017 (Source: The Straits Times © SPH Media Limited. Reprinted with permission.)

JULY 2016

To Protect and Prevail: ProCom

Commissioned on 8 July 2016, ProCom became a new specialist line unit within the SPF, entrusted with the mission of providing security at major national events and protecting security-sensitive locations during peacetime and national emergencies. ProCom has the largest number of PNSFs and PNSmen amongst the SPF units. Besides strengthening the operational readiness of SPF's NS personnel, ProCom also provides them with a meaningful NS experience through deployments for frontline duties as well as taking on more leadership and specialist roles. ProCom's PNSmen are also trained to take on additional responsibilities of patrolling iconic locations with high footfalls and providing security coverages during major security events in addition to protecting vital physical infrastructures in Singapore.

THE PASSION AND PRIDE OF A POLICE VOLUNTEER

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The Volunteer Special Constabulary (VSC) was formed in 1946 to provide the Singapore Police Force (SPF) with additional manpower to restore law and order in Singapore after World War II. To date, VSC officers continue to work alongside our SPF regular and Full-time Police National Servicemen counterparts, contributing significantly to maintaining law and order in Singapore. In this edition, *Police Life* (PL) speaks with VSC Sergeant (Sgt)(V) Chua Cai Yun Yvonne, who is a VSC officer with Rochor Neighbourhood Police Centre (NPC). Read on to find out more about Sgt (V) Chua's passion and pride as a Police volunteer, as well as her experiences and how anyone, regardless of age or gender, can play a part in Singapore's Total Defence!

PL: What is your current profession?

Sgt (V) Chua: During the day, I work as a real estate sales consultant. However, on some nights, I am a VSC Ground Response Force (GRF) officer with Rochor NPC, conducting patrols or engaging in other policing duties.

PL: When did you first learn about the VSC vocation, and what motivated you to sign up as a VSC officer?

Sgt (V) Chua: I have always wanted to contribute to society and help people in need. One day, I chanced upon the VSC website, and I thought I could also contribute to safeguarding our community as a VSC officer. I began my police training in 2013 and started performing VSC duties in March 2014.

PL: How different are VSC officers and regular officers?

Sgt (V) Chua: I am very blessed to have supportive regular colleagues in Rochor NPC who treated the volunteer officers as one of their own. We do everything the regular officers do - even down to keying in our police log sheets. We are vested with the powers of a police officer and undergo six months of non-residential training on basic legal knowledge, policing procedures, Police Defence Tactics, first aid and the use of firearms. We must be as competent as regular officers in order to carry out our duties effectively.

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

Sgt (V) Chua: I kept it a 'secret' until the day I passed all the tests and interviews. When I broke the news to my family, they were both shocked and happy for me. My grandparents even encouraged me to leave my day job as a real estate sales consultant and sign on as a regular!

PL: How does it feel being a female officer volunteering and assisting on the ground?

Sgt (V) Chua: There is no gender bias in the SPF, and everyone is treated equally here. Female officers are integral in our day-to-day operations, especially for cases involving female victims or offenders.

PL: How do you juggle between your work and your volunteering commitments?

Sgt (V) Chua: Many of my peers often joked that I have more than 24 hours in a day. They are always amazed at how I could juggle between my day job, VSC commitments, my family and loved ones, and yet still have time for my hobbies! Well, this is only possible due to the flexibility that my day job provides, as it allows me to plan my work schedules and prioritise the important things to do each day.

PL: How does the SPF empower female officers to carry out their duties effectively?

Sgt (V) Chua: The SPF provides a just and equal platform for all officers in blue as long as they possess the qualities, capabilities, and what it takes to fulfil the roles. Female officers have the same opportunities as their male counterparts.

PL: What is your most memorable experience as a VSC officer?

Sgt (V) Chua: As a VSC officer, I have opportunities to support anti-crime operations such as checks on unlicensed massage establishments. During one such operation, I was shocked at the large number of criminal proceeds seized from these illegal activities!

PL: How do you feel about contributing as a VSC officer towards Total Defence and safeguarding Singapore?

Sgt (V) Chua: No regrets! I am grateful for every opportunity to contribute as a VSC officer in safeguarding Singapore, and I have gained invaluable life skills and experiences. My experience with VSC has taught me a lot about how I can be aware of my surroundings and better prepare myself mentally in times of crisis. It has helped me develop the abilities, and mental toughness to do my part should unexpected situations arise.

PL: Do you have any advice to share with others who are interested in signing up as VSC officers?

Sgt (V) Chua: Wait and think no more! There is no better way to live life to the fullest when you can do what you love in your day job and yet also experience something real and extraordinary as part of the SPF. If we can make a difference for our society and loved ones, hesitate no more and go for it!

Crime Files: Housebreaking and Theft

 Edwin Lim  Singapore Police Force

An overnight housebreaking and theft attempt resulted in the loss of almost S\$16,000 for one restaurant located in a shopping mall. Questions were raised almost immediately: Was it a coincidence that the theft occurred when there was the most cash in the restaurant, or was it planned?

Read on to find out how officers from Clementi Division brought the perpetrator to justice within 15 hours of the reported crime.

Hello Police?

On a Monday morning on 26 August 2019, 36-year-old restaurant manager Mr Ari arrived at his restaurant, as usual, preparing to begin work for the new day. That day turned out to be one of the worst days for Mr Ari when he discovered that the office's safe box was missing!

Due to the busy weekends at the restaurant, sales earnings from the past three days were usually kept in the safe instead of being banked in daily. Snapping out of his initial shock, he immediately made a police report, and officers from Clementi Division swung into action and commenced investigations into the incident.

At the Scene of Crime

Mr Ari tallied the losses and informed the police that the safe contained about S\$15,700 in cash, a cheque for another employee, a set of spare keys and some purchase receipts. Nothing else seemed to be out of place, except for the gaping hole left by the missing safe.

After combing through the restaurant for clues, the investigation officers (IOs) expanded the search and scoured the nearby area for other possible leads. Their efforts paid off when they recovered a black safe box and some loose coins in the bushes in front of a neighbouring shopping mall. The Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) footage from both the restaurant and the mall were also retrieved. As the restaurant was in a shopping mall, the perpetrator would have had to go through the entry and exit points of the mall. The leads were slowly warming up, narrowing down to the possible suspects.

Crime-in-Progress

00:30 hrs – Intruder Enters Mall

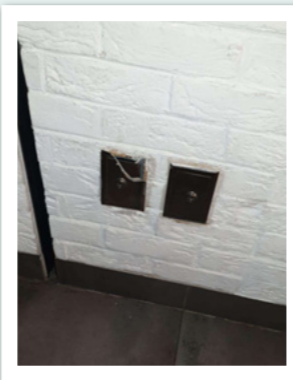
After trawling through hours of CCTV footage, the IOs finally found a strong lead! From the mall's footage, it revealed a masked individual entering the mall at about 12:30am on the same day as the theft.

00:37 hrs – Intruder Enters Restaurant

Tracking through the footage, the IOs found the intruder entering the restaurant through a side shutter of the restaurant seven minutes later.

00:40 hrs – Safe Moved

From the restaurant's CCTV footage, it revealed that the intruder appeared to know his way around the restaurant, as the intruder retrieved a trolley from the kitchen and wheeled it to the management office. Three minutes later, the CCTV footage captured the intruder loading a black safe box onto the trolley.



The tampered side shutter control panel.



The hole left behind by the missing safe.

00:43 hrs – Safe Wheeled Out, Ketchup Nicked

At 12:43am, the intruder emerged from the restaurant, wheeling the trolley and even nicked a box of tomato ketchup from the kitchen on the way out.

00:50 hrs – Intruder Exits Mall

At 12:50am, the intruder was seen pushing the trolley towards a lift lobby and taking the lift to the ground floor. From there, the intruder exited the mall through the very same door which he had entered.

01:15 hrs – Safe Emptied and Abandoned

The IOs continued trawling through all the CCTV footage and finally found that 25 minutes after leaving the first mall, the intruder was spotted pushing the same trolley across the road, to a bush in front of a neighbouring mall. The intruder then emptied the contents of the safe into a bag and abandoned the safe in the bushes. He then took a taxi and left the area.

'Catching Up' on the Trail

The IOs conducted checks with the taxi company and found out that the perpetrator was taken to Geylang Lorong 24A. Officers swiftly proceeded to the location to canvass the vicinity where they found a box of tomato ketchup, which was similar to what was taken from the restaurant. This clue suggested that the intruder could have been in the area.

Homing in on the trail, CCTV footage from Police Cameras in the area were used to identify the individual and track his whereabouts. Lee Kok Meng Donny, a 43-year-old ex-employee of the restaurant, was arrested at 11:00pm, on the same day as the break-in. Police recovered about S\$14,330 from Lee's residence.

Safely Recovered

Lee admitted to the break-in and revealed that he was a former assistant manager of the same restaurant that he had broken into. Hence, Lee knew the location of the safe and its passcode combination. Despite the police recovering most of the stolen monies, there was still a deficit of about S\$1,460, which Lee later made full restitution to the restaurant.



Abandoned safe spotted in the bushes



Recovered safe with remaining coins

The Conviction

On 4 November 2019, Lee was found guilty of Housebreaking by Night and was sentenced to 42 months imprisonment.

By following the trail before it had a chance to get cold, and complementing CCTV use with investigative acumen, officers from the Clementi Division were able to swiftly pinpoint, track and arrest the perpetrator within 15 hours of the reported crime.



Catch up on this episode of CrimeWatch by scanning the QR code!

The Women in Blue

Who Safeguard Our Roads!

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Most will agree that it is rare to be engaged by a female Traffic Police (TP) officer on a motorcycle on our roads. However, did you know that in the last decade, the Singapore Police Force (SPF) has seen a 21 per cent increase in the number of female officers in its ranks, including specialist units such as the TP? *Police Life* spoke with Sergeant (Sgt) Nurhayati and Sgt Nurul Suhaillah of the TP Patrol Unit (TP PU), two of the current 13 female TP officers, to learn more about their experiences safeguarding Singapore's roads and what it takes to be one of the few female officers in the TP PU!

Education, Engagement and Enforcement.

Meet Sgt Nurhayati, one of the few female TP PU Officers in SPF. "We enhance safety on the roads through TP's three-pronged approach: Education, Engagement and Enforcement to make Singapore roads the safest in the world," explained Sgt Nurhayati. She also shared that TP PU officers conduct enforcement rounds on the roads to project police presence, and on some occasions, they also assist as VIP escorts.



Sgt Nurhayati, Patrol Officer, TP PU

What does it take to become a TP PU Officer?

"To become a TP PU Officer, a Class 2 Motorcycle License is required, and selected officers will be sent for training to obtain a qualified license," shared Sgt Nurhayati. A Class 2 license is necessary as a TP PU Officer is required to handle a 1,250cc motorcycle effectively and skillfully for their patrol duties. "We also have to go through a Class 2 Motorcycle Intermediate Riding Course (Class 2i) where we learn defensive riding techniques and on managing tight manoeuvres with our motorcycle.

Sgt Nurhayati also highlighted that despite having a Class 2 Motorcycle License before joining TP PU, she did, however, face challenges handling the TP patrol motorcycle as it weighs more than 270kg, a challenge even for male officers. "It is really challenging pushing and lifting the motorcycle due to its weight and size. However, with our mandatory annual riding Class 2i refresher courses as well as my daily patrols, it greatly boosts my confidence".

Apart from being able to handle the motorcycle, Sgt Nurhayati also highlighted that to be a TP PU officer: "The most important quality that you need to have is the passion for riding a motorcycle and the mindset of enforcing, educating and instilling a sense of road safety to road users."

She further stressed that besides having the proper mindset on the road, TP PU officers need to be mentally and physically fit in order to patrol alone, as they may encounter many challenging situations, ranging from bad weather, handling reckless motorists to serious traffic accidents.

Teamwork

Sgt Nurhayati shared that one of her most memorable incidents as a TP PU Officer was when she and her partner were giving chase after a rider fled during their usual enforcement rounds and hid in a forested area. "We immediately informed our TP Operations Room, which activated officers from the land division, Gurkha

Contingent, and the K-9 unit, to search the area," recalled Sgt Nurhayati. "It was a very satisfying experience as this was the first time I got to work so closely with various SPF units, and we successfully apprehended the runaway rider," quipped Sgt Nurhayati.

Staying Safe

Besides conducting enforcement rounds, TP officers must also attend to road traffic accidents and conduct on-scene investigations. Sgt Nurhayati shared that dealing with road traffic accidents could be traumatic, and officers are required to be mentally resilient to handle the situation effectively. Attending to traffic accidents also reminds her of her biggest fear when patrolling - not returning safely to her family and loved ones. "Whenever I am riding, I always ensure that safety is my top priority, that I stay vigilant and be constantly aware of my surroundings, and most importantly, avoid taking unnecessary risks," said Sgt Nurhayati.

The Stealth Riders

Meet Sgt Suhaillah, who is currently with the TP's Special Operations Team (SOT). The SOT comprises a group of specially selected TP PU officers who conduct dedicated enforcement actions on dangerous road behaviours, such as motorists involved in illegal racing. To better blend in with the traffic, SOT officers are decked out in black gear, such as the black riding jacket and helmet, and ride unmarked TP motorcycles that are painted in black as well. Aside from being trained to deal with high-speed pursuits, SOT officers are also specially trained to perform VIP escorts for local and foreign dignitaries on official visits.



Sgt Nurul Suhaillah, Special Operations Officer, Special Operations Team, TP PU

What does it take to join the SOT?

To qualify for the SOT, TP PU officers must have at least three years of experience as a Patrol Officer, with a minimum of two years of riding competency certification. Through recommendations by their Team Leaders, potential candidates will first go through an internal assessment. Shortlisted officers will then proceed for a two-week attachment with SOT to assess their competency, skills, and abilities. Officers who successfully complete the attachment are then selected to join the SOT, where they have to undergo an additional advanced riding course which involves going through specialised riding circuits. "Such training equips us with higher defensive riding skills, which helps us to carry out our duties effectively and safely," elaborated Sgt Suhaillah. She further shared that apart from possessing effective riding skills, SOT officers also need to be knowledgeable about serious road traffic offences, such as illegal racing, driving under disqualification and other serious moving offences.

The First Female Officer to join SOT in TP's history

Sgt Suhaillah holds the distinction of being the first female TP PU officer to be selected to join the SOT, and she is currently also the only female officer in SOT. To Sgt Suhaillah, gender is never a barrier. She stressed that it is essential for all female officers interested in joining the SPF to know that gender does not define their capabilities but rather their willingness to learn and grow, which will guide them to success. "Honestly, it was initially physically challenging for me to manage such a large motorcycle, let alone conduct tight manoeuvres. After going through all the various training courses and riding circuits, I am able to understand my motorcycle better and have developed stronger confidence," shared Sgt Suhaillah. She further admitted with a chuckle that the motorcycle is now her 'baby'.

Sgt Suhaillah also shared that as a female SOT officer, her most memorable occasion was showcasing her riding skills at a recruitment drive at the Home Team Academy. She highlighted that it was truly a surreal experience, as it was an opportunity for her to explain what SOT is all about to fellow female officers. She added that it was a great experience to share her passion for riding, as well as inspiring and empowering future female officers to believe that size does not matter, but rather, it is all about the will and the heart!



Achieving the 'Hormat' in Silat!

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'Hormat' in the Malay language translates to 'respect' and is a widely used term in the martial art of Silat. Meet Special Constable Corporal (SC/Cpl) Abdul Raaziq Bin Abdul Rashid, who is achieving precisely that in the world of competitive Silat - representing Singapore in international competitions and raking up podium spots! *Police Life* finds out more about the rising star in the sport and what it takes for him to achieve his dreams!



Starting Young and Starting Strong

Currently serving his National Service (NS) with Bishan Neighbourhood Police Centre (NPC) as a Community Policing Unit (CPU) officer, SC/Cpl Abdul Raaziq Bin Abdul Rashid, started taking up Silat, formally known as 'Pencak Silat', when he was a primary five student. His father had emphasised the importance of learning self-defence for his own safety and signed him up for Silat classes at the nearby community centre.

"I realised that I had to develop important values that are present in the art of Silat, such as discipline, commitment and respect, before I could even master basic stances or moves," shared SC/Cpl Raaziq.

He emphasised that these values helped form the basis of his martial arts abilities, and motivated him towards excelling in the sport. Because of his deep dedication to the sport, SC/Cpl Raaziq was approached by his coaches to compete at the national level. "My coaches and parents believed in me and gave me a lot of encouragement, especially when the opportunity came," said SC/Cpl Raaziq. Testament to the belief that SC/Cpl Raaziq's coaches and parents had in him, he won the gold medal in his first National Championship in 2010. SC/Cpl Raaziq was eventually selected to join the Singapore National Silat team and went on to the Singapore Sports School to pursue Silat, gaining many opportunities to compete in local and international competitions along the way.

A High Achiever

His potential in competitive Silat was outstandingly clear. In 2017, he achieved the Outstanding Sports Achiever Award for Silat and was also awarded the Peter Lim Scholarship Award (High-Performance U18) by the Singapore Olympic Foundation. SC/Cpl Raaziq also took the Gold spot in the 2017 National Grasio Championship (Singapore) under the 70-75kg category. In the following year, he went on to win Gold in the National Pencak Silat Championship under the 60-65kg category.

In 2019, he won the silver medal at the 13th World Pencak Silat Championship under the 75-80kg category. SC/Cpl Raaziq shared that this medal was his most significant achievement thus far. "It was one of my proudest moments as I was able to represent Singapore and secure a podium place while competing against the best Pencak Silat fighters from around the world," said SC/Cpl Raaziq. 2019 proved to be a good year for him as he was also awarded the Singapore Sports Awards - Meritorious Awards (Individual) by the Singapore National Olympic Foundation. He again won the award the following year in 2020.

A Passion like No Other

SC/Cpl Raaziq admitted that although he first joined Silat only because his father coaxed him, he professed that Silat now means much more to him and has become an enduring

passion. He shared that Silat has improved his self-esteem and developed his self-confidence to stand up for himself and help others who are in need. While he acknowledged the threat of injuries in this sport, SC/Cpl Raaziq stressed that qualifying for different weight categories would be



one of his biggest challenges. "When I competed in the 2018 Asian Games, I had to lose 12kg within six months to qualify for a lower weight category. This required strict diet control and high-intensity training," he recounted. He confessed that it was one of his toughest experiences since competing professionally, and he was thankful for the support given to him by his family, coaches and close friends.

Dedication to both Duty and Silat

Despite his busy NS commitments, SC/Cpl Raaziq has managed to juggle both his NS duties and training well. "Through the strong support from my colleagues and supervisors, I have learnt to manage my time through effective planning skills," said SC/Cpl Raaziq. He also shared that NS has taught him to manage his stress level well, which was important in helping him deal with unfavourable circumstances during work, training, or competitions.

The Road Ahead

When asked about his future aspirations in the arena of Silat, SC/Cpl Raaziq declared that his next goal is to achieve a gold medal for Singapore at the upcoming World Championship tournament in Kuala Lumpur, and the 31st Southeast Asian (SEA) Games in Vietnam. "My ultimate goal has always been to stand on the top podium in major competitions such as the World Championship, Asian Games and SEA Games," revealed SC/Cpl Raaziq. He also shared that it is never too late for anyone to explore and learn new interests and capabilities. "If you have the will and drive, by all means, strive for greater heights no matter the outcome!"



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