





6 FEBRUARY TO 17 MAY 2020 NATIONAL MUSEUM OF SINGAPORE



# FRONTIER TOWN TO SAFEST CITY

The SPF200 Exhibition, "Frontier Town to Safest City" tells the stories of our 200-year policing journey - bravery in the face of danger, of bringing criminals to justice, of duty above self.

Join us to discover the SPF's journey over the last 200 years.



# PF200 ROVING EXHIBITIO

# WANT TO KNOW MORE?

Join us at the "Frontier Town to Safest City" roving exhibition and learn how you can play a part in making Singapore a safer place for all.

This exhibition will travel to different community clubs and public venues near you. Scan the QR code below for more details.





### VISIT US

SPF200 Exhibition "Frontier Town to Safest City" National Museum of Singapore
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**OPENING HOURS** Open Daily 10:00am - 7:00pm

### **GETTING HERE**

By Car:

Turn left from Stamford Road onto Fort Canning Road for National Museum's car park entry/exit. Limited parking facility is available at the National Museum. Other parking facilities are available at Singapore Management University, Manulife Centre, Fort Canning Park and YMCA.

### By Bus:

7, 14, 14e, 16, 36, 64, 65, 77, 106, 111, 124, 128, 139, 162, 162m, 167, 171, 174, 174e, 175, 190, 700, 700A, 972

#### Nearest MRT Stations:

Bencoolen Station (DT21) Bras Basah Station (CC02) Dhoby Ghaut Station (CC01/NE06/NS2 City Hall Station (EW13/ NS25)

VENUE SUPPORTER



# **200 YEARS** OF THE SINGAPORE POLICE FORGE

The Singapore Police Force (SPF) has come a long way since its formation 200 years ago. Trace the key milestones of the Force at this exhibition, and discover how it has evolved into a modern and professional law enforcement agency.



It is hard to imagine today, but violence was an everyday affair during Singapore's early days as a British trading outpost. Discover how the journey to establish law and order began with the formation of Singapore's police force in 1820.

#### **CAUGHT SHORT-HANDED**

The first hundred years were challenging for our nascent police force. Find out how the young Force coped with the scourge of gambling, secret society riots and communist-motivated crimes



A record of Singapore's

first 12 policemen

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20th century Straits Settlements Police Force whistle and chair



# **REBUILDING THE FORCE**

Following the Japanese surrender, the police force was impoverished and suffered from low morale, while Singapore struggled with rising crime. Learn how the police force

was rebuilt and reorganised during these difficult post-war years.

# **RADIO CONTACT**

Take a look at a re-creation of Singapore's first Police Radio Branch at Pearl's Hill and explore the radio equipment that helped improve police response time and effectiveness.



The first batch of policewomen in 1949



# WAR AND ORDER

When the Japanese invaded, the Straits Settlements Police Force was dissolved and many European police officers became prisoners-of-war.

> Sketch of Dickinson by fellow internee, police officer W.R.M. Haxworth, c. 1942 - 1945

# 1950s

### **RIOTS AND SECRET SOCIETIES**

These turbulent years were marked by some of the worst riots and gang crimes in Singapore's history. Learn about the tactics and equipment used by the police to maintain public order.



Police Reserve Unit, 1952

Wicker shield, c. 1950s



#### **QUICK THINKERS**

In the years following independence, the criminal landscape saw a rise in violent crimes, juvenile delinquency, drug abuse and gambling syndicates. Discover the qualities needed by police officers to navigate the changing landscape.

# DRAW, AIM, FIRE!

The "FBI-shooting style" was adopted, allowing officers to respond faster to gunmen. Do you have what it takes to be on the frontline of an armed battle? Find out at our interactive shooting station.



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## SAFEST CITY IN THE WORLD

With SPF's concerted efforts to modernise and partner the community in crime prevention, crime rates have declined since the 1980s. Meet the police officers who work round-the-clock today to keep Singapore safe.

# A FUTURE-READY POLICE FORCE

Today, Singapore may be one of the world's safest cities, but this cannot be taken for granted in an era of increasingly sophisticated crimes. Discover how the Force constantly reinvents itself so as to live up to its vision -To make Singapore the safest place in the world.

# 1983

## **COMMUNITY POLICING**

Learn how the community became an active partner in crime fighting with the adoption of community policing strategy.

### **CRIME BUSTERS**

Solving crimes swiftly is critical to ensuring that justice is served. The Criminal Investigation Department uses cutting-edge forensic science to analyse evidence. Step into a re-creation of a real crime scene and put your investigative skills to the test.

