



NFEC conducts Mass Fire Evacuation Drill at Shaw Centre

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NFEC conducted a Mass Fire Evacuation Drill (MFED) earlier this morning in the heart of Orchard Road at Shaw Centre.

Supported by the SCDF, the MFED is a key annual NFEC event which is held in the month of September. The MFED serves to promote fire safety and emergency preparedness in both commercial and industrial premises. This year, more than 200 premises participated in the MFED.

Members of the Orchard Road Business Association were also present at the Shaw Centre this morning to observe and support the fire evacuation drill.

The drill at Shaw Centre was unique because for the first time, SGSecure elements were incorporated to support the SGSecure national movement, which was launched by Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong on 24 September 2016. The MFED involved an explosion scenario in one of the cinema halls and as a result of the explosion, there were mass casualties among the cinema goers.

Community First Responders, comprising staff, tenants and patrons of Shaw Centre, sprang into action to aid the evacuation process. Some of these CFRs also applied the Improvised First Aid Skills (IFAS) of "Press, Tie & Tell" on casualties who were bleeding profusely prior to the arrival of emergency forces.



Community First Responders attending to the casualties



Mr Alan Loh, Chairman NFEC, applies IFAS on one of the roleplayers



A member of the security staff prepares the AED while CPR is being performed on the cardiac arrest victim



SCDF Firefighters arrive and take over the management of casualties



An SCDF paramedic assesses the cardiac arrest victim who was successfully revived by Community First Responders

The blast triggered a fire alarm and an eventual mass evacuation of the building occupants. Participants in the fire drill gathered at a designated assembly area at the ground floor where staff undertook the role of fire wardens to facilitate the evacuation.



Staff and tenants of Shaw Centre evacuating via the staircase upon the activation of the fire alarm



Staff and tenants gather at the assembly area for a headcount



Staff undertaking the role of fire wardens facilitate the evacuation during the MFED



Premises which conducted exemplary fire drills with excellent participation for the MFED were invited to the event and were presented with a Certificate of Participation.

With them are Mr Alan Loh, Chairman NFEC, Mr Mark Shaw, Vice-Chairman NFEC and Executive Vice President, Operations of Shaw Organisation, and Mr Benedict Koh, Chairman of the Organising Committee of the Mass Fire Evacuation Drill.





Mr Alan Loh, Chairman NFEC and Mr Mark Shaw, Vice-Chairman NFEC and Executive Vice President, Operations of Shaw Organisation, addressed the participants at the end of MFED, thanking them for taking part in the MFED.

They also urged companies and premises owners to come onboard the SGSecure national movement and to pledge their support by partnering with the Home Team to champion Community Vigilance, Resilience and Cohesion.



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