



National Fire and Emergency
Preparedness Council



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The Board of Directors

2024/2025



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Mr Edwin Yap, Mr Robert Ronald

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Chairman’s Message



As we reflect on the past year, it is with pride that I present the National Fire and Emergency Preparedness Council’s (NFEC) annual report for the year 2024/2025. For nearly four decades since our establishment in 1986, NFEC has remained steadfast in our mission to foster a culture of fire safety and emergency preparedness, continuing to shape Singapore’s approach to fire prevention and community resilience.

Through the years, NFEC has remained unwavering in its commitment to safeguarding our communities against fire hazards. While we had witnessed an 1.8% increase in the number of fire incidents in 2024, it’s noteworthy that the number of residential fires remains largely unchanged. Moreover, there was a commendable decrease of 12.8% in the number of residential fires due to unattended cooking.

Our efforts to promote fire safety and emergency preparedness took various forms throughout the year. The NFEC Fire Safety Seminar 2024, themed “Learn: Apply: Share,” attracted 1,243 participants from diverse industries. The launch of our innovative Home Fire Safety Checker digital tool, which guides users through targeted questions to identify common fire risks and provides tailored safety recommendations, and the NFEC 38th Anniversary and Awards Night 2025 at Singapore Expo were notable highlights, where we presented 98 Fire Safety Excellence Award shields to deserving premises, recognising their sustained commitment to fire safety excellence.

The annual Mass Fire Evacuation Drill (MFED) campaign achieved significant success, with over 450 premises participating nationwide to enhance their emergency preparedness capabilities. The School Fire Safety and Emergency Preparedness Ambassador (SFEA) programme continued to expand its reach, having trained approximately 800 students since 2022. These trained students have taken on enhanced roles as School Safety Ambassadors, actively contributing to their schools’ safety protocols and emergency preparedness measures.

Looking ahead, we are expanding our outreach to special interest groups, including hobbyists and associations beyond conventional community touchpoints, to enhance fire safety awareness across multiple facets of people’s lives. We are also extending the application of our fire safety checker to new areas, building on its success in helping users evaluate and implement fire prevention measures, and strengthening our partnership with LTA to address PMD-related fire safety concerns in residential premises. These initiatives reflect our commitment to developing comprehensive and targeted approaches to fire safety education and prevention.

Moving forward, NFEC will continue to strengthen our collaborative efforts and forge new partnerships across all sectors as we pursue our vision of a fire-safe and resilient Singapore. I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to our members, partners, and stakeholders whose dedication and support have been instrumental in our achievements. Let us build upon this foundation as we work together towards an even safer and more prepared community.

Warm regards,
Markham Shaw
Chairman, National Fire and Emergency Preparedness Council

The Board of Directors 2024/2025

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About Us

MISSION

The National Fire and Emergency Preparedness Council (NFEC) is committed towards promoting fire prevention and emergency preparedness to make Singapore safe and secure.

GENERAL

The NFEC is a non-profit organisation and is an Institution of Public Character registered as a Charities Unit in the Ministry of Community and Youth and as a society registered with the Registry of Societies. The Council is also one of the many boards, councils and committees under the purview of the Ministry of Home Affairs. In short, all these members are known as Home Team Board, Council and Committee or HTBCC.

Since its establishment, the NFEC has been actively promoting fire safety awareness and emergency preparedness in Singapore through seminars, roadshows and public advisories, reaching out to the public as well as the various fire safety industry practitioners and stakeholders.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

- a) To educate the public on the dangers of fire, proper use of the emergency services and the importance of emergency preparedness
- b) To involve the public in implementing fire prevention and emergency measures against the loss of life and property
- c) To instill a sense of self-reliance and preparedness towards civil emergencies among the population



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MINUTES OF THE 38th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE NATIONAL FIRE AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COUNCIL

HELD ON THURSDAY, 25 JULY 2024 @ THE FURAMA RIVERFRONT HOTEL, VENUS BALLROOM @ 11:30A.M.

PRESENT:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:	
Mr Markham Shaw	Chairman
Mr John Wu	Vice-Chairman
SAC Alan Chow	Senior Director
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Mr Chang Fook Yong	Board Member
Ms Tong Sook Yean	Board Member
Mr Joshua Lo	Board Member
Ms Michelle Lam	Board Member
Mr Jovan Cai	Board Member
SCDF	
Comr Eric Yap And 30 Others	Commissioner, SCDF

CHAIRMAN’S ADDRESS

- 1. Chairman commence the meeting by welcoming everyone to the 38th NFEC Annual General Meeting and thanks them for taking time to be at the event today.
- 2. Chairman begins his address by reflecting on the past year. He said it is with pride that he presents the National Fire and Emergency Preparedness Council’s (NFEC) annual report for the year 2023/2024. Established with a mission to foster a culture of fire safety and emergency preparedness, NFEC has played a pivotal role in shaping Singapore’s approach to fire prevention and emergency preparedness since its inception in 1986.
- 3. Chairman said through the years, NFEC has also remained unwavering in its commitment to safeguarding our communities against fire hazards. While we had witnessed an 8.6% increase in the number of fire incidents in 2023, it’s noteworthy that this figure remains significantly lower than pre-COVID levels. Moreover, there was a commendable decrease in the number of fires in non-residential buildings, particularly in industrial premises and social establishments.
- 4. He said NFEC’s efforts to promote fire safety and emergency preparedness took various forms throughout the year. One of the highlights was the Fire Safety Seminar held on 25 August 2023 at the Marina Bay Sands Convention Centre. Attended by over 1,000 industry experts and stakeholders, the seminar served as a platform to discuss emerging trends and best practices in fire safety management. Additionally, the launch of the latest edition of the Fire Code during the event underscored NFEC’s commitment to upholding fire safety standards amidst Singapore’s sustainable development initiatives.
- 5. He highlighted the annual Mass Fire Evacuation Drill (MFED) campaign held in September 2024 was another notable success, with participation from over 400 premises across Singapore. This initiative not only tested evacuation procedures but also highlighted the importance of preparedness in ensuring public safety during emergencies.
- 6. He adds that another project that we are extremely proud of this year is NFEC’s collaboration with the National Civil Defence Cadet Corps on the Curriculum Innovation Project. Focusing on mental health education and gamification of Psychological First Aid content, this initiative has empowered the youth with essential life-saving skills while addressing sensitive issues related to mental health.
- 7. Furthermore, the School Fire Emergency Ambassador programme continued to make a profound impact in schools nationwide, instilling a culture of safety and equipping students with the knowledge and skills to respond effectively to emergencies.
- 8. In summing up, he said that as we look ahead, NFEC remains committed to forging strategic partnerships and engaging stakeholders from all sectors in our mission to build a fire-safe and resilient nation. He extended his deepest gratitude to our dedicated members, partners, and stakeholders for their unwavering support and commitment. Together, let us continue our journey towards a safer future for all.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING

- 9. The minutes of 37th AGM held on 26 July 2023 at 1130hrs was proposed for adoption by Mr Steven Goh and seconded by Mr Benedict Koh.

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- 10. The meeting approved the NFEC Annual Report for WY 2023/2024. Mr Patrick Sim and Mr Christopher Tan proposed and seconded to accept the report respectively.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2024

- 11. The accounts audited by Cypress Singapore PAC for the year ending 31 March 2024 were accepted and approved at the meeting. Mr Raizan Razak proposed to accept the financial report with Mr Bernard Lew seconded it.

CONCLUSION

- 12. There being no other matters, the meeting ended at 1200 hrs and adjourned for lunch.

Prepared by : Mr Zee Chung Wei
Admin Executive, NFEC

Vetted by : SAC Alan Chow Mun Keong
Executive Director, NFEC

Approved by : Mr Markham Shaw Chai Chung
Chairman, NFEC

Date : 18 August 2024

Industrial Premises Committee

- Co-Chairperson : Mr Edwin Yap
- : Mr Terence Koh
- Secretary : CPT Shin Won Tae
- Assistant Secretary : WO1 Farhan Firdaus Darman
- Members : Mr Bernard Lew
- : Mr Jovan Cai

INTRODUCTION

The NFEC’s Industrial Premises Committee (IPC) has been pivotal in promoting fire safety and civil emergency preparedness across Singapore’s industrial sector. The consistent decrease in industrial fires over recent years attests to the IPC’s effective outreach strategy, which has successfully forged robust fire safety networks among industrial stakeholders and key partners like SCDF.

In the 2024/2025 work year, the IPC continued to expand its fire safety networks through successful engagements, events and seminars. The committee focused its outreach efforts on industrial stakeholders and professionals, while also addressing emerging fire safety concerns, particularly those related to electric vehicles and lithium-ion batteries.

FIRE SAFETY SEMINAR 2024

On 21 August 2024, NFEC conducted the Fire Safety Seminar 2024 at Singapore Expo. This annual seminar, jointly organised by IPC and CPC, served as a platform for participants to enhance their knowledge of fire prevention and emergency response strategies in the workplace. The event saw strong participation with over 1,000 attendees, including Fire Safety Managers, Qualified Persons, and industry practitioners.

The seminar highlighted an encouraging increase in fire safety awareness among organizations, with a record number of 1250 attended the seminar. The seminar was officiated by Comr Eric Yap, Commissioner SCDF and guests include the NFEC board members and our strategic partners.

Distinguished speakers from various professional agencies and institutions shared their insights on emerging fire safety developments and trends. The seminar featured presentations on cutting-edge topics including energy storage systems and sustainable building designs. The event concluded with an engaging panel discussion where speakers addressed questions from the audience, fostering valuable knowledge exchange among industry professionals.



FIRE SAFETY AWARD 2024

To recognise stakeholders’ commitment and contributions towards creating a fire-safe environment, the IPC, in collaboration with Commercial Premises Committee (CPC), organised the 4th NFEC Fire Safety Award 2024. This event saw an increase participation compared to the 2022 edition, with 111 participants (up from 103 in 2022), comprising 17 industrial premises (up from 11) and 94 commercial premises (up from 92).

The awards ceremony, held in conjunction with the NFEC 38th Anniversary and Awards Night 2024 on 29 November 2024 at Singapore Expo was graced by Assoc Professor Muhd Faishal Ibrahim, Minister of State for Home Affairs and National Development.

At the event, a total of 108 premises were honoured - comprising of 98 premises which were awarded the Fire Safety Excellence Award (14 Industrial and 84 Commercial premises). Additionally, 10 premises received the Fire Safety Award - Certificate of Participation, demonstrating the growing emphasis on fire safety across different sectors. The strong participation in these awards reflects the industry’s dedication to maintaining high fire safety standards.

The judging process, spanning several months, involved rigorous documentation audits and on-site inspections. Over the years, the award has gained prestige and proven to be a valuable marketing asset for winners. It continues to motivate industrial premises to strive for excellence in fire safety management.



MOVING FORWARD

In Work Year 2025/2026, the Industrial Premises Committee (IPC) plans to expand its focus to include maritime industry stakeholders. This initiative aims to establish new fire safety networks, connecting all relevant parties, including SCDF. By broadening its reach, IPC seeks to create a more comprehensive and robust fire safety framework across Singapore’s industrial sectors.

A key event in the upcoming year is the Fire Safety Seminar 2025, co-organised by IPC and CPC in August 2025. This seminar will address the latest developments and best practices in fire safety and emergency preparedness, providing a platform for knowledge sharing and collaboration among industry professionals.

Additionally, IPC will organise the annual Mass Fire Evacuation Drill as part of a month-long drill campaign in September 2025. This practical exercise will reinforce emergency response skills and promote readiness among industrial premises staff.

Through these planned initiatives, IPC will continue to play a crucial role in enhancing fire safety and emergency preparedness within Singapore’s industrial premises community. By fostering collaboration across various sectors, including the maritime industry, IPC aims to further strengthen the nation’s overall fire safety network and capabilities.

Commercial Premises Committee

- Co-Chairperson : Mr Christopher Tan
- : Mr Benedict Koh
- Secretary : CPT Sheryl Sia
- Assistant Secretary : WO1 Delon Lam
- Members : Ms Yen Tan
- : Ms Tong Sook Yean

INTRODUCTION

In Work Year 2024/2025, Commercial Premises Committee (CPC) had successfully met its targets, collaborating with the council and other subcommittees to enhance public emergency preparedness through various projects.

Notably, CPC had organised a Mass Fire Evacuation Drill (MFED) at Paya Lebar Quarters (PLQ) to kickstart the month-long MFED campaign. In addition, the fire safety award assessment was conducted this work year and CPC had reinvented the Fire Safety Excellence Award with a new concept to promote and encourage premises for their continued efforts in maintaining high fire safety standards. CPC had also reached out to major food court operators in its engagement to work with these critical stakeholders in this work year. Other key achievements and activities held during the year are appended in the report.

MASS FIRE EVACUATION DRILL (MFED)

The annual month-long MFED campaign for commercial and industrial premises had commenced with the opening MFED at PLQ on 5 September 2024. The fire drill had involved PLQ1, PLQ2 and 500 tenants with the support of Paya Lebar Fire Station.

PLQ is a mixed-use development, and the drill scenario simulated a fire breaking out at the cleaning station at the ground floor, involving an electric cleaning machine. The Company Emergency Response Team (CERT) had shown a high level of competency in the initial management of fire and casualty. The drill also saw a seamless handover process to SCDF upon SCDF’s arrival which was crucial to all firefighting and rescue operations. The annual MFED aims to improve emergency preparedness of the premises management and familiarize occupants with the evacuation procedures.





NFEC 38TH ANNIVERSARY AND AWARDS NIGHT 2024

As part of the anniversary celebrations, NFEC had presented the Fire Safety Excellence Award shield to deserving companies who had uphold high standards of fire safety excellence. The assessment for Fire Safety Award is done once every two year and CPC had reinvented the award concept which presents deserving companies with an award shield. The award shield is embossed with the outline of five badges and each badge represents one assessment period. Companies will have to upkeep its fire safety standards for at least five assessment period in order to fill up the badges that are embossed on the shield. This new concept aimed to encourage participants to have continued efforts to adhere to safety protocols and maintain the highest standards to ensure a safe environment for all. A total of 98 Fire Safety Excellence Award were presented to 84 commercial and 14 industrial premises.



DIALOGUE WITH SINGAPORE HOTEL ASSOCIATION (SHA)

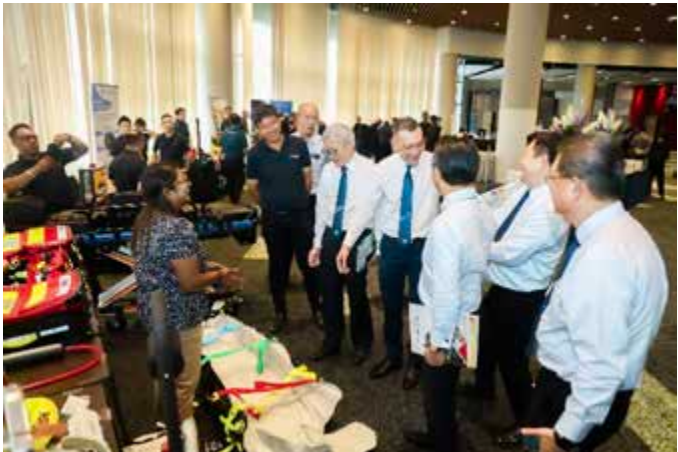
CPC held its bi-annual dialogue with SHA on 13 May 2024 and 18 Feb 2025. The dialogue session had seen a great turnout for both sessions. In the first session of dialogue, a sharing on the topic “The Future of Fire Suppression: Green, Safe, Simple” was conducted by ExxFire. The second session of dialogue had invited speaker from SCDF who shared topics of evacuation and false alarm management and the streamlining of touchpoints between Fire Safety Managers (FSM) and SCDF. Questions and Answers (Q&A) was also conducted at the end of both sessions which saw valuable engagement and knowledge sharing.



NFEC FIRE SAFETY SEMINAR 2024

The annual Fire Safety Seminar 2024 received overwhelming response with a total registration of 1,243 participants. The seminar’s theme this year is “Learn: Apply: Share” and the seminar’s objective was to prepare and equip participants with the knowledge, skills and resources to prevent fires and handle emergencies in their workplace. The seminar had invited guest speakers from various fields to share their knowledge and best practices to ensure a high level of fire safety, emergency response strategies and crisis management.

NFEC saw participants from various industries, such as construction, healthcare, oil & gas, transportation etc. This indicates that the annual NFEC Fire Safety Seminar could reach out to a diverse group of participants to achieve the seminar’s planned objective.



MOVING FORWARD

In Work Year 2025/2026, CPC had planned a lineup of activities engage its key stakeholders. CPC will continue our efforts with the major food court operators as CPC were unable to have a physical engagement with food court stakeholders. CPC also intends to engage the healthcare sector and to explore opportunities for collaboration in enhancing fire safety measures within the premises.

CPC remains eager to collaborate with the Council, subcommittees, and stakeholders to fulfil NFEC’s mission of promoting fire prevention and emergency preparedness, ensuring Singapore remains safe and secure.

Housing Premises Committee

- Co-Chairperson : Mr Teo Swee Heng, Raymond
- : Mr Ronald Robert
- Secretary : CPT Gwendelyn Ong
- Assistant Secretary : WO1 Ho Jia Xing
- Member : Mr Patrick Sim

INTRODUCTION

The Housing Premises Committee (HPC) strives to enhance the awareness of fire safety and emergency preparedness in residential estates. Through collaborations with stakeholders and outreach engagements in the community, the HPC aims to instil personal responsibility in adopting fire-safe habits in households and build community resilience via the promotion of lifesaving and emergency preparedness skills. In WY23/24, the HPC has promoted fire prevention in the community through various public education campaigns at community engagement events and initiatives such as the screening of residential fire safety advisory videos and infographics via the digital display panels at HDB blocks.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT EVENTS

In collaboration with the People’s Association (PA), Town Councils (TCs), and the Housing Development Board (HDB), several community engagement events are jointly held at the heartlands for public outreach – see Chart 1 for an overview of the respective events targeted at different residential groups.

Chart 1:
Overview of Types of Community Engagement Events

S/N	EVENT	TARGET AUDIENCE
1	Community Resilience (CR) Days	Divisional and Group Representation Constituency (GRC)-level
2	Safety & Security (S&S) Days	Condominiums
3	MyNiceHome(MNH) Roadshows	New Build-to-Order (BTO) Estates
4	Fire Evacuation Exercise	Existing HDB Blocks
5	Post-Fire Blitz	Ad-hoc at Affected Estates within 2 weeks of a Major Incident

At these events, booths are set up with fire safety advisory posters and pamphlets with NFEC logo distributed by Community Emergency Engagement Committees (C2Es), grassroots volunteers, and the SCDF. Residents are also encouraged to learn CPR-AED (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation - Automated External Defibrillator) skills and sign up as Community First Responders (CFRs) via the SCDF myResponder Application.



Other targeted initiatives include the distribution of AED to participating condominiums of S&S Days via the “Save-a-Life” initiative by the Singapore Heart Foundation and the SCDF, and the encouragement of new BTO homeowners to install a Home Fire Alarm Device as a preventive measure.

LAUNCH OF HOME FIRE SAFETY CHECKER (HFSC)

At the Jalan Besar GRC CR Day held on 1 March 2025, new fire safety initiatives such as the Fire Safety Kakis were unveiled. The Fire Safety Kakis are neighbours who can keep an eye out for older residents and those with mobility issues. As fire safety advocates, they will teach residents about fire prevention, conduct fire safety checks in the neighbourhood, and assist in evacuation during emergencies.



To complement the Fire Safety Kakis initiative, the NFEC and the SCDF launched the HFSC funded by the NFEC. The HFSC is a digital tool that enables users to evaluate and implement fire safety measures in their homes: Home Fire Safety Checker. Through a series of 10 targeted questions, the assessment helps users identify the common fire risks within their homes. Upon completion, the tool provides tailored recommendations and advisories to mitigate the identified risks. It is envisioned that users will come to recognise the potential risks through the exercise and proactively take preventive measures to eliminate fire hazards and reduce the likelihood of fire incidents in their homes.



The launch of the HFSC received widespread media coverage across print media, news broadcasts on television networks, and radio channels.

FIRE STATISTICS

The number of residential fire calls remained largely unchanged, from 970 calls in 2023 to 968 calls (-0.2%) in 2024. Fires occurring in residential premises constitute 48.6% of the total fire calls (1,954 cases) attended by the Singapore Civil Defence Force (SCDF). Fires due to attended cooking and fires due to electric origin remained the top two causes of fires in residential premises – see Charts 2 and 3 for a further breakdown.

Chart 2:
Breakdown of the causes of fire in residential premises (2024)

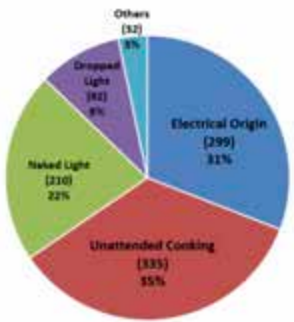
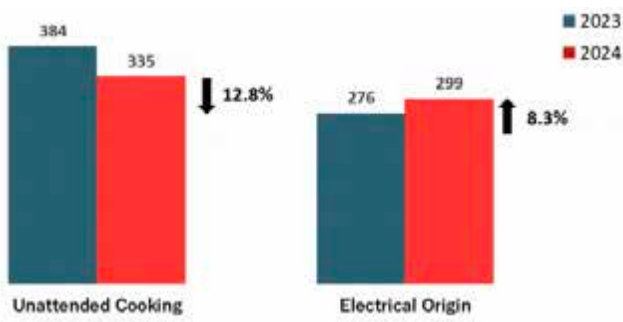


Chart 3:
Top two causes of fires in residential premises



While fires due to unattended cooking decreased by 49 calls (-12.8%) to 335 calls, it remained the top cause of residential fires.

Residential fires due to electrical origin increased by 23 calls (8.3%) to 299 calls. The majority of fires were caused by faults in electrical wiring or electrical appliances; or due to the overloading of electrical sockets. Of the 299 fires from electrical origin, 44 involved Active Mobility Devices (AMDs) in residential premises, an increase of 9 calls (25.7%) from 2023.

WAY FORWARD

In view of the fire trends, AMD fires occurring at residential premises remain an area of concern. The Active Mobility Fire Safety Taskforce, co-chaired by the Land Transport Authority (LTA) and the SCDF, had launched a refreshed campaign with new visuals for the “Be Device-Safe” programme at the Sembawang West CR Day held in September 2024 to promote awareness on proper AMD usage and educate users of motorised AMDs on the risk of AMD-related fires. Moving forward, the HPC is in discussion with the Taskforce to increase the emotional appeal of public education efforts such as through a video (with de-sensitized stories/accounts of actual incidents) to highlight the dangers of using modified devices.

Separately, the HPC is also exploring organising an annual month-long campaign that targets fire safety in public spaces at residential estates. The campaign will kickstart with a seminar/dialogue with strategic partners such as the Town Councils, to rally them as ambassadors in promoting fire safety awareness. The month-long campaign will see volunteers conducting site surveys, sharing key messages on preventing obstruction and indiscriminate dumping at common areas such as corridors, lift landings, and void decks, and assisting residents with rectification of identified infringements. It is envisaged that the scale of the publicised campaign would spur residents to take concrete action towards maintaining safer neighbourhoods.

Finally, community engagements efforts at the various events will also continue with a more structured programme. Additional NFEC collaterals targeted at specific stakeholder groups will be procured to maintain relevancy of materials distributed. The widespread use of the HFSC will also be propagated through various channels to increase outreach of the application. The HFSC interface will also be enhanced based on feedback and observations gathered such as the planned incorporation of vernacular languages to increase accessibility of the application. All in all, the HPC will continue to endeavour towards addressing the common fire risks in households across Singapore through a myriad of initiatives and activities for quantifiable results.

Publicity Committee

- Chairman : AC Leslie Williams
- Secretary : CPT Shermene Lim
- 2nd Secretary : MX Lee Dai Yi Casslyn
- Assistant Secretary : WO2 Ahmad Shafeeq bin Jalaludin

THE PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

The Publicity Committee manages the publicity for NFEC events and activities with the aim of raising NFEC’s profile, generating awareness and promoting fire safety and community emergency preparedness throughout Singapore. This includes publicity through the mainstream media, social and digital media, as well as out-of-home advertisements. In addition, the Publicity Committee also assists to prepare speeches and invitations for VIPs/special guests to officiate NFEC events. The key highlights undertaken by the Publicity Committee for last work year are as follows:

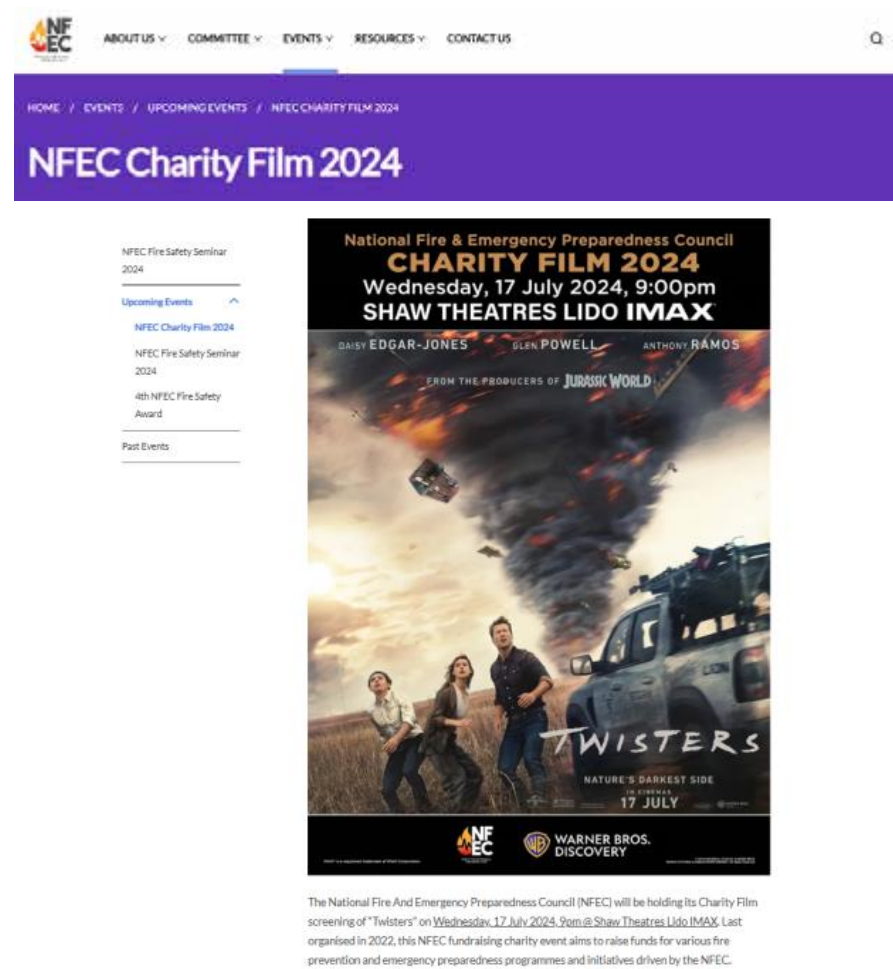
PUBLICITY ON NFEC CHARITY FILM 2024

The NFEC organised a charity film premiere of “Twisters” at Shaw Theatres on 17 July 2024, which aimed to raise funds for the various fire safety and emergency preparedness initiatives driven by the NFEC. Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim, Member of Parliament for Chua Chu Kang GRC and Chairman of the Government Parliamentary Committee for Home Affairs and Law, graced the charity event as the Guest of Honour.

As a lead-up to the film premiere, Publicity Committee promoted the event across NFEC’s website and social media platforms. Publicity Committee also prepared a welcome note to be delivered by Mr John Wu, Vice-Chairman NFEC at the start of the film premiere.



Pre-event publicity on NFEC’s social media platforms, as well as the updated cover photo on NFEC’s Facebook page



Information on the NFEC Charity Film 2024 was uploaded onto the NFEC's website

The charity film premiere, which successfully drew more than 400 attendees, was amplified across multiple social media platforms. Guest of Honour Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim shared the event on his Facebook and Instagram, where he reaffirmed the importance of NFEC's mission in promoting fire safety and emergency preparedness. The charity event was also published on NFEC's social media platforms.



NFEC Charity Film 2024 featured on Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim's Facebook and Instagram



NFEC Charity Film 2024 published on NFEC's social media platforms

PUBLICITY ON NFEC FIRE SAFETY SEMINAR 2024

Organised annually by the NFEC and supported by the SCDF, the NFEC Fire Safety Seminar provides a platform to equip participants with the knowledge of preventing fires and handling emergencies at the workplace.

The NFEC Fire Safety Seminar 2024 was held on 21 August 2024 under the theme "Learn: Apply: Share". The event underscored the importance of fostering a culture of continuous learning, application and sharing of insights and best practices on fire safety and emergency preparedness.

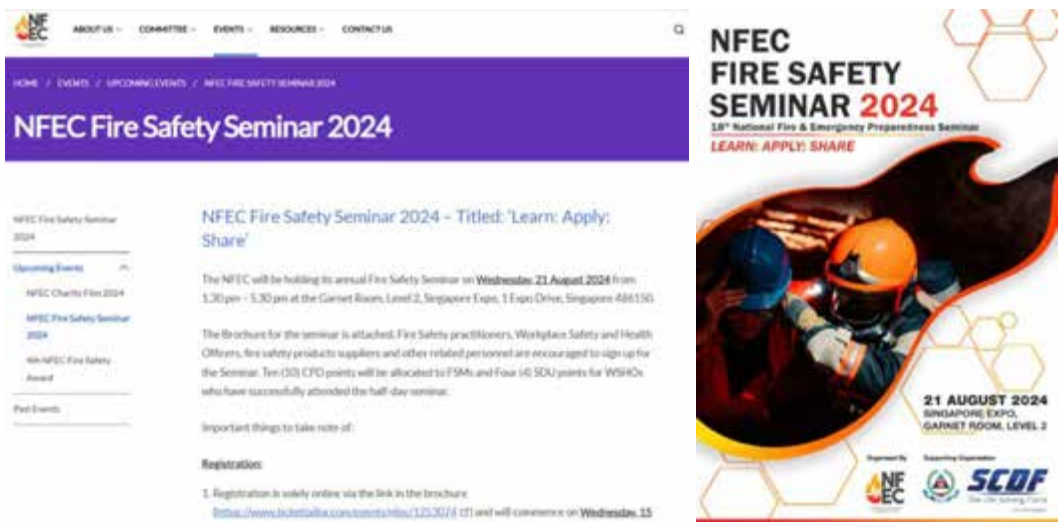
More than 1,200 participants comprising industry experts, fire safety managers and practitioners, and workplace safety and health officers attended the seminar. During the seminar, six distinguished speakers from various professional agencies and institutions were invited to share their expertise on the emerging fire safety developments and trends.

Publicity Committee supported the event by preparing the keynote address and welcome address, which were delivered by COMR Eric Yap, Commissioner SCDF, and Mr Markham Shaw, Chairman NFEC. Prior to the event, details of the NFEC Fire Safety Seminar 2024 were publicised through multiple channels, including the NFEC website and across NFEC's social media platforms.



"As fire risks and hazards continue to evolve, it is imperative that we keep abreast of these challenges by establishing new ways, systems and processes to effectively manage such risks. The NFEC cannot do this alone. We remain committed to working with the SCDF as well as industrial and commercial partners; and also the wider community-at-large to collectively improve and elevate fire safety standards."

Mr Markham Shaw, Chairman NFEC



Information on the NFEC Fire Safety Seminar 2024 was uploaded onto the NFEC's website, together with the brochure



Pre-event social media publicity on the NFEC Fire Safety Seminar 2024

Following the successful completion of the seminar, it was publicised on NFEC and SCDF's social media platforms, NFEC's website, as well as SCDF's internal communications - the SCDF Newsflash.



The NFEC Fire Safety Seminar was held at the Singapore Expo on 21 August 2024. The seminar was organised by the NFEC and supported by the Singapore Civil Defence Force. More than 1,200 participants comprising industry experts, fire safety managers and practitioners, and workplace safety and health officers were in attendance. COMR Eric Yap, Commissioner SCDF, graced the seminar as the Guest of Honour.

Post-event publicity on NFEC's website



The NFEC Fire Safety Seminar 2024 was also published on SCDF Newsflash



Screenshots of NFEC and SCDF's Facebook pages on the NFEC Fire Safety Seminar 2024

PUBLICITY ON MASS FIRE EVACUATION DRILL (MFED) 2024

The NFEC, in collaboration with Paya Lebar Quarter and the SCDF, held the launching ceremony of the annual Mass Fire Evacuation Drill (MFED) 2024 at Paya Lebar Quarter 1 and 2 on 5 September 2024. Held annually, the MFED is a month-long campaign that aims to promote fire safety and emergency preparedness in commercial and industrial buildings, as well as public buildings. The MFED 2024 was particularly significant as it also marked the 20th anniversary of the MFED campaign.

The campaign garnered the strong support from more than 44,000 participants from over 240 premises. Through NFEC’s Facebook and Instagram pages, Publicity Committee acknowledged and expressed appreciation to Paya Lebar Quarter for hosting the launching ceremony, as well as all participating premises for conducting the fire evacuation drill in the month of September.

Publicity Committee also leveraged local news media outlets to amplify the coverage of the event. The event received extensive coverage through multiple channels, including both the online and print versions of Lianhe Zaobao, NFEC and Paya Lebar Quarter’s social media platforms, and SCDF’s internal communications. Publicity Committee also worked with Lianhe Zaobao on the inclusion of the speech by Mr Markham Shaw, Chairman NFEC, in its articles. It highlighted the importance of such fire evacuation drills, as well as equipping the public with essential lifesaving skills through the SCDF’s Responders Plus Programme.



Lianhe Zaobao (print and online) featured the MFED 2024, with a quote from Chairman NFEC’s speech



The MFED 2024 was also published on NFEC and Paya Lebar Quarter’s social media platforms



Additional publicity on the event via SCDF’s internal communications

As part of its continued efforts to increase NFEC’s visibility and presence, the Publicity Committee had designed an NFEC polo shirt to be donned by NFEC Board of Directors and Secretaries during suitable outdoor NFEC events, such as during the annual MFED or Community Resilience Day. Following months of discussion with various vendors on the design of the polo shirt and quotation, the MFED 2024 saw the inaugural launch of the NFEC polo shirt.



Inaugural launch of the NFEC polo shirt at the Launching Ceremony of the NFEC Mass Fire Evacuation Drill on 5 September 2024

PUBLICITY ON NFEC 38TH ANNIVERSARY AND AWARDS NIGHT 2024

The NFEC 38th Anniversary and Awards Night was held on 29 November 2024 at the Singapore Expo. Held biennially, the event recognises premises for their exemplary performance and contributions in championing fire safety and emergency preparedness, as well as valued stakeholders from different sectors of the community who have worked closely with the NFEC to cultivate a robust fire safety culture.

Publicity Committee supported the event by preparing the speeches for the Guest of Honour, Associate Professor Muhammad Faishal Ibrahim, Minister of State, Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of National Development, and Mr John Wu, Vice-Chairman NFEC.



“The high number of award recipients this year is a strong testament to the unwavering commitment of the industries and the relentless efforts of the NFEC in promoting its cause for a fire-safe and emergency-prepared Singapore.”

**Associate Professor
Muhammad Faishal Ibrahim,
Minister of State, Ministry of Home
Affairs and Ministry of National Development**

Another highlight of the event was the launch of the refreshed Fire Safety Excellence Award. Designed by the Publicity Committee, this biennial award recognises premises that demonstrate sustained excellence in upholding high standards of fire safety and emergency preparedness over time.

Publicity Committee began engaging various vendors months before the event to evaluate the feasibility of the customised design and assess quotations for the Fire Safety Excellence Award. Following the NFEC Board of Directors’ guidance and concurrence on the final vendor, Publicity Committee collaborated closely with the selected vendor to ensure timely production of the awards.

This year, a total of 98 commercial and industrial premises were awarded the Fire Safety Excellence Award and 10 premises were awarded the Certificate of Participation.



NFEC logo prominently displayed at the centre of the Fire Safety Excellence Award



NFEC 38th Anniversary and Awards Night 2024 featured on the social media platforms of Associate Professor Muhammad Faishal Ibrahim, and NFEC

A 4-minute video montage highlighting the Council’s achievements, activities and initiatives over the past 38 years was also produced in-house by SCDF’s Corporate Communications Department and screened during the event.

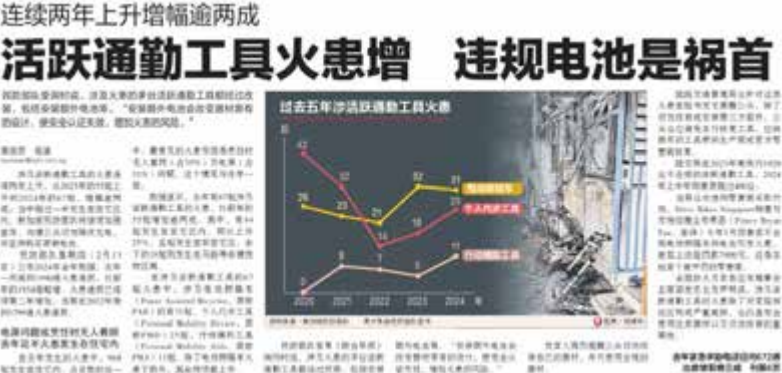
RELEASE OF SCDF’S EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, FIRE, AND ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS 2024

On 13 February 2025, the SCDF released its annual emergency medical services, fire, and enforcement statistics for the year 2024. Publicity Committee leveraged social media and the local mainstream media, including print, digital, and broadcast media to highlight the rising trend of the total fire calls and the top causes of fires, as well as NFEC’s concerted efforts in engaging stakeholders to cultivate a fire safe culture in Singapore. Notably, The Straits Times and Lianhe Zaobao included in their reporting a quote by Mr Markham Shaw, Chairman NFEC.

“NFEC urges everyone to stay vigilant and proactive in fire safety. Simple precautions – such as not leaving cooking unattended, avoiding overloaded power sockets, and switching off electrical appliances when not in use – can significantly reduce fire risks and help safeguard lives and property.

Another growing concern is the rising number of fires involving Active Mobility Devices, particularly in residential areas. These incidents pose serious risks to families and communities, underscoring the need for safe usage, proper charging, and to use only original parts in devices.”

Mr Markham Shaw, Chairman NFEC



Kebakaran libat alat mobiliti aktif naik 21.8% pada 2024

Lebih banyak alat mobiliti aktif (AMD) terbakar pada 2024, dengan kebakaran melibatkan alat mobiliti aktif (AMD) meningkat 21.8% pada 2024, berbanding 2023.

Angkara Peristiwa Kebakaran (SCDF) berkata terdapat 67 kebakaran melibatkan AMD pada 2024, meningkat 21.8% berbanding 55 kebakaran melibatkan AMD pada 2023.

Ini adalah tahun kedua berturut-turut lebih banyak kebakaran AMD dilaporkan.

Berapada 2023 itu adalah peningkatan 31 peratus daripada 42 kebakaran melibatkan AMD pada 2022.

Sebelum itu, jumlah kebakaran AMD berkurangan secara bertahap antara 2019 dengan 2022.

AMD termasuk alat mobiliti peribadi (PMD), basikal gaya kuasa (PMB) dan alat bantuan mobiliti peribadi (PMAB).

2024ல் அதிகமானோர் தீ விபத்துகளில் பல்

கடந்த ஆண்டு 2024-ல், செயல்பாட்டில் உள்ள மின்னியல் போக்குவரத்து கருவிகளில் (AMD) தீ விபத்துக்கள் 21.8% அதிகமாகியுள்ளன. 2023-ல் 55 தீ விபத்துக்கள் இருந்தன, 2024-ல் 67 தீ விபத்துக்கள் இருந்தன.

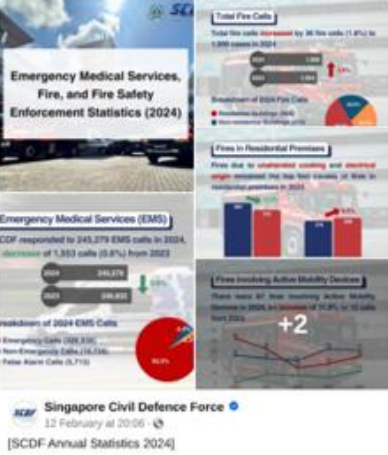
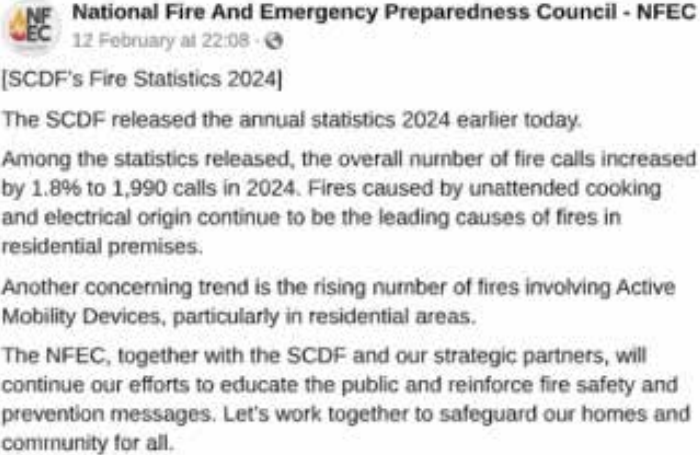
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SCDF's Annual Statistics Release 2024 published on NFEC's Facebook

PUBLICITY ON SCDF'S ISLAND-WIDE SOUNDING OF THE PUBLIC WARNING SYSTEM

As part of SCDF's island-wide annual sounding of the Public Warning System (PWS) on 15 February and 15 September, Publicity Committee had published multiple advisories on NFEC's Facebook and Instagram pages. These posts aimed to raise awareness on the different PWS signals, as well as encourage the public to download the SGSecure App to receive the PWS sounding and message.

SCDF's Annual Statistics Release 2024 featured by mainstream media outlets such as The Straits Times, Lianhe Zaobao, Berita Harian, and Tamil Murasu on 13 February 2025



Broadcast media coverage on SCDF's Annual Statistics Release 2024



Advisories on the PWS published on NFEC's Facebook and Instagram pages

PUBLICITY ON THE HOME FIRE SAFETY CHECKER

On 1 March 2025, the Home Fire Safety Checker (HFSC) was launched at the Jalan Besar GRC Community Resilience Day. Jointly developed by the NFEC and the SCDF, the HFSC is an online digital assessment tool that evaluates potential home fire hazards and provides tailored fire safety advisories.

The event received extensive social media and mainstream media coverage, with the launch of the HFSC being spotlighted by several news media outlets including broadcast, online and print, as well as radio - CNA938, Capital 95.8FM and Hao FM 96.3.



Broadcast media coverage by CNA, Channel 8, Channel U, Vasantham

Pengalaman saksi kebakaran bakar semangat jadi sukarelawan keselamatan

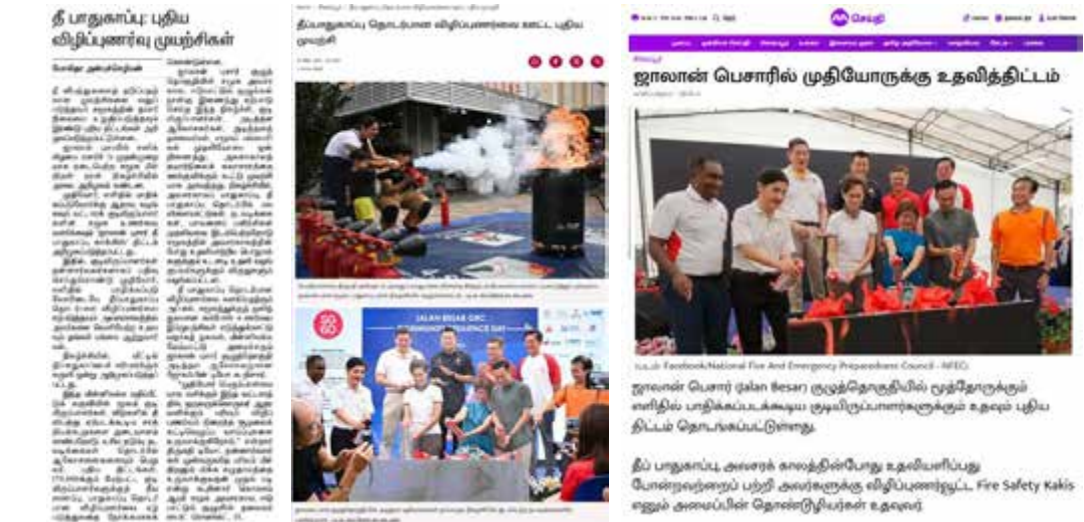


Mainstream media coverage by Berita Harian (print and online)

Jalan Besar introduces fire safety 'kakis' for seniors



Mainstream media coverage by The Straits Times (print and online)



Mainstream media coverage by Tamil Murasu (print and online) and Seithi Mediacorp



Mainstream media coverage by 8World



Launch of the Home Fire Safety Checker featured on NFEC and SCDF's social media platforms

FIRE SAFETY ADVISORIES

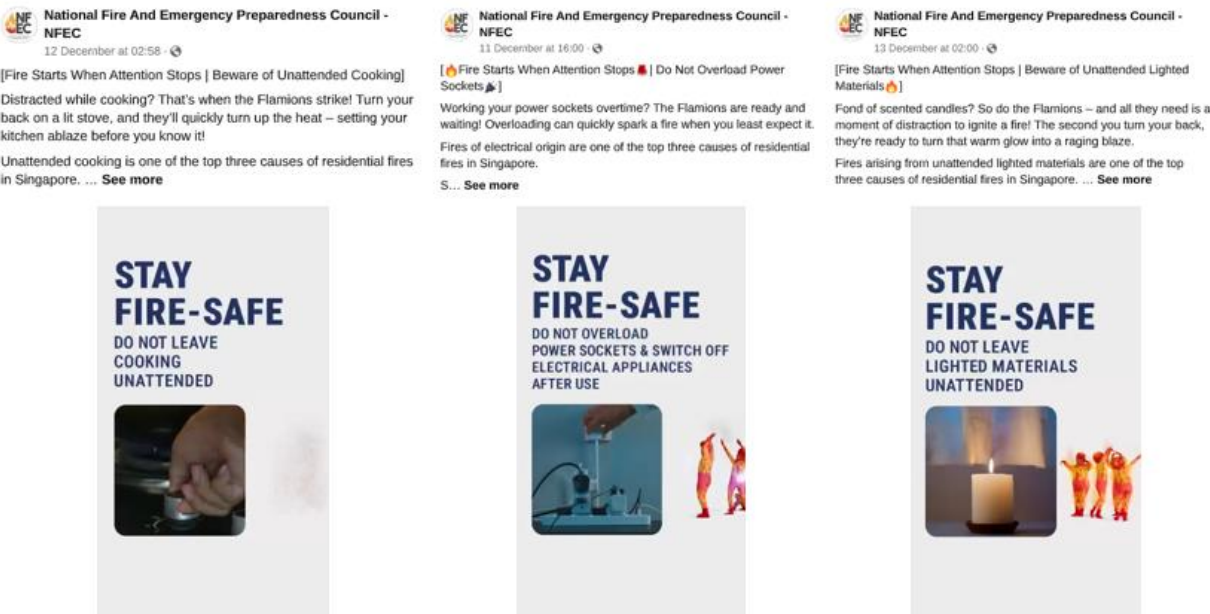
As part of the joint NFEC and SCDF Enhanced Fire Safety Campaign, Publicity Committee had been intensifying public education efforts aimed at enhancing community awareness on the top three causes of residential fires, as well as prevention and mitigation tips.

Notably, the campaign featured three short-form fire safety videos highlighting the top causes of residential fires through flame-like characters - “The Flamions” - a group of mischievous characters looking for fire hazards at home. The fire safety videos were depicted in the four official languages, including two vernaculars - Hokkien and Cantonese.



Fire safety videos on unattended cooking, overloaded sockets, and unattended lighted materials

This public education outreach also comprised advisories published on social media platforms to reach out to a wider and diverse range of audiences. As part of the campaign, a total of 33 posts across four social media platforms (Facebook, Instagram, TikTok and YouTube) were published by the NFEC and SCDF.



Fire safety advisories published on NFEC’s Facebook and Instagram pages

To complement the digital amplification of these home fire safety advisories, there were strong partnership and support for additional out-of-home ad placements at heartland touchpoints - Our Tampines Hub and Heartbeat@Bedok.



“The Flamions” screened at Heartbeat@Bedok



Additional fire safety advisories were also published on NFEC’s Facebook and Instagram pages, as well as out-of-home fire safety advisories at HDB digital display panels and radio advertorials

As part of Publicity Committee's continued efforts to increase visibility and presence of the NFEC with the general populace, Publicity Committee had also worked closely with the SCDF to showcase the synergy between the NFEC and SCDF in their shared mission of elevating fire safety and emergency preparedness standards in Singapore.

One key initiative was the inclusion of the NFEC logo in the publicity collaterals for events such as the Community Resilience Day held across the four SCDF Divisions, and the SCDF – SBS Transit AED-On-Buses Programme.



Following the residential fire at Block 313 Hougang Avenue 5 on 16 August 2024, The Straits Times carried NFEC, SCDF and LTA's fire safety advisory on preventing PMD fires



Singapore Civil Defence Force

about 7 months ago



[Fire @ Block 313, Hougang Avenue 5]

[Early this morning at about 12:50am (16 Aug), SCDF firefighters from Sengkang Fire Station and Paya Lebar Fire Station responded to a fire at the abovementioned location.

Upon SCDF's arrival, the living room of a unit on the second floor was on fire, and one person was reported trapped inside the unit... [See more](#)





PMDs & PABs

Personal Mobility Devices Power Assist Bicycles

NEW

- Purchase PMDs with the S\$22000 on-vehicle seat offers with 10% discount seat of approval
- Purchase on-vehicle PMDs with the S\$2000 on-vehicle seat offers
- Use power assist that carry the battery, motor and controller that are integrated

EXIST

- Carry charge or replace the on-vehicle seat
- Use on-vehicle seat, motor, or battery to replace a motor or power seat

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Alternative media site, Mothership, also carried NFEC, SCDF and LTA's fire safety advisory on preventing PAB fires following the residential fire at Blk 921 Tampines Street 91 on 24 Dec 2024



Inclusion of the NFEC logo in the collaterals for the Community Resilience Day



Inclusion of the NFEC logo in the collaterals for the SCDF - SBS Transit AED-On-Buses Programme

KEY HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR WY 24/25

21 AUGUST 2024 | **NFEC FIRE SAFETY SEMINAR**



29 NOVEMBER 2024 | **NFEC 38TH ANNIVERSARY AND AWARDS NIGHT**
at Peridot Room, Singapore Expo



5 SEPTEMBER 2024 | **MASS FIRE EVACUATION DRILL**
at PLQ 1& 2



1ST MARCH 2025 | **JALAN BESAR COMMUNITY RESILIENCE DAY**
'LAUNCH OF HOME FIRE SAFETY CHECKER'



17 JULY 2024 | **NFEC CHARITY FILM 2024**



25TH JULY 2024 | **NFEC 38TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**



Fire Safety Committee for Schools & Youth

- Co-Chairperson : SAC Abdul Razak
- : Mr Chang Fook Yong
- Secretary : CPT Nabil Bin Jasmani
- Assistant Secretary : WO1 Krystal Ow
- Member : Mr Raizan Abdul Razak

INTRODUCTION

Youth play an important role in promoting fire safety and civil emergency preparedness in their communities and families. To that end, the Schools & Youth Committee (SYC) aims to educate students on fire safety and civil emergency preparedness, inculcating them with the necessary knowledge at an early age to enhance their awareness of emergency preparedness, and the skills required to identify potential fire hazards in order to be stalwarts of emergency preparedness in their communities and families.

SYC's efforts take close alignment with NFEC's mission to promote fire prevention and civil emergency preparedness to make Singapore a safe and secure place for all. The SYC works closely with key stakeholders such as the Ministry of Education's Safety, Security and Emergency Branch (SSEB), the National Civil Defence Cadet Corps (NCDCC) and the SCDF's Volunteer and Community Partnerships Department (VCPD) to organise meaningful and engaging programmes for the youth.

JUNIOR CIVIL DEFENCE LIONHEARTER (JCDLH) INITIATIVES: JCDLH CHALLENGE & JCDLH APPOINTMENT CEREMONY (2024)

JCDLH Challenge

The annual Junior Civil Defence Lionhearter (JCDLH) Challenge was conducted virtually via Zoom on 23 February 2024. The event garnered participation from about 150 JCDLHs across 29 primary schools to compete for the ultimate Challenge Shield. The event was graced by Associate Professor Ho Peng Kee, Chairman of the Home Team Volunteer Network.

As part of the Challenge, the participating teams competed in several pre-event activities such as locating the AEDs within their schools, going through the online Responders Plus Programme (RPP), imparting Emergency Preparedness (EP) skills to their peers and preparing their most creative rendition of a Ready Bag.

The Challenge culminated with the teams embarking on a thrilling quest that put their EP knowledge and skills to test, with Rivervale Primary School emerging as the overall champion.



Virtual Junior CD Lionhearter Challenge 2024

JCDLH Appointment Ceremony

The Junior Civil Defence Lionhearter Appointment Ceremony is an annual event initiated by the SCDF to formally induct new Junior Civil Defence Lionhearers as their schools' emergency preparedness ambassadors. The event is tailored for selected upper-primary students and held in the style of an Emergency Preparedness Carnival. The event is hosted annually by the champion of the JCDLH Challenge. In 2024, it was hosted by Rivervale Primary School.



Students posing with the 3rd SCDF Division mascot during the Emergency Preparedness Carnival as part of the JCDLH Appointment Ceremony



Photos of the newly appointed Junior Civil Defence Lionhearers from 2024



Appointment Ceremony & Pledge Recitation



Students participating in activities at the Improved First Aid Booth as part of the Emergency Preparedness Carnival.

CIVIL DEFENCE LIONHEARTER (CDLH) INITIATIVES: ANNUAL EXCO MEETING, CDLH FORUM

The Civil Defence Lionhearter Chapter is an additional touch point for the schools and youth committee's initiatives in emergency preparedness for youth. The CDLH caters to students from Institutes of Higher Learning (IHLs) which include the Institute of Technical Education (ITE), Polytechnics & Universities.

Annual ExCo Meeting & Training for CDLH Members

The SCDF hosted the annual CDLH Executive Committee meeting, which saw ExCo members from the various CDLH chapters across the IHLs come together to share on their activities in WY 2024, and to discuss upcoming plans for 2025, which include the training of CDLH Chapter members in Basic First Aid and Basic Cardiac Life Support (BCLS) in collaboration with the Singapore Heart Foundation. This allows for members of each CDLH chapter to be better equipped as community first responders and emergency preparedness ambassadors for their respective communities within their IHL.



CDLH Forums

The SMU CDLH Chapter organised the CD Lionhearter Forum in collaboration with SCDF VCPD and 2nd SCDF Division HQ. More than 50 CDLH Members from across seven institutions participated in this year’s forum. Through this forum, SMU CDLH hopes to create a lasting community of practice CDLH volunteers to gather, network and share their stories and practice their lifesaving skills together through three main modes of engagement activities: (1) Lionheart Panel, (2) Lionheart IFAS Games, and (3) Lionheart Response Exercise. The renewed CD Lionhearter Forum hopes to build strength and confidence amongst the youth volunteers in responding to emergencies through heartfelt sharing and hands-on activities to hone their lifesaving skills.

SCHOOL FIRE SAFETY AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AMBASSADOR (SFEA) PROGRAMME

The SFEA programme is a one-day enrichment programme to advocate life-saving skills. It aims to complement schools’ efforts in nurturing students to be active citizens and to equip students with lifelong and life-saving skills. This will help to raise students’ awareness of fire safety measures, potential fire hazards in schools and in their homes.

Since 2022, an estimated 800 students from secondary schools have benefitted from the programme. These schools include Commonwealth Secondary, Northbrooks Secondary, North Vista Secondary, Kent Ridge Secondary, St Joseph’s Institution, Ngee Ann Secondary, Woodgrove Secondary, Bedok View Secondary and Nan Hwa High School. The SFEA programme has garnered positive feedback from the participating schools and has seen a steady increase in registered schools since 2022, with 2024 seeing the addition of 3 schools participating in the programme.

As of 2024, senior NCDCC cadets from neighbouring schools have assisted in conducting NCDCC Cadet-led SFEA Programmes with the support of the SCDF’s community engagement branches. The pilot programme was held at Tanjong Katong Girls’ School (TKGS) and conducted by cadets from Northlight School and Yuan Ching Secondary School.



Students engaged in hands on session for CPR-AED module.



Students undergoing fire extinguisher training.

In 2025, schools have been encouraged to let the students take on the roles of School Safety Ambassadors (SSA), after they have attended the SFEA Programme. The SSAs will assist the school’s Operations Manager to check for fire hazards, conduct checks on safety equipment and maintain first-aid kits in schools.

FUTURE PLANS

Looking ahead, for WY 2025/26 SYC will continue to strengthen outreach efforts to students across all levels and engage key stakeholders in the school ecosystem to cultivate a strong culture of fire safety and civil emergency preparedness.

Outreach Efforts to Students

To achieve this, SYC intends to conduct Focus Group Discussions and Fireside Chats during CDLH appointment ceremonies and forums to better understand the perspectives of youths on emergency preparedness. The insights obtained will shape the development of future programmes by SYC.

Additionally, SYC plans to support the JCDLH Challenge by offering prizes for the winners of the Ready Bag segment. NFEC may also adopt the winning design for other efforts on emergency preparedness, as part of other events in the NFEC programme.

SYC will also continue to support NCDCC’s collaboration with Nanyang Polytechnic (NYP) School of Health and Social Sciences as part of its National Curriculum Innovation Project (NCIP) initiative to enhance NCDCC learning resources. A theme will be decided by June 2025, and the projects will be completed by October 2025.

To extend the reach of fire safety and emergency preparedness messages, SYC would develop an exhibition kit that can be loaned to schools for various engagement programmes.

Engaging Key Stakeholders

SYC also intends to tap on key stakeholders in the school ecosystem, such as school canteen operators, whose knowledge and competencies in fire safety would make the school a safer environment. SYC plans to extend existing programmes within NFEC to equip school canteen operators with basic fire safety and life-saving skills to identify risks and respond to incidents before they escalate. With the addition of special interest groups as an additional touch point for the SYC, the reach of our Emergency Preparedness messaging is extended beyond the education landscape and will include youth within the 15 – 35 age range. This allows for youth to be engaged beyond the school ecosystem, and for the youth within these interest groups to function as ambassadors for emergency preparedness within their communities.

In the upcoming work year, SYC is looking forward to carrying out a range of initiatives aimed at promoting fire safety and civil emergency preparedness in schools and special interest groups through various outreach efforts and collaborations with students and key stakeholders.

Fund Raising & Membership Committee

- Co-Chairman : Mr Steven Goh
- : Mr Raymond Chin
- Secretary : CPT Stacy Lian
- Assistant Secretary : WO1 Md Katsiiran Bin Md Mamsi

INTRODUCTION

The role of the Fund Raising and Membership Committee (FRMC) is to raise funds and seek partnership with organizations to aid the Council in conducting its public education activities and campaigns targeted at increasing the population’s level of awareness and skills on fire safety and emergency preparedness.

NFEC CHARITY FILM 2024

The Charity film 2024 was held on 17 July 2024 at Shaw Lido IMAX theatre, and was graced by Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim, GPC Chairman, Home Affairs and Member of Parliament representing Chua Chu Kang GRC. About 500 guests attended the film preview of ‘Twister’, a 1996 American disaster thriller film directed by Jan de Bont from a screenplay by Michael Crichton and Anne-Marie Martin. It was produced by Crichton, Kathleen Kennedy, and Ian Bryce, with Steven Spielberg, Walter Parkes, Laurie MacDonald, and Gerald R. Molen serving as executive producers. The film stars an ensemble cast that includes Helen Hunt, Bill Paxton, Jami Gertz and Cary Elwes as a group of amateur but spirited storm chasers trying to deploy a tornado research device during a severe outbreak in Oklahoma.

Proceeds from the charity film preview would be utilized for various fire prevention and emergency preparedness programs in NFEC.



OUTREACH TO PROSPECTIVE STRATEGIC PARTNERS

Organisations that have significant interest in fire safety such as premises owners, hotel managers, fire safety equipment/service supplies and industry companies in Oil & Gas, Chemical & Pharmaceutical would be considered beneficial for FRMC to attempt to bring on board as NFEC partners.

FRMC had also worked with other NFEC sub-committees to identify the common interest of each prospect with NFEC and drafted specific outreach messaging to these prospects.

FUTURE PLANS

FRMC will continue to seek opportunities to engage prospective partners. It will prioritise efforts to engage prospective partners based on the scheduled events and activities in FY 2025/26.

Fundraising will also be conducted through the annual charity film premiere in partnership with Shaw Theatres in the 3rd Quarter of FY 25/26, to support NFEC’s various fire prevention and emergency preparedness programs, as the Council works towards its mission of building a fire-safe and resilient nation.

The Committee would like to express its appreciation to all individuals and corporate well-wishers for their continuous support to NFEC. In particular, the Committee would like to thank the Shaw Foundation for being an integral and supportive stakeholder over the years.

Governance

NFEC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The NFEC Board is committed to maintaining high standards of governance aligned to the Charity’s objectives of promoting fire safety and emergency preparedness for the population. The Board is headed by the Chairman and Vice Chairman with the Executive Director responsible for the smooth and effective functioning of the Council.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY

All Council members and staff are required to comply with the NFEC’s Conflict of Interest policy. The Council has put in place documented procedures for Board members and staff to declare actual or potential conflicts of interests upon appointment and on a need-to basis. Board members are to abstain from decision-making on matters where they have a conflict of interest. The full policy document can be found at www.nfec.org.sg.

NFEC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING ATTENDANCE

Name	Appointment	Date of Appointment	Attendance	Percentage
Mr Markham Shaw Chai Chung	Chairman	1 April 2020	5/6	83
Mr John Wu Voon Liang	Vice-Chairman	1 April 2020	4/6	83
SAC Alan Chow Mun Keong	Senior Director	1 May 2024	6/6	100
LTC Png Yan Da	Honorary Treasurer	1 April 2024	5/6	83
Mr Benedict Koh Yong Pheng	Member	1 April 2008	5/6	83
Mr Edwin Yap Seng Wee	Member	1 April 2010	6/6	100
Mr Raymond Teo Swee Heng	Member	1 April 2014	2/6	33
Mr Robert Ronald	Member	1 April 2016	5/6	83
Mr Koh Lee Wang Terence	Member	1 April 2016	4/6	67
Mr Steven Goh Leng Heng	Member	1 April 2016	4/6	67
Mr Raizan Bin Abdul Razak	Member	1 April 2016	2/6	33
Mr Christopher Tan Eng Kiong	Member	1 April 2020	4/6	67
Mr Bernard Lew Buang Keng	Member	16 July 2021	3/6	50
Ms Yen Tan	Member	1 April 2022	3/6	50
Ms Tong Sook Yen	Member	1 April 2022	4/6	67
AC Leslie Thevanesar Williams	Member	1 July 2022	6/6	100
Mr Patrick Sim Mong Hong	Member	1 September 2022	3/6	50
Mr Chang Fook Yong	Member	2 January 2024	4/6	67
SAC Abdul Razak Abdul Raheem	Member	1 April 2024	2/6	33
Mr Jovan Cai Jinfeng	Member	1 April 2024	1/6	17
Ms Michelle Lam Mei San	Member	1 April 2024	4/6	67
Mr Raymond Chin Ming Jie	Member	25 April 2024	4/6	67
Mr Joshua Lo Mien Kong	Member	17 July 2024	1/4	25

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STATEMENT BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

In the opinion of the Board of Directors,

- (a) the accompanying financial statements, together with the notes thereon are drawn up in accordance with Societies Act 1966, Charities Act 1994 and other relevant regulations, and Financial Reporting Standards in Singapore, so as to present fairly, in all material respect, the financial position of National Fire and Emergency Preparedness Council ("the Council") as at 31 March 2025 and of the financial performance, changes in accumulated fund and cash flows of the Council for the year then ended; and
- (b) At the date of this report, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Council will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD


MARKHAM SHAW CHAI CHUNG
Chairman


PNG YAN DA
Honorary Treasurer

Singapore, 15 May 2025

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
NATIONAL FIRE AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COUNCIL
(REGISTERED UNDER SOCIETIES ACT 1966)**

REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Opinion

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements are properly drawn up in accordance with:

- the provisions of Societies Act 1966 ("Societies Act");
- Charities Act 1994 and other relevant regulations ("Charities Act and Regulations"); and
- Financial Reporting Standards in Singapore ("FRSs")

so as to present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of National Fire and Emergency Preparedness Council ("the Council") as at 31 March 2025 and the results, changes in accumulated fund and cash flows of the Council for the year ended on that date.

The financial statements we have audited comprise:

- the statement of financial position as at 31 March 2025;
- the statement of comprehensive income for the year then ended;
- the statement of changes in accumulated fund for the year then ended;
- the statement of cash flows for the year then ended; and
- the notes to the financial statements, including material accounting policy information.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Singapore Standards on Auditing ("SSAs"). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Council in accordance with the Accounting and Corporate Regulatory Authority ("ACRA") Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics for Public Accountants and Accounting Entities ("ACRA Code") together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Singapore, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the ACRA Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the Statement by Board of Directors, but does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of Management and Directors for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of financial statements that give fair presentation in accordance with the provisions of Societies Act, Charities Act and Regulations and FRSs, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Council's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Council or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Council's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with SSAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with SSAs, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Council's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Council's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Council to cease to continue as a going concern.

- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.


REPORT ON OTHER LEGAL AND REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

In our opinion,

- a) the accounting and other records required by Societies Regulations enacted under Societies Act, Charities Act and Regulations to be kept by the Council have been properly kept in accordance with those Regulations; and
- b) the fund-raising appeals held during the year ended 31 March 2025 have been carried out in accordance with Regulation 6 of Societies Regulations issued under Societies Act and proper accounts and other records of the fund-raising appeals have been kept.

During the course of our audit, nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe that during the year:

- a) the Council has not used the donation monies received in accordance with its objectives as required under Regulation 11 of the Charities (Institutions of A Public Character) Regulations; and
- b) the Council has not complied with the requirements of Regulation 15 (Fund-raising expenses) of the Charities (Institutions of A Public Character) Regulations.


CYPRESS SINGAPORE PAC
Public Accountants and
Chartered Accountants
Singapore

Date, 15 May 2025

NATIONAL FIRE AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COUNCIL
(REGISTERED UNDER SOCIETIES ACT 1966)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	2025 SGD	2024 SGD
ACCUMULATED FUND	3	<u>1,782,354</u>	<u>1,734,571</u>
Represented by:			
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Plant and equipment	4	-	-
Right-of-use asset	5(a)	5,242	6,815
Investments	6	507,995	502,500
CURRENT ASSETS			
Investments	6	502,500	250,000
Other receivable and prepayments	7	3,066	544
Cash and cash equivalents	11	791,225	1,002,679
		<u>1,296,791</u>	<u>1,253,223</u>
Less:			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Other payable and accruals	8	22,263	21,100
Lease liability	5(b)	1,530	1,456
		<u>23,793</u>	<u>22,556</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>1,272,998</u>	<u>1,230,667</u>
		<u>1,786,235</u>	<u>1,739,982</u>
LESS: NON-CURRENT LIABILITY			
Lease liability	5(b)	3,881	5,411
		<u>1,782,354</u>	<u>1,734,571</u>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

**NATIONAL FIRE AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COUNCIL
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STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	2025 SGD	2024 SGD
INCOME			
Donation received- tax exempt		100,000	200,000
Fire Safety Seminar		173,385	139,699
Fire Safety Exhibits		-	24,992
Fire Safety Orientation Toolkits		18	107
NFEC Anniversary and Awards Night		69,080	-
NFEC Charity Film Premiere		63,470	-
Interest from fixed deposits		5,987	-
Interest on bonds		19,430	18,760
		<u>431,370</u>	<u>383,558</u>
LESS: EXPENDITURE			
EVENT EXPENSES			
Fire Safety Seminar		(82,031)	(84,873)
NFEC Anniversary and Awards Night		(91,200)	-
NFEC Charity Film Premiere		(13,238)	-
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES			
Annual general meeting		(5,851)	(5,132)
Depreciation of right-of-use asset		(1,573)	(1,396)
Employee benefits expenses	9	(158,707)	(148,899)
Entertainment		(714)	(6,060)
Interest expense on lease liability		(310)	(192)
Printing, postage and stationery		(3,011)	(2,454)
Other operating expenses		(26,952)	(15,668)
		<u>(383,587)</u>	<u>(264,674)</u>
SURPLUS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE		<u>47,783</u>	<u>118,884</u>
TAXATION	10	-	-
NET SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		<u>47,783</u>	<u>118,884</u>
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME			
Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss		-	-
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss		-	-
Other comprehensive income, net of tax		-	-
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR		<u>47,783</u>	<u>118,884</u>

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ACCUMULATED FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Accumulated Fund SGD
BALANCE AS AT 1 APRIL 2023	1,615,687
Total comprehensive income for the year	118,884
BALANCE AS AT 31 MARCH 2024	<u>1,734,571</u>
Total comprehensive income for the year	47,783
BALANCE AS AT 31 MARCH 2025	<u>1,782,354</u>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	2025 SGD	2024 SGD
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Surplus before taxation		47,783	118,884
Adjustment for:			
Depreciation of right-of-use asset		1,573	1,396
Interest expense on lease liability		310	192
Interest from fixed deposits		(5,987)	-
Interest on bond		(19,430)	(18,760)
Operating cash flows before working capital changes		24,249	101,712
CHANGES IN WORKING CAPITAL			
Prepaid operating expenses		(2,522)	(101)
Other payable and accruals		3,912	1,368
		1,390	1,267
Cash effect of operating activities		25,639	102,979
Interest from fixed deposits received		5,987	-
NET CASH EFFECT OF OPERATING ACTIVITIES		31,626	102,979
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Interest on bond received		16,681	18,760
Proceeds from redemption of bond		250,000	-
Investment in bond		(507,995)	-
NET CASH EFFECT OF INVESTING ACTIVITIES		(241,314)	18,760
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITY			
Payment of lease liability	5(b)	(1,766)	(1,609)
NET CASH EFFECT OF FINANCING ACTIVITY		(1,766)	(1,609)
NET CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		(211,454)	120,130
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AS AT 1 APRIL	11	1,002,679	882,549
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AS AT 31 MARCH	11	791,225	1,002,679

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NATIONAL FIRE AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COUNCIL
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – 31 MARCH 2025

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The Council is registered as a society in Singapore under Societies Act 1966 and is domiciled in Singapore. The mission of the Council is to make Singapore safe by promoting fire safety and emergency preparedness amongst the public.

The registered office and principal place of business of the Council is at Central Fire Station, 62 Hill Street, Singapore 179367.

The Council is a registered charity under Charities Act 1994 since 30 September 1986. The Council is an Institute of Public Character from 29 June 2024 to 28 June 2027, and is subject to future renewal.

2. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

2.1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Financial Reporting Standards in Singapore issued by Accounting and Corporate Regulatory Authority.

The financial statements are presented in Singapore dollar.

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention except as disclosed in the accounting policies below.

The financial statements for the financial year ended 31 March 2025 are authorised to be issued on the date of the Statement by the Board of Directors.

2.2 Adoption of new and amended standards and interpretations

The accounting policies adopted in the financial year are consistent with those used in the previous financial year except for the adoption of certain new and amended standards and interpretations effective for the financial year beginning 1 April 2024. It may be possible to apply these changes early. There is no early adoption of these new and revised standards. These new and revised Financial Reporting Standards have no significant effects on the material accounting policy used.

2.3 Issued but not yet effective Financial Reporting Standards

As at the date of this report, no new or revised Financial Reporting Standards that have been issued but not yet come into effect beginning on or after 1 April 2025 has been applied.

2.4 Significant judgements by the board of directors in applying accounting policies

In the process of applying the Council's accounting policies, the board of directors did not make any significant judgements, apart from those involving estimations, that have significant effects on the amounts recognised in the financial statements.

2.5 Key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Financial Reporting Standards in Singapore requires the use of estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities as at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of income and expenses during the financial year. Although these estimates are based on the board of directors' best knowledge of current event and actions, actual results may differ from those estimates.

There are no significant key assumptions concerning the future, nor other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the year end that would have significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year except for:

Depreciation of plant and equipment

The estimates of the residual values, useful lives and related depreciation charges for the plant and equipment are based on commercial and production factors which could change significantly as a result of technical innovations and competitors' actions in response to the market conditions.

The Council anticipates that the residual values of its plant and equipment will be insignificant. As a result, residual values are not being taken into consideration for the computation of the depreciable amount.

Changes in the expected level of usage and technological development could impact the economic useful lives and the residual values of these assets, therefore future depreciation charges could be revised.

2.6 Plant and equipment and depreciation

Plant and equipment are initially stated at cost. Subsequent to initial recognition, plant and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation of an asset commences when the asset is available for use. Depreciation is provided on gross carrying amounts less residual value in equal annual instalments over the estimated lives of the assets. The estimated useful lives are as follows:

	No. of years
Equipment - NEAR Project	5
Computer	5

The residual value and the useful life of an asset is reviewed at each year end, and if expectations are different from previous estimate, changes are made to the depreciation charge for the remaining undepreciated amount.

Fully depreciated assets are retained in the financial statements until they are no longer in use or disposed and no further charges for depreciation is made in respect of these assets. Any gain or loss arising from the derecognition of the asset is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income.

When events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset is not recoverable, impairment loss is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income.

2.7 Right-of-use asset

The council recognises a right-of-use asset and a lease liability at the lease commencement date. The right-of-use asset is initially measured at cost, which comprises the present value of total lease liabilities adjusted for any lease payments made at or before the commencement date, plus any initial direct costs incurred and an estimate of costs to dismantle and remove the underlying asset or to restore the site which the underlying asset is located, less any lease incentives received. Subsequent to initial recognition, right-of-use asset is stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses, if any, and an adjustment for certain remeasurements of the lease liability.

Depreciation of a right-of-use asset commences from the commencement date of the lease to the earlier of the end of the useful life of the right-of-use asset or the end of the lease term. The estimated useful life is as follows:

	No. of months
Copier	60

2.8 Investments

These investments are non-derivative financial assets classified as 'amortised cost financial asset' as the financial asset gives rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding. These investments are stated at amortised cost and adjusted for any loss allowance at the year end.

2.9 Financial assets

Financial assets are classified as 'financial assets at fair value through profit or loss', 'amortised costs', or 'fair value through other comprehensive income' financial assets. Financial assets are recognised in the statement of financial position when the Council becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the financial assets.

All financial assets are initially recognised at fair value plus any directly attributable transactional costs, except for trade receivables at their transaction price if the trade receivables do not contain a significant financing component in accordance with FRS115. The classification of financial assets, after initial recognition, is re-evaluated and reclassified where allowed and appropriate.

All financial assets are measured at fair value through profit or loss unless they are measured at amortised cost or at fair value through other comprehensive income.

2.10 Fixed deposits, cash at bank and on hand

Fixed deposits, cash at bank and on hand are classified and accounted for as amortised cost financial assets as the contractual cash flows of the asset comprises solely principal and interest payments and financial asset is held by the entity with the objective to collect contractual cash flows. These assets are carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Gains or losses are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income when these amortised cost financial assets are derecognised or impaired, as well as through the amortisation process.

Interest income is recognised on time apportioned basis using the effective interest method.

2.11 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents included in the statement of cash flows comprise cash on hand, non-restricted bank balances and fixed deposits with original maturity of three months or less, net of bank overdrafts which are repayable on demand.

2.12 Impairment of non-financial assets

As at each year end, non-financial assets are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of the assets may not be recoverable. Whenever the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its recoverable amount, an impairment loss is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income unless it reverses a previous revaluation credited to reserve. The recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's net selling price and value in use. The net selling price is the amount realisable from the sale of the asset in an arm's length transaction. Value in use is the present value of estimated future cash flows expected to arise from the continuing use of the asset and from its disposal at the end of its useful life. Recoverable amounts are estimated for individual assets or, if impossible to be estimated individually, for the cash-generating unit in which the asset is deployed.

Reversal of an impairment loss previously recognised is recorded to the extent the impairment loss had previously been recognised. A reversal of an impairment loss on a revalued asset is credited directly to reserve, unless the impairment loss on the same revalued asset was previously expensed in the statement of comprehensive income, in which case it is recognised as income.

2.13 Lease Liability

Lease liability is initially measured at the present value of the lease payments that are not paid at the commencement date, discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease or, if that rate cannot be readily determined, the council's incremental borrowing rate of similar asset. Generally, the council uses its incremental borrowing rate as the discount rate.

Lease payments included in the measurement of lease liability comprise the following:

- Fixed payments, including in-substance fixed payments;
- Variable lease payments that depend on an index or a rate, initially measured using the index or rate as at the commencement date;
- Amounts expected to be payable under a residual value guarantee; and
- The exercise price under a purchase option that the council is reasonably certain to exercise, lease payments in an optional renewal period if the council is reasonably certain to exercise an extension option, and penalties for early termination of a lease unless the council is reasonably certain not to terminate early.

Lease liability is measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. It is remeasured when there is a change in future lease payments arising from a change in an index or rate, if there is a change in the council's estimate of the amount expected to be payable under a residual value guarantee, or if the council changes its assessment of whether it will exercise a purchase, extension or termination option. a lessee shall use an unchanged discount rate, unless the change in lease payments results from a change in floating interest rates.

When a lease liability is remeasured in this way, a corresponding adjustment is made to the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset or is recorded in profit or loss if the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset has been reduced to zero.

2.14 Other payables

These liabilities, which are normally settled on 30 – 90 day terms, are financial liabilities. Financial liabilities are recognised in the statement of financial position when, and only when, the entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the financial instrument. Financial liabilities are initially recognised at fair value of consideration received less directly attributable transaction costs and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Gains and losses are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income when the liabilities are derecognised as well as through the amortisation process. The liabilities are derecognised when the obligation under the liability is discharged or cancelled or expire.

2.15 Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Council has a present obligation as a result of a past event which is probable and will result in an outflow of economic benefits that can be reliably estimated.

2.16 Income recognition

Donations are recognised as and when the Council's entitlement to such income is established with no significant uncertainty and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability. This normally coincides with the receipt of the donation in full.

Income from seminar and other events are recognised when enforceable performance obligations are satisfied. Performance obligation is satisfied when the information on fire-safety related issues and the latest developments in the field of fire safety legislation and prevention have been transferred to the participants.

2.17 Employee benefits

Employee benefits, which include base pay, cash bonuses, contribution to defined contribution plans such as the Central Provident Fund and other staff-related allowances, are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income when incurred. For defined contribution plans, contributions are made to publicly or privately administered funds on a mandatory, contractual or voluntary basis. Once the contributions have been paid, there will be no further payment obligations.

Employee entitlement to annual and other leave is recognised when they accrue to employees. A provision is made for the estimated liability for annual leave as a result of services rendered by employees up to the year end.

2.18 Functional currency

Functional currency is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates. The financial statements are prepared using Singapore dollar as the functional currency.

2.19 Offsetting financial instruments

Certain financial assets and liabilities offset each other and the net amount is reported in the statement of financial position when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle them on a net basis, or realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

3. ACCUMULATED FUND

The accumulated fund is an unrestricted fund reserved for expenditure in accordance with the mission of the Council as stated in Note 1 to the Financial Statements.

4. PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	Equipment - NEAR project SGD	Computer SGD	Total SGD
<u>Cost</u>			
As at 1 April 2023	7,897	2,421	10,318
Additions	-	-	-
As at 31 March 2024	7,897	2,421	10,318
Additions	-	-	-
As at 31 March 2025	7,897	2,421	10,318
<u>Accumulated depreciation</u>			
As at 1 April 2023	7,897	2,421	10,318
Depreciation charge for the year	-	-	-
As at 31 March 2024	7,897	2,421	10,318
Depreciation charge for the year	-	-	-
As at 31 March 2025	7,897	2,421	10,318
<u>Carrying amount</u>			
As at 31 March 2025	-	-	-
As at 31 March 2024	-	-	-

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5. LEASES

The Council leases a copier which is accounted for under FRS 116. The Council depreciates the right-of-use asset and recognises interest on lease liability during the year. Information about the lease for which the Council is a lessee is summarised as below:

(a) Right-of-use asset

	Copier SGD
<u>Cost</u>	
As at 1 April 2023	7,001
Additions	7,758
Reassessment	(7,001)
As at 31 March 2024/ 2025	<u>7,758</u>
<u>Accumulated depreciation</u>	
As at 1 April 2023	6,224
Depreciation for the year	1,398
Reassessment	(6,677)
As at 31 March 2024	<u>943</u>
Depreciation for the year	1,573
As at 31 March 2024/ 2025	<u>2,516</u>
<u>Carrying amount</u>	
As at 31 March 2024/ 2025	<u>5,242</u>
As at 31 March 2024	<u>6,815</u>

(b) Lease liability

	2025 SGD	2024 SGD
As at 1 April	6,867	850
Addition	-	7,758
Reassessment	-	(324)
Interest expense on lease liability	310	192
Payment of lease liability	(1,766)	(1,609)
As at 31 March	<u>5,411</u>	<u>6,867</u>

The total cash outflow for leases in 2025 is SGD1,766 (2024: SGD1,609) which includes redemptions of principal and interest payments.

Maturity of the lease liability is analysed as follows:

	2025 SGD	2024 SGD
Within one year	1,530	1,456
Between 1 and 5 years	<u>3,881</u>	<u>5,411</u>
	<u>5,411</u>	<u>6,867</u>

6. INVESTMENTS

	2025 SGD	2024 SGD
Investment in bonds:		
HDB bond with a coupon rate of 2.627% per annum maturing on 9.6.2025	502,500	502,500
HDB bond with a coupon rate of 2.25% per annum maturing on 21.11.2024	-	250,000
HDB bond with a coupon rate of 2.977% per annum maturing on 23.01.2029	<u>507,995</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>1,010,495</u>	<u>752,500</u>

Maturity of the investments is analysed as follows:

	2025 SGD	2024 SGD
Within one year	502,500	250,000
Between 1 and 5 years	<u>507,995</u>	<u>502,500</u>
	<u>1,010,495</u>	<u>752,500</u>

7. OTHER RECEIVABLE AND PREPAYMENTS

	2025 SGD	2024 SGD
Accrued interest income	2,749	-
Prepaid operating expenses	<u>317</u>	<u>544</u>
	<u>3,066</u>	<u>544</u>

8. OTHER PAYABLE AND ACCRUALS

	2025 SGD	2024 SGD
Other payable	462	462
Accrued operating expenses	12,702	12,538
Provision for unutilised staff annual leave	<u>9,099</u>	<u>8,100</u>
	<u>22,263</u>	<u>21,100</u>

9. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS EXPENSE

	2025 SGD	2024 SGD
Staff's salaries and bonuses	137,508	128,731
Staff's CPF and other contributions	18,199	17,073
Staff's transport allowance	3,000	3,000
Staff welfare	-	96
	<u>158,707</u>	<u>148,899</u>

Classification of the 2 highest paid personnel by remuneration band is as follows:

	2025 SGD	2024 SGD
Less than SGD100,000	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

There is no remuneration received by the board of directors in year 2025 and 2024. The Council discloses that there is no paid staff, being a close member of the family belonging to the Executive Head or a governing board member of the Council during year 2025 and 2024.

10. TAXATION

The Council is a registered charity and is exempted from income tax under Section 13(1)(zm) of the Income Tax Act 1946.

11. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

The cash and cash equivalents included in the statement of cash flows comprised the followings:

	2025 SGD	2024 SGD
Fixed deposit	500,000	500,000
Cash at bank and on hand	291,225	502,679
	<u>791,225</u>	<u>1,002,679</u>

Fixed deposit is placed with financial institution, earning interest at 1.5% (2024: 2%) per annum with a maturity of 3 months.

12. FUTURE COMMITMENTS

The Council has the following future commitments approved and budgeted by the board of directors but not provided for in the financial statements as follows:

	2025 SGD	2024 SGD
<u>Planned projects</u>		
Housing Premises Committee	61,650	50,000
Schools & Youth Committee	10,500	10,000
Secretarial	8,500	5,000
Industrial Premises Committee	2,000	4,000
Commercial Premises Committee	1,000	1,500
Publicity Committee	20,000	-
	<u>103,650</u>	<u>70,500</u>

13. SIGNIFICANT RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Council is governed by the board of directors which is the final authority and is overall responsible for the policy making and determination of all activities. The members of the board are volunteers and receive no monetary remuneration for their contribution.

14. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

The Council is exposed to the following risks through its normal operations. There are no changes in the Council's objectives, policies or processes relating to the management of the Council's financial risks during the year.

The responsibility for managing the below risk is vested in the board of directors.

- a) Market risk
 - i) Foreign exchange risk

The Council is not exposed to foreign exchange risk as all of its transactions are carried out in local currency.

- ii) Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rate.

The Council's exposure to interest rate risk primarily relates to investments and fixed deposit.

Changes in market interest rate of 1% (2024: 1%) on interest-bearing financial assets as at the year end will have the effect on the financial statements as follows:

	2025 SGD	2024 SGD
Surplus income over expenditure	15,105	12,525
Equity	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

The above analysis assumes all other variables are held constant.

- b) Credit risk

The Council has no significant concentration of credit risk except for investment in bonds and cash at bank. These investments and cash at bank are placed in creditworthy institutions.

The maximum exposure to credit risk is represented by the carrying amount of financial assets which are mainly investment in bonds and bank balances.

Financial assets that are neither past due nor impaired

Bank deposits are mainly transacted with banks of high credit ratings assigned by international credit rating agencies. Investment in bonds is with creditworthy government institution.

Financial assets that are past due and/ or impaired

There is no other class of financial assets that is past due and/ or impaired.

c) Liquidity risk

The Council manages its liquidity position with a view to meet its obligations on a timely basis. The Council measures and manages its cash flow requirements regularly and constantly monitors its sources of funds to ensure that these sources yield the funds required to meet its obligations.

All the Council's financial liabilities are due within 1 year except for lease liability. The maturity profile of the lease liability based on the contractual undiscounted cash flow is as follows:

	Less than 1 year SGD	Between 1 and 5 years SGD	Total SGD
As at 31 March 2025			
Lease liability	<u>1,766</u>	<u>4,120</u>	<u>5,886</u>
As at 31 March 2024			
Lease liability	<u>1,766</u>	<u>5,886</u>	<u>7,652</u>

d) Fair value risk

The fair value of Council's financial assets and financial liabilities reported in the statement of financial position approximates their carrying value.

e) Derivative financial instruments

The Council does not utilise any derivative instruments.

15. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Classification of financial instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are measured on an ongoing basis either at fair value or at amortised cost. The material accounting policies in Note 2 describes how the classes of financial instruments are measured, and how income and expenses, including fair value gains and losses, are recognised. The following table analyses the financial assets and financial liabilities in the statement of financial position by the class of financial instrument to which they are assigned, and therefore by the measurement basis:

	Financial assets at amortised cost SGD	Financial liabilities at amortised cost SGD	Total SGD
As at 31 March 2025			
<u>Assets</u>			
Investments	1,010,495	-	1,010,495
Cash and cash equivalents	<u>791,225</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>791,225</u>
Total financial assets	<u>1,801,720</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,801,720</u>
Total non-financial assets			8,308
Total assets			<u>1,810,028</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>			
Other payable and accruals	-	(462)	(462)
Lease liability	<u>-</u>	<u>(5,411)</u>	<u>(5,411)</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>(5,873)</u>	<u>(5,873)</u>
Total non-financial liabilities			(21,801)
Total liabilities			<u>(27,674)</u>
As at 31 March 2024			
<u>Assets</u>			
Investments	752,500	-	752,500
Cash and cash equivalents	<u>1,002,679</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,002,679</u>
Total financial assets	<u>1,755,179</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,755,179</u>
Total non-financial assets			7,359
Total assets			<u>1,762,538</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>			
Other payable and accruals	-	(462)	(462)
Lease liability	<u>-</u>	<u>(6,867)</u>	<u>(6,867)</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>(7,329)</u>	<u>(7,329)</u>
Total non-financial liabilities			(20,638)
Total liabilities			<u>(27,967)</u>

16. FUND RISK MANAGEMENT

The Council's objective when managing fund is to safeguard the Council's ability to continue as a going concern in order to accomplish the Council's objective. The directors regularly review and monitor its fund position to ensure that the Council's activities and growth are prudently funded. The Council seeks to maintain sufficient fund to meet 36 months of operating expenditure.

	2025 SGD	2024 SGD
Unrestricted fund	<u>1,782,354</u>	<u>1,734,571</u>
Annual operating expenditure	<u>383,587</u>	<u>264,674</u>
Ratio of reserves to annual operating expenditure in months	<u>56</u>	<u>79</u>

There are no changes in the Council's objective, policies or processes relating to the management of the Council and the capital structure during the year.

The Council is not subject to any externally imposed capital management requirement and is not in breach of any debt covenant made with its lenders.

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- Singapore Chemical Industry Council
- Singapore Civil Defence Force
- Singapore Hotel Association
- Singapore Institution of Safety Officers
- The Shaw Foundation Pte



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