

New patrol group to boost security

A NEW two-in-one watchgroup demonstrated its capabilities at the Pasir Ris Elias Community Club yesterday.

Members of the Community Emergency Response Team-on-Patrol (Cert-on-Patrol) provided swift assistance to “victims” of a mock fire, and gave a comprehensive situation update when firefighters arrived.

The initiative, launched by Deputy Prime Minister Teo Chee Hean, brings together volunteers from Citizens on Patrol and the Community Emergency Response Team, two watch-

groups which used to function independently.

More than 600 volunteers from 53 Residents’ Committees and five Neighbourhood Committees in the Pasir Ris and Punggol estates will take part in the pilot project.

They will patrol their sectors and look out for suspicious activity, such as loan-shark harassment, in their neighbourhoods.

DPM Teo believes the initiative will improve the overall safety and security of the residential estates.

“If we look at safety and security as one package, it makes more sense...because (the volunteers) are looking at both things at the same time,” he said.

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