



**FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT
YEAR-END REVIEW**
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Key review

- Participated in the Myanmar earthquake relief mission in March as members of the HKSAR search and rescue team
- Responded to multiple incidents caused by Super Typhoon Ragasa in September
- Fought tirelessly during the No. 5 alarm fire at Wang Fuk Court in Tai Po in November

Firefighting and rescue services



FIRE CALLS

35,972 calls in total
(a year-on-year decrease of 4.9%)

- The decrease was primarily attributed to a drop in unwanted alarms:
26,915 cases in total
(a year-on-year decrease of 8.3%)
- Damaging building fires:
2,000 in total
(a year-on-year increase of 25 cases)



BUILDING FIRE CALLS

96.1%
of building fire calls were responded to within the graded response time
(performance pledge: 92.5%)



SPECIAL SERVICES

42,485 calls in total
(a year-on-year increase of 8%)

Fire protection regulatory work

- **Implementation of the Registered Fire Engineer Scheme**
 - ◆ In the first phase, the Scheme covers food licence applications for general restaurant, light refreshment restaurant, factory canteen, composite food shop and food factory (including bakery)
 - ◆ Leverages the expertise of professionals and qualified persons from the market to conduct fire safety risk assessments, significantly shortening the licensing application time
- **Enhancing the fire safety of old buildings**
 - ◆ Continued to implement the support measures across the four stages of fire safety improvement works to maintain the enforcement effectiveness of the Fire Safety (Buildings) Ordinance (the Ordinance)
 - ◆ Two additional Building Improvement Support Centres were established in Wan Chai District on Hong Kong Island and Yuen Long District in the New Territories in the second quarter of 2025, significantly expanding service coverage
 - ◆ A pilot scheme for the defaulted works mechanism under the Ordinance was launched in the third quarter of 2025 to assist owners of target buildings facing genuine difficulties in carrying out fire safety improvement works, thereby meeting statutory requirements
 - ◆ The Pilot Scheme on the Internet of Things Fire Detection System (IoT FDS) was rolled out in the fourth quarter of 2025 to enhance the level of intelligentisation and informatisation in firefighting and to strengthen the fire prevention and control capabilities of old buildings
- **Enhancing the overall efficiency of acceptance inspections of new buildings and projects that facilitate business operations and benefit the people**
 - ◆ The One-stop Coordination Office for New Fire Protection Facilities Acceptance (OFFA) was established in March 2025. The time required for acceptance inspections of average-scale regular projects and public housing projects has been shortened from the original 52 working days to 35 and 22 working days respectively
 - ◆ As at December 31, 2025, 153 regular projects and 11 public housing projects had all completed acceptance inspections within the specified timeframes, achieving an overall compliance rate of 100%
- **Enhancing the fire safety inspection and acceptance workflows for Temporary Place of Public Entertainment Licence Applications**
 - ◆ Conducted compliance inspections on fire safety requirements via video conferencing for some event venues with lower safety risks and issued electronic certificates immediately
 - ◆ From August to December 2025, a total of 563 cases were processed, with the inspection and acceptance time significantly reduced to as fast as one working day



- **Comprehensive efforts to combat illicit fuelling activities**
 - ◆ Formulated three new strategies to combat illicit fuelling activities comprehensively
 - Added a dedicated illicit fuelling activities reporting section to the Fire Hazard Electronic Complaint Portal and established a 24-hour reporting hotline
 - Deployed drones for aerial patrols to strengthen inspection of black spots for illegal fuel stations, extending coverage to remote areas
 - Established the Anti-Illicit Fuelling Activities Strategy Group to enhance communication and collaboration among government departments and with industry
 - ◆ Conducted 2,067 inspections and 25 interdepartmental enforcement operations in total, seizing over 530,000 litres of fuel
 - ◆ Instituted prosecutions on 239 charges
- **Fire safety inspections**
 - ◆ 447,464 inspections were conducted in total
 - ◆ 17,093 Fire Hazard Abatement Notices (FHANs) were issued
 - ◆ 3,458 prosecutions were instituted
 - ◆ Four Divisional Public Safety Teams (DPSTs) were established in March 2025 to proactively inspect targeted old composite buildings, strengthening fire hazard law enforcement and fire safety education
 - 1,367 proactive inspections were conducted in total, with 3,569 FHANs issued and 57 prosecutions instituted
 - ◆ Carried out a special fire safety inspection and enforcement operation targeting commercial buildings with a high number of licensed premises
 - On December 23 and 24, 2025, 132 commercial buildings were inspected, resulting in the issuance of 376 FHANs and 53 prosecutions
 - ◆ Conducted a joint inspection and enforcement operation in industrial buildings with the Buildings Department
 - From December 29 to 31, 2025, 9 industrial buildings were inspected, resulting in the issuance of 22 FHANs and 3 prosecutions
 - ◆ Introduced a series of targeted measures in response to the No. 5 alarm fire in Tai Po
 - Established a dedicated Inspection Team to conduct inspections on fire service installations and equipment (FSI) in buildings undergoing major maintenance works
 - Formed a round-the-clock Quick Response Team to proactively inspect the operation of FSI systems immediately at the scene of building fires
 - Strengthened alerts to residents during periods of major FSI failure
 - Reinforced actively fire safety publicity, education and training for the public, owners' corporations and property management companies

Ambulance service

- **Emergency ambulance calls**
 - ◆ 778,191 calls in total (a year-on-year decrease of 0.8%)
 - ◆ 95.9% were responded to within the target response time of 12 minutes (performance pledge: 92.5%)
- **Implementation of the Pre-hospital Stroke Diversion Scheme with the Hospital Authority**
 - ◆ The first phase of the Scheme was launched in the New Territories East and New Territories West Clusters of the Hospital Authority in the fourth quarter of 2025
 - ◆ Ambulance personnel will convey patients preliminarily assessed as having a large vessel occlusion directly to designated cluster hospitals, so as to allow patients to receive timely and appropriate treatment
- **Continued to promote cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and the use of automated external defibrillators (AEDs)**
 - ◆ Secondary School Student Digital AED and CPR Experiential Programme
 - Engaged an additional 55 secondary schools in 2025, with over 11,000 secondary school students receiving training
 - Training will be provided to no fewer than 5,000 secondary school students in 2026
 - ◆ Resuscitation Alliance (RA)
 - The number of RA member organisations has increased to 11
 - The Scout Association of Hong Kong and the Hong Kong Girl Guides Association joined the RA in 2025
 - More than 280,000 members of the public have become RA members
 - ◆ Expanding the coverage of AEDs for public use
 - 4,038 AEDs are now publicly accessible across Hong Kong
 - Works closely with the Housing Department and the Hong Kong Housing Society to further extend the deployment of AEDs in public housing estates



Safeguarding national security

- Conducted 17 interdepartmental counter-terrorism (CT) exercises and provided CT training for more than 1,300 frontline staff members
- Launched the “BLUE” training programme for responding to chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear incidents, providing training to 1,219 members of the public

Links with the Chinese Mainland and overseas

- Continued to strengthen ties with the Chinese Mainland and overseas, actively fostering professional collaboration and promoting sustainable development
- Signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the China Fire and Rescue Institute to jointly train quality firefighting and rescue personnel
 - ◆ In the fourth quarter of 2025, two senior Compartment Fire Behaviour Training instructors were seconded to Beijing to deliver courses at the China Fire and Rescue Institute
- Organised the International Aquatic Rescue Technical Exchange
 - ◆ Brought together frontline aquatic rescue specialists from the Chinese Mainland, Hong Kong, Macao and 8 neighbouring Asia-Pacific countries/regions for in-depth exchanges on techniques and practical experience

Community collaboration

- Fire and Ambulance Services Teen Connect (FAST Connect)
 - ◆ Extended coverage to the primary school level
 - ◆ Membership has exceeded 1,500
- Ethnic Minority Community Emergency Preparedness Participation Scheme
 - ◆ Expanded coverage to different age groups across all districts in Hong Kong
 - ◆ Engaged over 3,000 ethnic minority participants in 2025

- **“Old Friends” Home Visit Scheme**
 - ◆ Promoted to 15 public housing estates territory-wide in 2025
 - ◆ Over 1,000 elderly households will be visited within 2026
- **FSD Community Collaboration Network**
 - ◆ Formulated and implemented district-specific fire safety policies tailored to local circumstances
 - ◆ Various public safety key performance indicators were implemented and completed across all 18 districts in Hong Kong
 - Promoted fire safety information to residents of buildings with potential fire risks
 - Assisted residents in installing stand-alone fire detectors
 - Distributed 3,036 sets of the Three Treasures for Fire Protection
- **FSD Community Emergency Responder (FSDCER) Scheme**
 - ◆ Recruited over 8,000 new members in 2025
 - ◆ The annual recruitment target has been raised to 10,000 members
 - ◆ In 2026, the Building Emergency Responder will be introduced under the Scheme to provide specialised training on building fire safety for property management personnel

Benefiting the public through innovative technology

- **Firefighting and rescue technology**
 - ◆ Introduced drones equipped with automated docking systems and high payload capacity which are deployed in locations such as typhoon shelters and rural areas to perform tasks including early fire detection and the delivery of emergency rescue equipment
- **Enhancing the quality of paramedic services**
 - ◆ Developed and launched the Ambulance Data Dashboard for more effective deployment of ambulance resources by analysing the duty data of emergency ambulance service and frontline ambulance personnel
- **Northern Metropolis development**
 - ◆ The FSD Steering Committee on the Development of the Northern Metropolis was established in the fourth quarter of 2025 to expedite the vetting process for land development and infrastructure projects by strengthening project coordination and supervision



Plans for the year ahead

- **Continue to implement the initiatives as set out in the Policy Address and the Strategic Plan 2024-2026**
- **Enhancing professional capabilities**
 - ◆ The Disaster Response and Rescue Team (DRRT) will undergo an assessment by the United Nations International Search and Rescue Advisory Group in the first half of 2026
 - ◆ Upon successful accreditation, the DRRT will become an internationally accredited medium urban search and rescue team, enabling it to play a more prominent role in international rescue operations
- **Fire protection work**
 - ◆ Introduce a new licence application progress tracking feature in the FSD mobile application, facilitating the checking of the vetting progress of Fire Services Certificates and the status of document submissions at any time
 - ◆ Establish a dedicated website with a visual interface that consolidates and displays fire safety requirements for various types of premises, assisting prospective food business operators in quickly grasping compliance requirements
- **Enhancing the fire safety standards of old buildings**
 - ◆ Continue to evaluate the effectiveness of the Pilot Scheme on the IoT FDS. The first phase of assessment is expected to complete in the second quarter of 2026, while actively exploring the technical feasibility of extending the system to target buildings of seven storeys or above
 - ◆ Continue to monitor the works under the pilot scheme of the defaulted works mechanism for the 10 target buildings, and decide on the number and schedule of defaulted works per annum upon completion of the pilot scheme
 - ◆ Further step up the monitoring and management of potential fire risks in old buildings. By conducting a comprehensive analysis of multiple factors, a set of “risk maps” will be created for areas covered by the four DPSTs, with a view to formulating more targeted inspection and fire prevention strategies
- **Enhancing the overall efficiency of acceptance inspections for new buildings and projects that facilitate business operations and benefit the people**
 - ◆ The OFFA will maintain its focus on four primary objectives, namely proactive coordination, streamlining acceptance inspection procedures, enhancing workflow transparency and promoting professionalism, to further enhance the overall efficiency and quality of acceptance inspections for new buildings and projects that facilitate business and benefit the public

- **Combating illicit fuelling activities**
 - ◆ Continue to strengthen publicity and public education, while facilitating interdepartmental coordination and communication among stakeholders, so as to enhance information sharing and intelligence integration
 - ◆ Proactively conduct joint-departmental enforcement operations to improve enforcement efficiency and safeguard public safety



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