

FSD announces membership of Inter-departmental Fire Investigation Task Force

The Fire Services Department (FSD) today (June 29) announced the appointment of six departmental representatives and an independent professional to the Inter-departmental Fire Investigation Task Force to investigate the cause of the No. 4 alarm fire that occurred in the Amoycan Industrial Centre at 7 Ngau Tau Kok Road.

"The Inter-departmental Fire Investigation Task Force, led by the FSD, will carry out investigation in four aspects, namely whether any criminal elements have been involved, the circumstances leading to the death and injuries of fire personnel, the modes and operations of industrial buildings, and ways to enhance the operational procedures of the FSD," a spokesman for the FSD said.

Membership of the Task Force is as follows:

Chairman:

Mr Yau Wai-keung, Assistant Director (New Territories), FSD

Members:

Mr Wai Wing-kay, Chief Structural Engineer, Buildings Department (BD)

Mr Pang Yuk-lung, Chief Building Surveyor, BD

Mr Cheung Kwok-keung, Chief Chemist (Criminalistics and Quality Management Group), Government Laboratory

Mr Chung Chi-ming, Chief Inspector, Regional Crime Unit, Kowloon East Regional Headquarters, Hong Kong Police Force

Mr Chan Ka-chung, Chief Electrical and Mechanical Engineer/Electricity Legislation, Electrical and Mechanical Services Department

Professor S M Lo, independent professional

Professor Lo is the Associate Head and Professor of the Department of Architecture and Civil Engineering at the City University of Hong Kong. His main

research interests include decision support systems, fire safety engineering and spatial planning for pedestrian flow and evacuation. He has been the principal investigator for numerous research projects and has made achievements in the study of fire risk analysis, human behaviour in fires, evacuation modelling, pedestrian flow modelling, large-scale evacuation modelling and disaster prevention.

Representatives of the FSD's five staff associations, which represent the personnel of the fire service, the ambulance service and the Mobilising and Communications Group, will provide advice and proposals on operational procedures and use of equipment and tools to the Task Force.

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