

An incident involving fire personnel accused of damaging a metal shutter door to save lives (Admiralty MTR Station)

In the afternoon of 29 September 2019, an FSD fire appliance was deployed to attend to a first responder call near the United Centre in Admiralty.

Upon arrival, the Oi/c of the fire appliance was approached by a number of people, telling him that a large number of casualties were in need of assistance and they could be found at an exit of Admiralty MTR station. The Oi/c took immediate actions and split the crew into two teams. One team proceeded to attend a First Responder call, while the other, comprising the Oi/c and a Senior Fireman, followed the people and went to the MTR station. They reached the location of the shutter door of the MTR station and found that the roller shutter had been pulled to that position and a number of people were crawling out under it. To forestall a stampede and to authenticate the report of a large number of casualties, the Oi/c instructed the Senior Fireman to go and find out the situation at the shutter. Throughout the whole process, the fire personnel never used any equipment to pry open the roller shutter.

We stress that we have zero tolerance on law-breaking acts and will give our full support to the Police Force to take vigorous law enforcement actions. In addition, we will continue to work closely with the HKPF, ramp up communication and co-ordination with each other, and deploy appropriate departmental resources to align with the Police's operations, the purpose of which is to make us well placed to provide emergency services which best suit the public's needs in all circumstances. If any member of the FSD is found to be in breach of conduct and discipline, we will definitely handle the case seriously in accordance with established procedures.

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