

Director of Fire Services deeply grieved by death of fireman

The Director of Fire Services, Mr Andy Yeung, expressed profound sadness at the passing of a fireman, Mr Yau Yiu-man, who passed away during a rescue operation at a traffic accident today (January 19).

Mr Yau, aged 49, was attached to the Penny's Bay Fire Station. He collapsed suddenly at the scene of a traffic accident he had handled this morning. His colleague, who was also at the scene, immediately performed cardiopulmonary resuscitation and applied an automated external defibrillator to provide emergency care to him. He was rushed to the hospital at 12.06pm and passed away at 3.08pm.

"Having been a member of the Fire Services Department for over 31 years, Mr Yau's performance was excellent. He was awarded the Hong Kong Fire Services Long Service Medal – First Clasp, a Certificate of Appreciation by the Chief Secretary for Administration and the Senior Commander's Commendation. I am profoundly grieved at the loss of this dedicated and gallant fireman. All of our colleagues are deeply saddened by the loss of such a devoted comrade. On behalf of all our colleagues, I have offered the deepest condolences to his family," Mr Yeung said.

"Our Welfare Officer is closely liaising with Mr Yau's family and will render our utmost assistance to help them through this sad and difficult time."