

FSD smashes illegal fuel filling stations in joint operation (with photos)

The Fire Services Department (FSD) and the Hong Kong Police Force mounted a joint operation at Pak Shing Kok Road and Chun Cheong Street in the Tseung Kwan O area today (March 28). Two illegal fuel filling stations were smashed and a total of about 10,000 litres of diesel with an estimated market value of about \$200,000 was seized.

During the operation, an oil tank wagon and a large quantity of fuelling tools were found by FSD personnel. Two men suspected to be connected with the case were intercepted. They will later be charged with suspected offences under the Fire Services (Fire Hazard Abatement) Regulation and the Dangerous Goods (General) Regulations.

To protect public safety, the FSD will consider suspending the licence of the dangerous goods vehicle involved. Upon conviction, the FSD may revoke the licence and prohibit the vehicle from any further conveyance of dangerous goods. The FSD has already seized all the diesel involved and will later apply for forfeiture orders from the court.

The FSD has all along been committed to combating all kinds of illicit fuelling activities. The FSD calls on citizens not to patronise illegal fuel filling stations. As these illegal fuel filling stations lack the proper fire safety installations and equipment used for fuel filling stations, the consequences could be catastrophic in the event of fire.

Members of the public are urged to report suspected illegal fuel filling stations to the FSD by calling the 24-hour hotline 2723 8787.



