

**Independent Committee in relation to the
Fire at Wang Fuk Court in Tai Po**

**WITNESS STATEMENT OF
CHEUNG LUI**

I, CHEUNG Lui, Superintendent of Police, Hong Kong Police Force, of the New Territories North Regional Headquarters, No.6 On Po Lane, Tai Po, New Territories, Hong Kong do say as follows:-

1. I am the Superintendent of Police, Operations of New Territories North Region (**“Region”**), Hong Kong Police Force (**“Force”**) of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. I have joined the Force for 28 years since about 1997 and was promoted to the present rank on 8 May 2023. My main responsibilities include ensuring the operation, coordination and implementation of the Regional policy and all staffing requirements in relation to operational matters; overseeing the Quick Reaction Force, Operations Division, Regional Missing Person Unit, and other ancillary functional units; and handling any other duties as directed by the senior officers of the Region. I held the post of the Company Commander of the Police Tactical Unit of New Territories North (PTU X) (**“PTU X Company”**) between 13 July 2025 and 21 March 2026.
2. During the aforementioned period, I was responsible for the command of the PTU X Company of 170 members, consisting of a Company Headquarters of six officers (in the rank of Police Constable to Chief Inspector of Police) and four Police Tactical Unit (**“PTU”**) Platoons each consisting of 41 police officers (in the rank of Police Constable to Senior Inspector of Police). The PTU X Company underwent 14 weeks of training (and an additional 4 weeks for cadre course members), served as a PTU Operations Contingent Company (**“OPS CON Company”**) under the command of the Operations Wing of the Police Headquarters, and based at Caine House, Hong Kong Island. After the OPS CON Company attachment, the PTU X Company returned to the Region

for a Regional attachment. The duties of the PTU were to provide essential manpower to perform crowd management duties during major events, respond to any emergencies, conduct daily anti-crime operations and manage public events in the Region.

3. I make this Witness Statement, in the capacity of the former Company Commander of the PTU X Company, to provide information to the Independent Committee (“**Committee**”) concerning the initiatives and efforts made by the PTU X Company at the scene to assist in the evacuation of residents inside Wang Chi House and Wang Yan House during the fire at Wang Fuk Court in Tai Po. Save where otherwise appears, the facts deposed hereto are within my personal knowledge or are derived from office files and records and sources to which I have access and which are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.
4. On 26 November 2025, the PTU X Company had two platoons, namely Platoon 3 (“**PTU X3**”) and Platoon 4 (“**PTU X4**”) reporting on duty at 13:00 and 14:00 respectively. PTU X3 was deployed to perform PTU Panda Car, in the form of a divisional mobile patrol unit, in support of the frontline officers in handling incident reports in the respective Police divisions, including a PTU Panda Car for Tai Po Division (“**TP**”) and a PTU Panda Car Commander Car. PTU X4 was tasked to conduct an anti-burglary operation in the sub-rural area of Tai Po Division, with half of the Police officers in plainclothes and the other half in Police uniform.
5. At about 15:15, I was made aware that a fire broke out at Wang Fuk Court and it was spreading from Wang Cheong House to the adjacent block. I checked with PTU Panda Car (TP) of PTU X3, who had already arrived at the scene at 15:10 to respond to the fire. I directed the commander of the PTU Panda Car (TP) of PTU X3 to the scene, and alerted the Company Headquarters and commanders of PTU X4 for readiness to reform and equip the officers with personal protective equipment, to reinforce the duties at the scene.
6. At 15:43, the first batch of PTU X4, consisting of Column 2 and Column 4, in

uniform, arrived at Wang Fuk Court; whilst the second batch of PTU X4, consisting of Column 1 and Column 3, in plainclothes and all put on a Police vest showing “警 POLICE 察” characters at the front and the back, arrived at the scene at 15:55.

7. Shortly after their arrival at the scene, and under the instructions given by Acting Chief Inspector of Police CHAN Wing-kwan (the then second-in-charge of the PTU X Company) (“**ACIP CHAN**”) and Station Sergeant [REDACTED] WONG Pong-hang (the then SSGT, Headquarters of PTU X Company) (“**SSGT WONG**”) respectively, 13 PTU X4 officers entered Wang Chi House and Wang Yan House to assist in the evacuation of residents. The evacuation initiatives were coordinated by frontline commanders of the Police, namely ACIP CHAN and SSGT WONG. The said 13 officers successfully evacuated a total of nine residents at the material time, and the FSD was informed of the evacuation initiatives taken by the Police. To facilitate the Committee, I set out the relevant Police Witness Statements (“**Police Statements**”) (including those already included in the 5th or 7th List of Contents (“**LoC**”) submitted to the Committee on 2 March 2026 and 9 March 2026 respectively as well as further statements being submitted to the Committee now on a rolling basis) of ACIP CHAN, SSGT WONG, and the 13 PTU X4 officers who attended Wang Chi House and Wang Yan House respectively in the following tabulated form:-

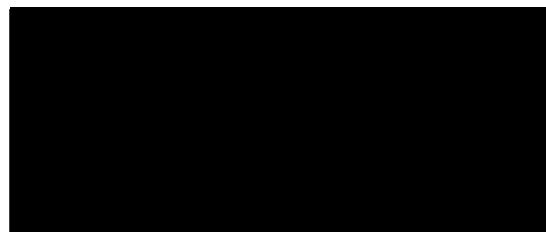
Reference of the Police Statements in the 5th or 7th LoC (where applicable)	Officers	Details of evacuation as described in the Police Statements
5 th LoC – Part IX-A1-5; Police Statement dated 21 April 2026 being submitted on a rolling basis	ACIP CHAN	Coordinated evacuation of Wang Chi House
7 th LoC – Part IX-A1-50;	SSGT WONG	Coordinated evacuation of Wang Yan House

Police Statement dated 21 April 2026 being submitted on a rolling basis		
7 th LoC – Part IX-A1-58	SGT [REDACTED]	16:13-16:40 on 26 November 2025
7 th LoC – Part IX-A1-71	PC [REDACTED]	Evacuated residents of Wang Chi House 30/F to 22/F (even number floors) (no person was found)
7 th LoC – Part IX-A1-72	PC [REDACTED]	
7 th LoC – Part IX-A1-73	PC [REDACTED]	
		Evacuated residents of Wang Yan House 30/F to 28/F (even number floors) (no person was found)
7 th LoC – Part IX-A1-59	SGT [REDACTED]	16:13-16:40 on 26 November 2025
7 th LoC – Part IX-A1-75	PC [REDACTED]	Evacuated residents of Wang Chi House 31/F to 23/F (odd number floors) (successfully evacuated four flats involving four females)
7 th LoC – Part IX-A1-76	PC [REDACTED]	
		Evacuated residents of Wang Yan House 31/F to 27/F (odd number floors) (no person was found)
7 th LoC – Part IX-A1-74	PC [REDACTED]	16:13-16:40 on 26 November 2025
		Evacuated residents of Wang Chi House 31/F to 23/F (odd number floors) (successfully evacuated one flat involving one female (being one of the four females mentioned above), and PC [REDACTED])

		accompanied the evacuee to the shelter set up at Kwong Fuk Community Hall)
7 th LoC – Part IX-A1-60	SGT [REDACTED]	16:13-16:40 on 26 November 2025
7 th LoC – Part IX-A1-61	SGT [REDACTED]	Evacuated residents of Wang Yan House 31/F to 29/F (successfully evacuated two flats involving four females and one male)
7 th LoC – Part IX-A1-77	PC [REDACTED]	
7 th LoC – Part IX-A1-78	PC [REDACTED]	
7 th LoC – Part IX-A1-79	PC [REDACTED]	

8. As explained in the Police Statements, the police officers had to leave Wang Chi House and Wang Yan House subsequently in view of the development of, and/or the risk posed by, the fire.
9. I confirm that the contents of this Witness Statement are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Dated this 23rd day of April 2026.



CHEUNG Lui