

Tragedy and the aftermath

May 13

8am
Corporal Kok Yuen Chin (below) and 22 other personnel, who are a team on standby to provide emergency services, start their 24-hour duty tour at Tuas View Fire Station. It is his last duty tour before his operationally ready date (ORD) on May 16.



Between 8.40pm and 9.04pm

A celebration is held to mark Cpl Kok's impending ORD.

Between 9.04pm and 9.07pm

Cpl Kok is carried by some team members to the pump well, where he sits on the edge.

9.07pm

One of the officers pushes him in from behind.

9.07pm to 9.43pm

Cpl Kok does not resurface. The first serviceman jumps in eight seconds after Cpl Kok is pushed in to try to rescue him. Others jump in as well.

9.43pm

Cpl Kok is extracted from the well

9.43pm to 11.02pm

Paramedics are unable to resuscitate Cpl Kok. He is sent to Ng Teng Fong General Hospital and reaches there at 10.13pm. Cpl Kok is pronounced dead at 11.02pm.



May 14

Two SCDF regular personnel are arrested

May 17

Home Affairs Minister K. Shanmugam addresses the matter in Parliament, and says there will almost certainly be criminal proceedings over the incident.

May 22

Mr Shanmugam convenes a Board of Inquiry.

May 23

SCDF says it will install metal gratings across the openings of pump wells and expand closed-circuit television camera coverage on its premises, among other measures.

July 25

Five SCDF regular personnel (below) are charged in court. Police say another eight officers are also being investigated by the SCDF.

Aug 28

The board submits its report to Mr Shanmugam.

Sept 13

The Ministry of Home Affairs releases the board's findings and recommendations. SCDF responds with a list of follow-up actions.



The five SCDF regular personnel charged in court on July 25. From far left: Adighazali Suhaimi, Kenneth Chong Chee Boon, Mohamed Farid Mohamed Saleh, Mohammad Nur Fatwa Mahmood, Nazhan Mohamed Nazi.