

S'kan shopping complex and hotel hold fire drill

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SANDAKAN: Three people were 'injured' in a fire at a shopping complex and hotel here, on Friday. The 'victims' were rescued by Emergency Rescue Teams from the Sandakan Harbour Mall and Four Point By Sheraton Sandakan together with Sandakan Fire and Rescue personnel who were also at the scene.

Two 'victims' were found in the Harbour Mall premises while one was found 'injured' in the hotel in the 2.50pm incident.

Business operators and patrons were seen rushing out of the premises and gathered at the Central Market.

The emergency situation was actually part of a fire emergency drill jointly organised by the Sandakan Harbour Mall and Four Point By Sheraton Sandakan led by Ireka Corporation Berhad Safety and Security Vice President Jamz Jamsari.

The drill also saw collaboration from the Sandakan Fire and Rescue Department and traffic police as well as business operators, hotel guests and patrons to the mall.

Also present were the Centre Manager Michael Chong, Safety and Security Officer Isam Lani, Four Point By Sheraton General Manager Kanit Sangmookda and officers from Four Point By Sheraton.

During the media briefing session, Jamz applauded those who took part in the fire emergency drill, for their cooperation and quick

response, adding that the building was evacuated within seven minutes during the drill.

He said this was the second time they have organised a fire emergency drill in the premises with focus on the premises Emergency Rescue Team in handling such situations.

"The drill also creates awareness on the importance of quick response," he said.

He said apart from obtaining Fire Certificate from the Fire and Rescue Department for yearly renewal compliance, the emergency drill was also held to test the level of safety and fire alarm system in the premises.

"The fire emergency drill also puts our Emergency Rescue Team to test," he said, adding that the Emergency Rescue Team involves eight teams assigned to designated safety and security duties.

On another note, he said workers and patrons inside the premises are required to evacuate the premises in less than seven minutes when faced with fire emergency situations.

"They have to remain calm and must know safety measures to be taken when faced with such situations," he said.

Meanwhile, Four Point By Sheraton General Manager Kanit Sangmookda said their Emergency Rescue Team is trained to be prepared at all times. He was also happy with the cooperation given by hotel staff and guests who took part in the fire emergency drill.



Firemen bringing out the 'victims' during the drill.