

Fire and Rescue Dept launches Bomba KL app

KUALA LUMPUR: The KL City Fire and Rescue Department has launched its first mobile application, *Bomba KL*, which will allow users to alert the nearest fire station or volunteer fire service team in the event of a fire or accident.

Fire and Rescue Department director-general Datuk Wan Mohd Nor Ibrahim said: "The app will enhance relations between the department and the community it serves, especially the younger generation."

Wan Mohd Nor added that the app would also help the department collect information on emergencies. The app is linked to all fire stations in Kuala Lumpur which can be reached with a tap on the screen.

"This app is suited for a metropolis like KL which faces different fire risks," he said.

Features include a directory of fire stations and volunteer fire service teams, fire safety tips and a complaint form.

According to KL Fire and Rescue Department director Khirudin Drahan, the team hopes to further reduce its response time of 10 minutes to be on par with the international standard of seven minutes.

Khirudin said the app should be especially helpful in difficult situations such as being trapped in a car or elevator, or having wild animals removed from premises.