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Media Advisory

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**San Francisco Fire Department mourns the passing of
Firefighter/Paramedic Jason Cortez**

It is with great sadness that we inform you of the death of Firefighter/Paramedic (FF/PM) Jason Cortez, who passed away this morning (Wednesday the 7th, 2020) after an accident at the Division of Training.

FF/PM Cortez has been a valued member of the SFFD since June 25, 2007. He worked as an EMT and Paramedic on ambulances out of Station 49. He then moved to suppression in 2015 and has been a dedicated member of Station 3 for 2 years. Jason worked in a variety of assignments and was loved and respected by his colleagues.

At 1007 this morning, FF/PM Cortez was injured during a company training drill. Paramedics started immediate care and transported him to the San Francisco General Hospital Trauma Center. Just before 1100 this morning, and after valiant efforts by emergency room staff to revive him, he succumbed to his injuries.

The details around his death are being jointly investigated by the San Francisco Fire Department, San Francisco Police Department, and CAL-OSHA. We are aware of the many speculative reports citing what may have occurred, and ask that you respect Jason, his family, and our Department as we determine the factual causes that lead to this tragedy.

As a mark of respect, San Francisco Fire Department flags will be at half-staff until further notice. Details regarding funeral arrangements are pending and will be provided when available.

Our hearts go out to his family and loved ones, especially his wife and two young children. Thank you for your continued support as we mourn the loss of our beloved brother, FF/PM Jason Cortez. Rest in Peace brother.



