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San Francisco Fire pays tribute to Fallen Firefighters

San Francisco, CA – Tenth anniversary of Berkeley Way Fire

June 2, 2021, marks the tenth anniversary of the tragic 133 Berkeley Way fire, which resulted in the deaths of Lieutenant Vincent Perez and Firefighter/Paramedic Anthony Valerio. No measure of words will ever capture the depth of our gratitude to Vince and Tony nor ease the grief that we all share. Their deaths remind us every day of the inherent risks associated with being a Fire Department member.

At 0900 hours, a radio message will be transmitted over all dispatch SFFD channels with a remembrance message. Following the transmission, each fire station will ring the apparatus bell making the Chaplain's Call (3 rings with a pause, three times). Following the final toll of the bell, members will observe two minutes of silence to reflect on Lieutenant Vince Perez and Firefighter/Paramedic Anthony Valerio's lives and sacrifice.

There will be a ceremony at Station 26, 80 Digby, at 1330 hours open to the media; due to COVID-19, we ask that this be held to family, Department members, and close friends. Media is encouraged to attend.

Please continue to keep Vince and Tony, along with their families, in your thoughts and prayers, and never forget their sacrifice.

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