



# SAN FRANCISCO FIRE DEPARTMENT

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## San Francisco Fire Department responds to trench rescue

**San Francisco, CA** – At 10:10am September 28, San Francisco Fire Department units were dispatched to an excavated trench which had collapsed, trapping one person 6-8 feet beneath the sidewalk at the intersection of Oak and Divisadero streets in San Francisco.

The San Francisco Fire Department responded and determined the need for Heavy Rescue units and accompanying support vehicles. Over 50 Firefighters from both Heavy Rescue Squads, Light Rescue support vehicles and multiple Department rescue experts worked to gain access to the victim through the opening in the sidewalk and in the collapsed debris and dirt found in the space. The victim was found at 11:56 a.m. but unfortunately succumbed to injuries incurred in the collapse.

Our deepest condolences go out to the family and loved ones of this worker, and our thoughts are with everyone affected by this situation.

Any further inquiries should be directed to the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission.

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