Media Advisory

San Francisco Fire Department Suffers Devastating Loss
One Remains in Critical Condition

(San Francisco, CA – June 3, 2011) The San Francisco Fire Department is mourning the loss of one of its members Lt. Vincent A. Perez, and another member, Firefighter/Paramedic Anthony M. Valerio, both of Engine Company 26, remains in critical condition following a house fire in the Diamond Heights area on June 2, 2011.

Lt. Vincent A. Perez died yesterday at the hospital as a result of his injuries from the fire. Firefighter/Paramedic Valerio remains in critical condition at the hospital. The staff of San Francisco General Hospital is working extremely hard to do everything they can for Firefighter/Paramedic Valerio.

“This has been a very difficult time for the members of the San Francisco Department”, said Fire Chief Joanne Hayes-White. “Lt. Perez was a dedicated and valued member of our Department. He will be sorely missed. Our prayers are with the Perez family as they grieve their loss.”

“San Francisco suffered a tremendous loss with the line of duty death of Lt. Perez,” said Tom O’Connor, President of San Francisco Fire Fighters Local 798, “our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Lt. Perez, as well with Firefighter/Paramedic Valerio and his family.”

San Francisco Fire Fighters Local 798 has established Trust Accounts at the San Francisco Fire Credit Union (SFFCU) for the families of Lt. Perez and Firefighter/Paramedic Valerio. SFFCU, 3201 California Street, San Francisco, CA 94118, www.sffirecu.org

Funeral services for Lt. Perez are pending at this time.

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