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**San Francisco Fire Chief Appointed to the National  
Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor Award Review Board**

San Francisco Fire Chief Joanne Hayes-White has been nominated for and appointed to the Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor Review Board by Congresswoman and House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi. The Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor is the highest National award for valor by a public safety officer and is presented by the President of the United States.

The eleven-member Review Board, comprised of individuals with knowledge or expertise in the field of public safety, was established in 2001 and is responsible for reviewing nominations and recommending individuals or groups of individuals to receive the award.

“I am honored to have been appointed by Leader Pelosi to the Public Safety Medal of Valor Review Board”, said Chief Hayes-White. “I look forward to being part of this process and serving with pride.”

“It is my privilege to appoint San Francisco Fire Chief Joanne Hayes-White to the Medal of Valor Review Board,” Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi said. “Chief Hayes-White has earned the respect of her fellow firefighters and the people of San Francisco, rising through the ranks of the San Francisco Fire Department, and recruiting and training some of our Nation’s finest and most courageous first responders. San Francisco takes pride in her leadership and accomplishments, and in boasting the largest urban fire department in the world with a female chief.”

“Leader Pelosi’s choice of our San Francisco Fire Chief to preside on the President’s Public Safety Medal of Valor Review Board will serve our Nation well,” said Mayor Ed Lee. “Chief Hayes-White with her distinguished years of service leading the men and women of our San Francisco Fire Department has been witness to many courageous acts locally and will provide tremendous leadership to ensure proper recognition of our nation’s public safety officers.”

The term of a Board Member is 4 years.

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