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



Lieutenant Vincent A. Perez



FF/PM Anthony M. Valerio

(San Francisco, CA – June 2, 2011) The San Francisco Fire Department is mourning the loss of one of its members this evening after he and another member of Engine Company 26 were critically injured in a house fire in the Diamond Heights district shortly before 11:00 AM today.

Lt. Vincent A. Perez died at the hospital as a result of his injuries after all resuscitative measures were taken by the Emergency Trauma staff at San Francisco General Hospital.

“This has been a very difficult day 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 family as they grieve their loss.”

Lt. Perez was a 21 year veteran of the San Francisco Fire Department. Prior to joining the San Francisco Fire Department, Vince served in the United States Marine Corps and as a Deputy Sheriff with Alameda County Sheriff's Department. Vince was born and raised in San Francisco, attending Archbishop Riordan High School and City College of San Francisco.

Firefighter Paramedic Anthony M. Valerio is a crewmember of E26 and remains in critical condition at the hospital.

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