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## **Three Recent Apartment Building Fires 'Appear not to be Suspicious in Nature'**

As a result of several recent apartment building fires in San Francisco, resulting in the death of one person and displacing nearly 100 people, the San Francisco Fire Department is releasing a list of fire prevention tips that everyone should make note of.

The three fires, not considered suspicious in nature, caused more than \$11.5 million in estimated damages and likely could have been prevented.

Due to the fact that the three greater-alarm fires are still under investigation, Fire Department Officials are not at liberty to discuss the specifics of each incident. In the meantime, they have compiled a list of fire prevention tips and are advising residents of San Francisco to be especially mindful of taking these simple but important prevention measures.

- Never leave food on the stove or in the oven unattended.
- Never leave burning candles unattended or burning while sleeping.
- Never overload extension cords and/or outlets.
- Always unplug small appliances when not in use.
- Never place anything combustible on or near a heater or heat source.
- Never disconnect or remove smoke detectors. It could be a matter of life or death.

Apartment dwellers are urged to share this information with their neighbors.

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