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(San Francisco, CA – Friday, August 7, 2015) The Department was advised by the City Attorney's Office this afternoon that the civil litigation against the City regarding the Asiana Flight 214 crash was dismissed. The City Attorney's Office has released the attached statement regarding the dismissal.

The crash that occurred on July 6, 2013, was an extraordinary event for our Department. Although it is a scenario that we train and prepare for, it is not an incident that we would expect to ever happen in our careers.

From the time of the incident, I have been extremely proud of every single member of the Department and of our collective response that mitigated the impact of this catastrophic accident. Everyone responded with courage, professionalism and selflessness.

I realize that three families will forever grieve the loss of their daughters despite our best efforts, and for that, we will always share a profound sadness in our hearts. However, we must not lose sight of the vallant work of all first responders that resulted in the saving of hundreds of lives.

I am hopeful that today's dismissal will bring closure and healing for our members to the events of Asiana Flight 214.

I would like to thank every member of the San Francisco Fire Department for what they do every day to work collaboratively to serve our community and to fulfill the Mission of the San Francisco Fire Department.

Joanne Hayes-White
Chief of Department

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