SAN DIEGO FIRE-RESCUE DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF

NO: 15-068

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TO: All Personnel

FROM: Javier Mainar, Fire Chief

SUBJECT: Honoring the Passing of Firefighter/Fire Inspector Gerardo (Gerry) Jose

As was shared with our workforce via an email from Assistant Chief Ken Barnes, Firefighter/Fire Inspector Gerardo “Gerry” Jose was discovered deceased in his home yesterday by co-workers who were conducting a welfare check after he did not report for duty in the Fire Prevention Bureau.

On behalf of our entire Department, I want to extend my deepest condolences to Gerry’s family and friends for his loss. Gerry honorably served the citizens of the City of San Diego for over 25 years. His untimely passing will be difficult for all of us who had the privilege of working alongside him or calling him a friend.

The San Diego Fireman’s Relief Association (SDFRA) is working closely with the Jose family and our Department to ensure that we collaboratively and appropriately follow their family wishes, our Department’s traditions and national fire service memorial guidelines as they pertain to any marking of his death or upcoming memorial services.

To honor Firefighter/Fire Inspector Jose, he and his family will be afforded the honors associated with a Level 2 Fire Department Funeral. To this end, the following actions have been approved for immediate implementation and until after the memorial service:

- The shrouding of badges with a horizontal black band;
- The mounting of black memorial bunting being affixed and displayed at Fire Station 1;
- The flying of the firefighter’s memorial flag at Fire Station 1; and
- The lowering of all Department flags to half-staff.

My desire and commitment as well as that of the SDFRA are to provide the Jose family with the highest level of honors possible while respecting their wishes and desires.