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PRESS RELEASE

SF SHERIFF THANKS FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR PROTECTING LIVES AND PROPERTY IN THIS MORNING’S FIVE-ALARM FIRE

San Francisco, CA -- San Francisco Sheriff Paul Miyamoto said that during the five-alarm fire that occurred earlier today on Erie and Folsom Streets, all staff working at the Sheriff’s Office (SFSO) Field Operations and Planning & Projects division headquarters at 120 -14th Street evacuated safely.

“We are indebted to Fire Chief Jeanine Nicholson and the San Francisco Fire Department for their quick response to the fire, which threatened to consume the block,” said Sheriff Miyamoto. “They showed up shortly after the fire broke and got everyone who works and lives in the affected buildings out safely. They marshalled all their resources to bring the blaze under control.”

Sheriff Miyamoto extended his appreciation to other City public safety partners who provided on-the-ground logistical support for the Fire Department’s operations including the San Francisco Police Department, Department of Emergency Management, Department of Parking and Traffic, and American Red Cross. “No question -- we have the finest public safety professionals in the nation,” he said.

Sheriff Miyamoto reported that SFSO division headquarters at 120 - 14th St. sustained some damage but the nature and extent remains unknown. “Our operations were temporarily impacted, but we moved them to alternate locations within a few hours and resumed business. We are prepared for any and all emergencies.”

All landline communication to Sheriff’s offices located at 120 - 14th Street remains down. The public may call the Sheriff’s Office general number at 415-554-7225 to contact the offices and services that were displaced by the fire.

This includes the SFSO Field Operations Division, which oversees law enforcement safety services to the courts, Zuckerberg SF General Hospital and DPH health clinics, and various public buildings; plus the Sheriff’s Office Background Investigations, Warrant Services, Fleet and Communications Units.
For information related to fire suppression operations this morning, please contact SFFD Lt. Jonathan Baxter at 415-558-3404 or 415-660-0545.

Led by elected Sheriff Paul Miyamoto, the San Francisco Sheriff’s Office administers the county jails, provides safety services for the Superior Court and other high-profile public buildings, and carries out civil court orders. The Sheriff’s Office employs more than 850 sworn staff and almost 200 non-sworn employees. Approximately 70 percent of SFSO’s sworn workforce are people of color.