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STATEMENT

On Saturday, June 29, 2013, at approximately 11:34 PM, while working as the Apparatus Operator of Truck 1 at Station 1, Firefighter Michael Quinn struck and seriously injured a motorcyclist at the intersection of 5th and Howard Streets. Firefighter Quinn left the scene of the accident and was later found to have a positive breath alcohol reading. Chief Hayes-White placed Firefighter Quinn on unpaid Administrative Leave and a disciplinary investigation was initiated.

The Fire Department has completed its disciplinary investigation and is in the process of finalizing the report for the Fire Commission hearing, which is tentatively scheduled for November 2013.

In September 2005, Chief Hayes-White implemented the first On-duty Drug and Alcohol Policy, to include Random, Reasonable Suspicion, and Post-Accident Drug and Alcohol testing. This policy remains in effect today.

The Department remains vigilant about this issue and takes any report of on-duty alcohol and substance use seriously.