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Here is a link to another series of photos from the fire that killed San Francisco FD Lt. Vincent Perez yesterday and seriously injured FF Anthony Valerio. As the below slide show plays, note in the series of photos from the rear, how the building looked "normal" - then erupted.

WATCH SLIDE SHOW HERE:

<http://www.nbcbayarea.com/news/local/123042233.html>

Firefighter Tony Valerio continues to battle for his life today with his family by his side and his SF Firefighters gathered outside in prayer. FF Valerio was injured when that flashover engulfed he and two other Firefighters were trapped in that house fire. BE SURE to look at the construction challenges at that fire in the photos above. As you know, Lt. Vincent Perez, 48, was killed and a third firefighter was treated and released for undisclosed injuries. CALOsha and other fire investigators are on the scene today determining what went wrong. More to follow.

EDITORIAL REGARDING YESTERDAYS FIRE: <http://tinyurl.com/3solass>

(Feel free to pass on to your elected officials and city hall dwellers, as this was written by a former elected official of SF)

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE 2 FF's: <http://tinyurl.com/3otpnmq>

=BRIDGEPORT CT FIREFIGHTER BURNED

A BFD Firefighter was burned and 21 residents were displaced from a house fire at 0230 this morning that is suspected to be arson. The fire burned through all three floors of the house, including tearing through the kitchen floor on one of the levels. The rear fire escape was also rolling shortly after the fire began. The FF suffered neck and facial burns when his mask accidentally pulled off while operating- has since been released from the hospital.

=FEDERAL FUNDING UPDATE FROM THE IAFC:

Last night, the U.S. House of Representatives passed H.R. 2017, the Fiscal Year 2012 U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Appropriations bill, which would appropriate \$40.6 billion in discretionary spending for the DHS and its programs. As per an IAFC members alert:

=Restoring \$320 million to the FIRE and SAFER grant programs. This amendment,

offered by Representatives Steven LaTourette (R-OH) and Bill Pascrell (D-NJ), restored \$320 million to the FIRE and SAFER grant programs. After passage of the amendment, the FIRE and SAFER grant programs would be funded at \$335 million each.

=Removing the Limit on Cities Eligible for the Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) Grants. This amendment, offered by Representatives Hansen Clarke (D-MI), Brian Higgins (D-NY), and Dave Reichert (R-WA), removed the provision in H.R. 2017 that would have limited the number of cities eligible for UASI grants to the ten highest-risk cities. This amendment will ensure that all UASI cities are eligible for the funding.

=Extending the SAFER Waivers Through FY 2012. This amendment, offered by Representative David Price (D-NC), extended the waivers to requirements for the SAFER grant programs through FY 2012. It will allow fire departments to use the SAFER grants to re-hire and retain firefighters. The Senate must now consider its own FY 2012 DHS Appropriations bill later this summer. Then, the House-passed and Senate-passed bills must be reconciled and sent to President Obama for signature by the beginning of the FY 2012 fiscal year on October 1. MORE DETAILS: www.IAFC.org

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