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Fire Chief's Statement and Timeline of Events

Below is a copy of the Fire Chief's statement today and an accompanying timeline.

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Good Afternoon,

Let me start by saying there is an ongoing investigation into alleged criminal activity at Fire Station No. 8. My department is fully cooperating with this investigation and I am taking the proper disciplinary steps as we proceed. Although I won't get into the details of either the criminal or the internal investigation, I will say this all relates to a single shift at a single fire house and does not represent circumstances that can be attributed to any of the other 21 stations across the city. So, let's **not** take out the broad brush and make assumptions across-the-board.

I take these charges very seriously and I want the honorable men and women who make up our fire department to know that I won't allow their integrity to be compromised by any ill-advised actions taken by an accused few. I also want to remind our citizens that we have devoted men and women who come to work every day prepared to serve and protect their lives and their property.

Traditionally, fire stations have always been open to the public. We consider our workplace a shared space that's been entrusted to us by the people who live in the city of Shreveport. So, our goal is to always make our citizens feel welcome and safe when they visit a fire station. At this point, I don't see us making a significant departure from the spirit of that practice. But this unfortunate set of circumstances provides good reason to pause and review how we operate, and if necessary, take the steps needed to protect everyone involved. With us, **public safety** always comes first and that won't change.

Again, this investigation is relegated to one station and I'm confident that the legal system will run its course and justice will be served. Meanwhile, we'll continue to strive to be a fire department that makes our city proud.

Timeline of Events:

June 25 th	Complaint Letter received from employee at Station 8
June 26 th	Notice of Formal Investigation given to five firefighters
July 8 th	Meet with C-Shift Command Staff
July 10 th	Notice of formal investigation given to one firefighter
July 29 th	Police Chief made aware of possible criminal conduct at Station 8
July 30 th	Information sent to SFD Internal Affairs
July 30 th	Fire Chief meets with SPD Detective
July 30 th	Fire Chief meets with FBI
July 31 st	SPD begins criminal investigation
August 2 nd	1 st arrest made: Capt. Derrick N. Harris
August 2 nd	Station 8 Capt. placed on administrative leave
August 3 rd	Five firefighters assigned to Station 8 placed on leave
August 5 th	2 nd arrest made: Firefighter Clint Richardson
August 6 th	3 rd Arrest Made- Fire Engineer Billy Glass