

Resolution 2014-03

San Francisco Fire Commission Vision Zero Resolution

WHEREAS, in 2013, 34 people were killed in traffic fatalities in San Francisco; and,

WHEREAS, Over half of traffic fatalities involve people walking and riding a bicycle; and,

WHEREAS, The City of San Francisco adopted a Pedestrian Strategy in 2013 to reduce serious and fatal pedestrian injuries by 25 percent by 2016 and by 50 percent by 2021; and,

WHEREAS, Vision Zero provides a framework for reducing all traffic deaths to zero by the year 2024 through a combination of engineering measures, education, and enforcement practices; and,

WHEREAS, Mayor Ed Lee and the San Francisco Board of Supervisors have endorsed Vision Zero, and San Francisco's Department of Public Health, Municipal Transportation Agency, County Transportation Authority, Planning Department, Police Department and Department of the Environment have formally adopted Vision Zero policies to reduce injuries and deaths from preventable traffic collisions; and

WHEREAS, The Fire Department works with other city agencies including the SFMTA, SFDPW, and SFCTA on street design initiatives such as public realm projects to improve pedestrian and bicycle safety in San Francisco;

WHEREAS, The Fire Department is a first responder at the scene of traffic injuries, requiring significant time and resources; and,

WHEREAS, The Fire Department's priority is the safety of the public;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fire Department will continue to work with the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency, Planning Department, Department of Public Works, and others to support engineering solutions that prioritize life and fire safety; will continue to support engineering solutions, including traffic calming, that prevent traffic injuries and fatalities while providing effective Fire Department access and fire ground operations, and

RESOLVED, That the Fire Department will continue to explore smaller apparatus and work with vendors to support the development of apparatus that accommodates safer street design and San Francisco's topography;

RESOLVED, That the Fire Department will continue to train all firefighters on safe large vehicle driving skills in an urban setting;

RESOLVED, That the Fire Department will set up inter-agency agreements to provide emergency response and injury-related data to SFDPH in support of its comprehensive Transportation-Related Injury Surveillance System being created in support of Vision Zero monitoring and evaluation;

RESOLVED, That the Fire Department will coordinate school safety education efforts with other Vision Zero partner agencies;

RESOLVED, That the Fire Department will continue to collaborate with other city agencies and public stakeholders on the Vision Zero Citywide Steering Committee and Task Force;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Fire Commission adopts the Vision Zero goal to end traffic deaths by the year 2024 and will continue to work with other City agencies and departments to make our streets safer.

Adopted at the Regular Meeting of the San Francisco Fire Commission on January 22, 2015.

Ayes:

Nays:

Maureen Conefrey, Commission Secretary