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PRESS RELEASE

DOWNEY'S STATEMENT REGARDING INJURED CITY EMPLOYEE

Downey, CA, April 4, 2019:

On Wednesday, April 3, 2019, at approximately 8:00 a.m., a City of Downey employee was injured during a fire incident that occurred at the City's Maintenance Yard. One of the City's vehicles caught fire and the driver, a Public Works employee, suffered 2nd degree burns on his head, neck and chest.

The Downey Fire Department was on scene and rendered first aid treatment as he was transported to a local area hospital. He is currently in stable condition and receiving further treatment at a local Intensive Care Unit (ICU) burn center.

The Downey Police and Fire Departments are conducting an investigation regarding the fire incident that took place.

"On behalf of our entire Downey family, I would like to express my deepest sympathies to our city employee injured in yesterday's fire incident," said Mayor Rick Rodriguez. "We are all deeply saddened and wish him all the best as he recovers from his injuries. Our thoughts and prayers are with him and his family."

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