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City of Atlantic City Statement on Discovery of Lead Dust at 2 Fire Stations

Atlantic City, N.J. (July 11, 2023) – The City of Atlantic City is releasing the following statement in regards to the recent discovery of lead dust in two Atlantic City Fire Stations. The statement includes the city's response:

On Friday, July 7th, the Atlantic City Fire Department temporarily closed Fire Station 6, which is under renovation, over potential lead dust contamination concerns. Station 6 personnel were relocated to Station 4, while continuing to serve Atlantic City's Lower Chelsea neighborhood. On Saturday, July 8th, the department temporarily closed Fire Station 3 over the same concerns. Station 3 personnel were relocated to Fire Station 2, while continuing to serve Atlantic City's Westside and Venice Park neighborhoods.

Test results have come back positive for lead contamination at Fire Station 6 and Fire Station 3. Both buildings are closed until further notice. There is no disruption to service as Station 6 personnel remain in Station 4 and Station 3 personnel remain in Station 2. The safety of our employees and taxpayers are of the utmost importance. We are currently in the process of aggressively pursuing mitigation contractors and placing temporary housing on location at each station, so our firefighters can remain in the neighborhoods they serve, and be closer to the scene in the event of an emergency. Four firefighters work out of each station at a given time over a 24-hour period.

Upon first discovering this issue, the Atlantic City Fire Department acted quickly and closed the stations out of an abundance of caution, preventing further complications. The city has notified all potentially exposed firefighters of the situation. Medical evaluations begin this week.

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