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### **San Francisco DPH Offers Mental Health Counseling Services for Individuals who Witnessed SFO Airline Crash**

**San Francisco, CA**--Coming on the day after the tragic crash of an airliner at San Francisco International Airport, the San Francisco Department of Public Health has announced that mental health counseling services are available to anyone who witnessed or was deeply affected by the incident. Many people were on the ground when the incident happened and witnessed the tragedy--some as travelers, others as workers, staff and responders.

"We are encouraging anyone who feels a need to talk to a counselor to call 3-1-1 and ask for mental health counseling," said Jo Robinson, Director, San Francisco Department of Public Health's Behavioral Health Services. "The symptoms individuals may be experiencing include feelings of anxiety, sleeplessness, intrusive thoughts, or feeling angry or irritable. These symptoms would most likely appear shortly after the incident."

Seventeen mental health workers were dispatched to SFO yesterday to help victims and others deal with the aftermath of the trauma. The services will continue for as long as needed.

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We shall ~ Assess and research the health of the community ~ Develop and enforce health policy ~ Prevent disease and injury ~  
~ Educate the public and train health care providers ~ Provide quality, comprehensive, culturally-proficient health services ~ Ensure equal access to all

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