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**POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF NEW YORK**

From: Operations Supervisor, Harbor Unit
To: Chief of Special Operations
Subject: **STATEN ISLAND FERRY ACCIDENT AT ST. GEORGE**

1. On Saturday, May 08, 2010 at approximately 0921 hours the Harbor Unit received a call over Communications Division that the Staten Island Ferry the Barberi crashed into the St. George Ferry terminal while docking.

2. On the aforementioned date and time, Harbor Charlie Launch 4, Scuba Launch 27 and Harbor O/S Launch 33, responded to slip 5 @ the Staten Island Ferry Terminal of a report that the Staten Island ferry boat the Barberi crashed into the terminal while docking at St. George. Upon arrival the responding H.U. crews immediately interviewed 120 pct officer assigned to the ferry to determine if there were any aids in the water, Harbor Unit personnel then boarded the ferry and surveyed the ferry for injured passengers, directed responding personnel, and interviewed crew members. Captain Don Russel, D/O/B stated that while approaching the St. George terminal the vessel failed to respond to controls in the wheelhouse causing a hard landing in slip #5. The crew was able to make an announcement to the passengers to "brace" for impact. The Captain stated the following crewmembers were present in the wheelhouse with him at the time of the accident: Asst. Captain Maxbu, Ahmed, Mate Codling, Aldean, and Deck Hand Danny Silvester. There were 252 passengers on board and approximately 60 people suffered minor injuries including two MOS assigned to the ferry.

The ferry boat Barberi is a Barberi class ferry, 310 feet in length, 70 feet beam and 13 feet draft with a 17 member crew. This accident is being investigated by USCG Lt. Johnson.

3. The following were present:

Inspector Baldssano	C.O. S.I. P.D.U.
Captain Gesty	SOD Duty Captain
Captain Bocchino	S.I. Duty Captain
Lt. Smerina	Harbor O/S
Sgt. Rorro	Harbor
Chief Rogers	U.S.C.G.
Lt. Johnson	U.S.C.G
Deputy Chief Flood	FDNY
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CWO Pritchard	USCG
CWO Savercol	USCG

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The following were notified:

Chief Kammerdener	C.O. S.O.D.
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