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PHA President & CEO Kelvin A. Jeremiah Releases Statement Regarding the Tragic Fire in the 800 Block of North 23rd Street in Philadelphia

(Philadelphia, PA – (January 5, 2022) — The Philadelphia Housing Authority (PHA) has released the following statement from President and CEO Kelvin A. Jeremiah regarding the tragic fire in the 800 block of North 23rd Street.

“This unimaginable loss of life has shaken all of us at PHA. It is too early for us to say more. The property had two units, which were last inspected in April 2021 and May 2021 respectively. All smoke detectors were operating properly at that time. The Fire Department, ATF (Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives) and others are handling the investigation. Any information on the cause will come through them. Our primary goal right now is to support our residents in any way we can.”

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The Philadelphia Housing Authority’s mission is to open doors to affordable housing, economic opportunity and safe, sustainable communities to benefit Philadelphia residents with low incomes.