

**LAFD****SIGNIFICANT INCIDENT SUMMARY****JUN 19 2007****Date Printed 6/18/2007****Emergency Public Information Center****6/3/2007 TO 6/11/2007**

INCIDENT DATE	INC. TIME	ADDRESS	COUNCIL	INCIDENT TYPE	F.S.	FIRE COMPANIES	TOTAL F/F'S	TOTAL R.A.S	OUTSIDE AGENCIES	F/F INJURIES	CIV. FATALITY	DOLLAR LOSS	TIME TO CONTROL
6/3/2007	6:52 PM	1074 N. Milwaukee Av.	14	Structure Fire	12	4	32	2		0	0	\$120,000	0 hours, 28 min.
	INC. #	F/F FATALITY								INCIDENT DURATION			
	0889	0								4 hours, 19 min.			

FIREFIGHTERS BATTLE STUBBORN FIRE IN HIGHLAND PARK HOME

On Sunday, June 3, 2007 at 6:52 PM, 4 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 2 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 Arson Unit, 1 Hazardous Materials Team, 1 EMS Battalion Captain, 1 Battalion Chief Officer Command Team, Bldg & Safety, DWP and L.A. County Health, all under the direction of Battalion Chief Chris Logan responded to a Structure Fire at 1074 N. Milwaukee Av. in the Highland Park area.

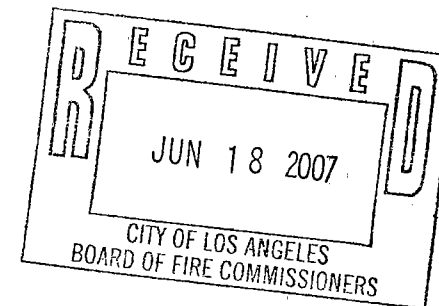
The first arriving Fire Department resources on scene found a small amount of grass burning which had extended into the attic of the single family residence located on the property. A preliminary interior search revealed all occupants had self evacuated the structure.

First responders "ramped up" up operations of companies assigned to interior firefighting and roof top ventilation, realizing the exposure problem if the fire extended into the grass and surrounding structures. The first ventilation hole revealed heavy, thick and pressurized smoke. Could there be two ceilings in this slightly remodeled home? The persistent fire re-ignited several times as firefighters continued their defensive efforts gaining control of the blaze.

It took the men and women of the Los Angeles Fire Department 28 minutes to get a knockdown on the stubborn attic fire. As the smoke cleared, a large quantity of aerosol cans, containing different types of flammable liquids, were discovered illegally stored in the attic space. A Hazardous Materials Squad was dispatched to assist in the identification of the containers.

Assistance from other agencies was also requested. DWP was notified that a two block area around the incident, serving approximately 30 single family residences, was without power. Service was restored to the area around midnight. Building & Safety will determine the structural integrity of the residence. L.A. County Health will handle the disposal and cleanup of the illegal storage.

The cause of the fire was accidental and dollar loss is estimated at \$120,000 (\$80,000 structure, \$20,000 contents). There were not injuries to civilians or firefighters. The 72 year old female occupant of the residence was transported to an area hospital after being advised she could not remain in the home for safety reasons. The occupants will seek temporary housing with family members.

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6/4/2007	9:26 PM	3201 S. San Pedro ST.	9	Greater Alarm Structure Fire	14	10	82	4		0	0	\$150,000	0 hours, 14 min.
	INC. #	F/F FATALITY								INCIDENT DURATION			
	1152	0								2 hours, 5 min.			

LOCAL BUSINESS SUFFERS EXTENSIVE DAMAGE IN GREATER ALARM FIRE

On Monday, June 4, 2007 at 9:26 PM, 10 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 4 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 Arson Unit, 2 Urban Search and Rescue Units, 1 Hazardous Materials Team, 3 EMS Battalion Captains, 3 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams, 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team and DOT, all under the direction of Battalion Chief Jack Wise responded to a Greater Alarm Structure Fire at 3201 S. San Pedro St. in the South Los Angeles/Newton area.

The look on the faces at the OCD Dispatch center said it all when the call for help came over the radio. "This is LAPD airship requesting resources for a structure fire in two, 1 story commercials, 25 foot by 150 foot, with fire showing through the roof." Can you feel the palms getting all sweaty, muscles tightening and adrenaline starting to get the old heart pumping?

On arrival, Fire Department resources recognized the compromised roof of the 25 foot by 75 foot structure and quickly initiated forcible entry, opening all access points for the aggressive use of hand lines to attack the fire. The only exposure was a one story, Type IV metal clad building used for storage, that suffered smoke and heat damage to its contents. It took the men and women of the Los Angeles Fire Department only 14 minutes to gain control of the blaze.

The business, Botanica Store Toribio, suffered extensive content damage. The business held candles, religious artifacts and exotic birds. Six large birds did not survive the fire. The cause of the fire is undetermined and the dollar loss was estimated at approximately \$150,000 (\$50,000 structure, and \$100,000 contents).

Thanks PD. Now you know how we feel when we see a lot of the red stuff!

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6/13/2007	6:13 PM	NB 170 FY x Burbank Bl.		Auto vs Bike	60	6	52	9		0	1	Still Being Tabulated	1 hour, 54 min.
	INC. #									F/F FATALITY			INCIDENT DURATION
	0951	North Hollywood								0			1 hour, 54 min.

FATALITY TRAFFIC ON THE NORTH HOLLYWOOD FREEWAY

On Wednesday, June 13, 2007 at 6:13 PM, 6 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 9 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 2 EMS Battalion Captains, 1 Battalion Chief Officer Command Team, CHP, Cal Trans, the Coroner's office and an MTA Supervisor, all under the direction of Battalion Chief Brian Cummings responded to an Auto Vs Bike at Nb 170 Fy X Burbank Bl. in the North Hollywood area.

The men and women of the Los Angeles Fire Department responded to a reported traffic accident involving an MTA bus and a motorcyclist on the northbound 170 Freeway. On arrival, Fire Department resources found the freeway littered with "basketball" size cement debris, caused by the force of the MTA bus striking the center divider. Six to seven additional vehicles traveling the 170 Freeway collided causing subsequent accidents in their efforts to avoid the large flying debris. A sigalert was announced of the pending freeway shutdown.

Reports from the scene indicate the MTA bus and motorcycle were traveling northbound, when the motorcycle and its rider were thrust into oncoming southbound traffic and struck by a southbound vehicle. The rider was pronounced dead at the scene.

Quick and thorough medical assessments of the involved vehicles found 10 patients with a variety of minor complaints of injuries. All were transported to area hospitals. There were no passengers aboard the MTA bus. The southbound 170 Freeway will be closed to traffic until the conclusion of the accident investigation by the California Highway Patrol. The Coroners office will determine the cyclist's identity and cause of death.