

**LAFD****SIGNIFICANT INCIDENT SUMMARY****Emergency Public Information Center****BFC 07-119**
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10/21/2007 TO 10/29/2007

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
10/21/2007	5:50 AM	Tampa Ave and Sesnon Bl.		MAJOR EMERGENCY BRUSH FIRE	0	21	133	2		0	0	Still Being Tabulated	3 hours, 48 min.
	INC. #									F/F FATALITY			INCIDENT DURATION
	0258	Outside Of The City of L.A.								0			5 hours, 58 min.

FIRE ERUPTS NORTH OF PORTER RANCH

On Sunday, October 21, 2007 at 5:50 AM, 21 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 2 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 Arson Unit, 3 Helicopters, 3 EMS Battalion Captains, 6 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams, 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, LAFD Water Tenders, Dozers, LACoFD under the direction of Assistant Chief Alfred Hernandez responded to a Major Emergency Brush Fire at Tampa Ave and Sesnon Bl. north of Porter Ranch.

Los Angeles Firefighters assisted L.A. County Firefighters in combatting a fast moving brush fire just north of the Porter Ranch area of Los Angeles City. The fire, one of over a dozen major brush fires to erupt on this day in Southern California, was being driven towards the City by Santa Ana winds and low humidities. Several hundred Firefighters from numerous Fire Departments battled this fire for over 6 hours. Though homes were threatened, no structures were damaged or destroyed. There were no injuries reported and the fire was contained to less than 30 acres.

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10/21/2007	5:04 PM	8098 N San Fernando Rd	6	Major Emergency Structure Fire	77	35	209	6		0	0	\$1,251,000	1 hour, 9 min.
	INC. #									F/F FATALITY			INCIDENT DURATION
	1154	Sun Valley								0			In Progress

WIND-WHIPPED SUN VALLEY BLAZE CAUSES \$1.25M DAMAGE

On Sunday, October 21, 2007 at 5:04 PM, 35 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 6 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 Arson Unit, 1 Urban Search and Rescue Unit, 1 Hazardous Materials Team, the LAFD Tractor Company, 3 EMS Battalion Captains, 4 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams and 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team and other specialized resources, a total of 209 Los Angeles Fire Department personnel under the direction of Battalion Chief Ronnie Villanueva responded to a Major Emergency Structure Fire at 8098 San Fernando Road in Sun Valley. Firefighters arrived quickly during a severe windstorm to discover heavy smoke showing from the central portion of a 100' x 200' one-story row of commercial businesses, and in moments thereafter, wind-whipped fire through the roof. The firefight briskly transitioned to a defensive posture with heavy streams, as embers driven by 30+mph winds spread - and were quickly tackled upon igniting a residence across the street. A series of explosions resonated from inside the enterprise of fire origin, as combustible products and aerosol propellants on and near a truck parked within the business were consumed by the swift-moving flames. Firefighters confined the bulk of the fire to 'River Plate Trucking' a firm involved with the transport of packaged cosmetics, extinguishing the blaze in less than 70 minutes. There were no injuries. Firefighters prevented significant fire damage and assured business continuity to the adjoining 'Armcraft', a home design and remodeling business, as well as the 'Sun Valley Dairy', a manufacturer of Greek-style Yogurt. Los Angeles Firefighters used tractors to stabilize the structurally unsound portions of the building, and planned to remain on scene for at least two days to assure site safety and a comprehensive investigation. Loss from the blaze is estimated at \$1,251,000 (\$751,000 structure & \$250,000 contents), all but \$1,000 of which was limited to the structure of origin. The cause of the fire remains under active investigation.

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10/22/2007	8:38 AM	San Diego, San Bernardino, L.A. ,	0	Brush Fire Storm 2007	0	50	280	0		0	0	Still Being Tabulated	167 hours, 22 min.
	INC. #	Orange, and Riverside Counties								F/F FATALITY			INCIDENT DURATION
	0335	Outside Of The City of L.A.								0			167 hours, 22 min.

FIRE STORM OCTOBER 2007

On Monday, October 22, 2007 at 8:38 AM, 50 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 5 Helicopters, 10 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams, Dozers, Command Staff, Water Tenders, and other support companies all under the direction of Deputy Chief Mario Rueda responded in Strike Team configuration to a series of wind driven brush fires throughout the Southern California area.

Over 20 Brush Fires, driven by strong Santa Ana winds, erupted in Southern California over a four day period. Los Angeles Firefighters assisted other agencies in Los Angeles County, San Bernardino County, Riverside County, San Diego County and Orange counties to control the massive conflagration by deploying Strike Teams, Helicopters, and a variety of other support and command staff throughout the region. In all, the fires consumed over 500,000 acres, damaged or destroyed 2000 structures, killed 7 civilians and injured dozens of Firefighters, at least two of those from allied agencies were critically burned. Ten Firefighters, NOT from L.A. City, survived a burn over by deploying their fire shelters in the Orange County area. 500,000 people were evacuated from the fire area as the fires ravaged several communities.

The cause of several of these fires has been determined to be intentionally set and active investigations continue. The dollar loss is estimated to be in excess of one Billion dollars.

According to FEMA statistics, Federal Personnel deployment included: 759 FEMA staff, 4,200 Federal personnel including Federal and Forest Service Firefighters, 4,563 Red Cross staff, 2,562 National Guard, 371 Department of Defense, 115 Health and Human Services, and 63 ICE personnel. The total firefighters committed to these events are still being tabulated.