

**LAFD****SIGNIFICANT INCIDENT SUMMARY****Emergency Public Information Center****BFC 07-141****Date Printed 12/11/2007****DEC 18 2007****12/2/2007 TO 12/10/2007**

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
12/2/2007	4:50 AM	7933 N. Vanalden Av.	3	Greater Alarm Structure Fire	73	10	75	3		1	0	\$450,000	0 hours, 47 min.
	INC. #	F/F FATALITY								INCIDENT DURATION			
	0183	RESEDA								0			In Progress

TREE FIRE SPREADS TO SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE DISPLACING FAMILY OF FOUR

On Sunday, December 2, 2007 at 4:50 AM, 10 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 3 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 Arson Unit, 1 Urban Search and Rescue Unit, 1 Hazardous Materials Team, 2 EMS Battalion Captains, 3 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams, 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, all under the direction of Assistant Chief Jeffery S. Mottram, responded to a Greater Alarm Structure Fire at 7933 N. Vanalden Av. in the RESEDA area.

The initial reports into the OCD Dispatch Center indicated that a large tree was on fire. Arriving Fire Department resources found a one story single family dwelling with heavy flame impingement under the eaves of the structure. The company assigned extinguishment of the tree fire indicated that the fire had indeed spread into the attic. Even with an aggressive interior fire attack and roof ventilation, the attic fire had the upper hand. The interior of the structure had been refigured into two separate living units, causing the fire attack companies to utilize valuable time locating the seat of the fire. The ventilation group was removed from their roof top operations as the roof showed signs of weakness, finally failing 30 minutes into the firefight.

Approximately 60 firefighters were needed for the extinguishment of this fire. The dollar loss was estimated at \$450,000 [\$350,000 structure and \$150,000 contents]. Two families were displaced, but only one needed Red Cross Assistance. The Red Cross assisted a family of four (1 adult female and 3 children ages 14, 8 and 3). The only injury reported was to a firefighter with a small 2nd to 3rd degree burn injury to the back of his hand.

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12/3/2007	11:14 AM	SB 5 Fwy S of Rinaldi St	7	Traffic Collision	91	3	30	3		0	0	Still Being Tabulated	0 hours, 21 min.
	INC. #	F/F FATALITY								INCIDENT DURATION			
	0484	MISSION HILLS								0			3 hours, 52 min.

165 TON CRANE OVERTURNS ON SOUTHLAND FREEWAY

On Monday, December 3, 2007 at 11:14 AM, 3 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 3 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 Heavy Rescue, 1 Urban Search and Rescue Unit, 1 EMS Battalion Captain and 1 Battalion Chief Officer Command Team, a total of 30 Los Angeles Fire Department personnel under the direction of Battalion Chief Jeffrey Marcus, responded to a Traffic Collision on the southbound Golden State (5) Freeway south of Rinaldi Street in Mission Hills. Firefighters arrived quickly to discover an overturned crane blocking all southbound lanes of travel. According to witnesses, the 8-axle 165 Ton truck/crane combination had been in southbound transit on the freeway when it suddenly overturned. Early reports of the vehicle ablaze proved merely to be the smoke from hydraulic fluid contacting hot drivetrain components. Amazingly, no other vehicles on the busy highway were involved. The 27 year-old driver of the crane sustained minor lacerations and contusions and complained of head pain. He was transported to Providence Holy Cross Medical Center in fair condition. No other injuries were reported. Los Angeles Firefighters worked swiftly to contain leaking hydraulic fluid from the crane's 500-gallon tank, and stood ready with specialized equipment and safety teams to support the California Highway Patrol and California Department of Transportation with their effort to upright and remove the crane from lanes of travel. Ultimately, the firm involved brought a pair of massive cranes to upright their overturned vehicle, and the freeway was opened to traffic Monday evening. The collision is under investigation by California Highway Patrol officials.



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12/5/2007	10:14 AM	1760 N Gower St	13	MULTI-PATIENT TRAFFIC COLLISION	82	8	69	10		0	0	Still Being Tabulated	0 hours, 20 min.
	INC. #												INCIDENT DURATION
	0376	Hollywood								0			3 hours, 3 min.

HOLLYWOOD BUS ACCIDENT SENDS 19 TO HOSPITAL

On Wednesday, December 5, 2007 at 10:14 AM, 8 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 10 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 Heavy Rescue, 3 EMS Battalion Captains, 1 Battalion Chief Officer Command Team and 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, a total of 69 Los Angeles Fire Department personnel under the direction of Battalion Chief Chris Kawai responded to a Multi-Patient Traffic Collision at 1760 North Gower Street in Hollywood. Firefighters arrived quickly at the First Presbyterian Church of Hollywood to discover a privately owned charter bus that had left the adjacent roadway before crashing through a fence and colliding with trees on the church grounds. According to witnesses, the full-sized bus with 40 passengers aboard, was descending the Gower Street offramp from the southbound Hollywood (101) Freeway when the driver was unable to stop. The bus collided with a sedan at the end of the offramp before careening southeast to jump the curb, damage a fence and collide with two large pine trees on the church property. One of the two-foot diameter trees was toppled, and the bus came to rest against the other before striking any church buildings. Lightly trapped by the dashboard and steering wheel, the driver of the bus was skillfully freed by Los Angeles Firefighters using hydraulic prying tools. Listed in fair condition with non-life threatening injuries, she was soon taken to an area hospital for further evaluation. The 40 bus passengers, all adults, as well as the driver and child passenger of the sedan were medically evaluated at the scene before 18 of them - including both sedan occupants, accepted ambulance transportation to area hospitals for non-life threatening injuries. The remaining passengers were warmly welcomed by the church staff to occupy their sanctuary while awaiting transportation. Later vocalizing concern, the two dozen uninjured persons adamantly refused to board another bus sent by the charter company, and instead sought alternate personal transportation to their point of departure in Ventura County. The California Highway Patrol is formally investigating this collision.

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12/5/2007	8:39 PM	545 W 127th St	15	Hazardous Material Investigation	64	4	39	4		0	0	Still Being Tabulated	0 hours, 50 min.
	INC. #												INCIDENT DURATION
	1215	South Los Angeles								0			2 hours, 29 min.

SOUTH L.A. INDUSTRIAL LEAK BRINGS HAZMAT TEAMS

On Wednesday, December 5, 2007 at 8:39 PM, 4 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 4 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 2 Hazardous Materials Teams, 1 EMS Battalion Captain and 1 Battalion Chief Officer Command Team, a total of 39 Los Angeles Fire Department personnel under the direction of Battalion Chief Curt Klafra responded to a Hazardous Materials Investigation at 545 West 127th Street in South Los Angeles. Responding to a vague report of 'Leaking Natural Gas', neighborhood Firefighters arrived promptly at an abandoned petroleum tank farm to find as many as 50 gallons of an unspecified liquid leaking from a decrepit 20' tall x 15' wide steel tank. Taking fundamental safety precautions, they escalated the incident to a Hazardous Materials Investigation. LAFD HazMat experts were quickly on scene, and later joined by a Los Angeles Police Department Hazardous Materials Unit and County of Los Angeles Fire Department Health Hazardous Materials responders. Los Angeles Fire Department HazMat personnel donned high-level protective gear and obtained samples of the product, before utilizing a redwood plug to stem the leak. The liquid was later determined to be water and oil. Upon seeing Firefighters, one neighborhood woman expressed subjective chest discomfort and shortness of breath. Though Firefighters could determine no immediate correlation between her symptoms and their response, she accepted ambulance transportation to Gardena Memorial Hospital for further evaluation. No other illness or injury was reported. With no immediate or escalating hazard, and pursuant of protocol, the scene was turned over to the County of Los Angeles Fire Department Health Hazardous Materials Division to handle to conclusion.



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12/7/2007	2:56 AM	10917 W. Randall St,	2	Greater Alarm Fire	77	14	101	3		0	0	Still Being Tabulated	0 hours, 48 min.
	INC. #									INCIDENT DURATION			
	0094	Sun Valley								In Progress			

TWO BUSINESSES LOST IN EARLY MORNING GREATER ALARM FIRE

On Friday, December 7, 2007 at 2:56 AM, 14 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 3 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 Arson Unit, 1 Urban Search and Rescue Unit, 1 Rehab Unit, 1 Hazardous Materials Team, 2 EMS Battalion Captains, 5 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams, 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, DWP, DOT, LAPD and Animal Regulations, all under the direction of Assistant Chief Jeffery S. Mottram, responded to a Greater Alarm Fire at 10917 W. Randall St, in the Sun Valley area.

The first arriving resources on scene, found a 1 story, "L" shaped, tilt-up commercial building, approximately 50 foot by 100 foot, with heavy fire already showing through the roof. Fire Department personnel initiated an intense attack utilizing 2-1/2 hoselines coordinated with an assertive Trench roof ventilation operation. Within twenty minutes, firefighting operations went from offensive to defensive.

The multi occupancy building, suffered severe fire damage to two of the occupancies, "Euro Style" a wood refinishing business and "Hasting's Electric," an electrical contractor. The rendering plant housed in the tilt-up suffered minor smoke damage, but Animal Regulations was requested because of the livestock (sheep, poultry and quail) found on the scene.

99 Firefighters were committed in achieving a knockdown in 48 minutes. The cause and dollar loss estimate is undetermined at this time. There were no reported injuries at this early morning fire.