

**LAFD****SIGNIFICANT INCIDENT SUMMARY****Emergency Public Information Center****BFC 08-002****Date Printed 1/7/2008****12/17/2007 TO 1/7/2008**

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12/19/2007	4:28 AM	3855 W. Santa Rosalia Dr.	8	Fire Fatality	94	6	42	2		0	1	Still Being Tabulated	0 hours, 18 min.
	INC. #	F/F FATALITY								INCIDENT DURATION			
	0155	Baldwin Hills/Crenshaw								0			9 hours, 35 min.

**SMALL FIRE IN COMMERCIAL BUILDING: 1 BODY FOUND**

On Wednesday, December 19, 2007 at 4:28 AM, 6 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 2 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 3 Arson Units, 1 EMS Battalion Captain, 1 Battalion Chief Officer Command Team, and 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, under the direction of Battalion Chief Ron Leydecker responded to a Fire Fatality at 3855 W. Santa Rosalia Dr. in Baldwin Hills/Crenshaw.

Firefighters discovered a body inside of a single-story commercial building after knocking down a small fire. The fire caused minimal damage and was controlled in under 15 minutes. The cause of the fire and circumstances surrounding the fatality remain under investigation. There were no other injuries reported at this fire.

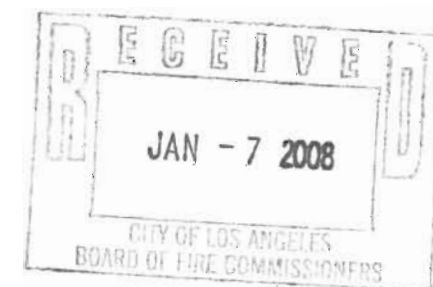
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12/24/2007	6:26 PM	1750 N. Argyle Av.	13	Major Emergency Structure Fire	27	17	137	7		1	0	Still Being Tabulated	0 hours, 46 min.
	INC. #									F/F FATALITY			INCIDENT DURATION
	0987	Hollywood								0			In Progress

**ONETIME LANDMARK CHURCH BURNS IN HOLLYWOOD**

On Monday, December 24, 2007 at 6:26 PM, 17 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 7 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 3 Arson Units, 3 Urban Search and Rescue Units, 1 Rehab Unit, 1 Hazardous Materials Team, 1 Helicopter, 3 EMS Battalion Captains, 5 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams, 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, DOT, LAPD, DWP and Emergency Air, all under the direction of Assistant Chief David Yamahata, responded to a Major Emergency Structure Fire at 1750 N. Argyle Av. in the Hollywood area.

A multitude of calls coming into the OCD Dispatch Center had a common message, a church was on fire. First arriving resources on the scene reported a 2 story church was fully involved in flames. Additional companies were requested immediately. Twenty minutes into the fire fight, resources were ordered out of the building and transitioned into a defensive attack to gain control of the fire. Moments later the second story collapsed.

The building was formerly known as the "Country Church of Hollywood", a Hollywood landmark which has been vacant since 1994 and in the process of being remodeled. It took 137 Firefighters forty six minutes to call a knock down on the fire. The cause and dollar loss estimate are undetermined until the completion of the investigation by the House of Worship Task Force. One firefighter was triaged and transported to an area hospital with a small second degree burn to the hand. No other injuries were reported.



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12/26/2007	4:07 AM	750 S Westlake Av	1	Civilian Fatality Structure Fire	11	10	73	4		0	1	Still Being Tabulated	0 hours, 19 min.
	INC. #	F/F FATALITY								INCIDENT DURATION			
	0121	0								In Progress			

**FIRE TAKES LIFE, INJURES ANOTHER NEAR MACARTHUR PARK**

On Wednesday, December 26, 2007 at 4:07 AM, 10 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 4 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 3 Arson Units, 1 Hazardous Materials Team, 2 EMS Battalion Captains, 2 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams and 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, a total of 73 Los Angeles Fire Department personnel under the direction of Assistant Chief Daniel McCarthy, responded to a Civilian Fatality Structure Fire at 750 South Westlake Avenue in the Westlake/MacArthur Park area. Firefighters arrived quickly to discover smoke showing from a 3 story multiplex residential building. As they extended handlines to battle the flames, Firefighters encountered a 46 year-old male resident with shortness of breath and singed hair. According to his statements, the man had attempted to drag an approximately 60 year-old male neighbor to safety, when he was driven back by unbearable heat and smoke within the burning studio apartment. The would-be rescuer was transported in fair condition to nearby Good Samaritan Hospital. Aggressive and well-coordinated firefighting efforts confined the blaze to the one room on the second floor, where the flames were extinguished in just 19 minutes. During fire attack, Firefighters discovered the body of an adult male within the room of fire origin. Beyond their assistance, he was declared deceased at the scene. No other injuries were reported. Firefighters reported no immediate evidence of functional Smoke Alarms within the residence, as required by law. There were no obvious factors impairing egress from the single room apartment. The building was not equipped with fire sprinklers. A total of 11 neighbors (9 adults and 2 children) from the ten unit building were referred to the American Red Cross for placement assistance. Their immediate on-site needs, as well as those of the hospitalized man, were addressed in a timely manner by City of Los Angeles Crisis Response Team volunteers. A positive identification of the deceased man, as well as the exact cause, time and manner of his death will be determined by Coroner's officials. Monetary loss from the fire is still being tabulated. The cause of this early morning blaze remains under active investigation.

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12/31/2007	5:04 AM	10910 W. Regent St.	11	Fatal Fire	43	5	36	2		0	1	Still Being Tabulated	0 hours, 8 min.
	INC. #	F/F FATALITY								INCIDENT DURATION			
	0132	Palms/Cheviot Hills								0			In Progress

**CIVILIAN FATALITY FIRE**

On Monday, December 31, 2007 at 5:04 AM, 5 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 2 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 4 Arson Units, 1 EMS Battalion Captain, 1 Battalion Chief Officer Command Team, under the direction of Captain II Ken Buzzell responded to a Fatal Fire at 10910 W. Regent St. in Palms/Cheviot Hills.

Firefighters arrived to find a small fire in one apartment unit on the second floor. The fire was located and extinguished in only eight minutes, preventing any significant damage to the structure. An approximately 40 year-old male was discovered inside the structure and was declared deceased at the scene. The circumstances surrounding the death and the cause of the fire remain under investigation. The dollar loss is still being tabulated.

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1/2/2008	5:46 PM	901 N. Temescal Canyon Rd.	11	Rescue	69	4	28	1		0	0	Still Being Tabulated	2 hours, 13 min.
	INC. #	F/F FATALITY								INCIDENT DURATION			
	0919	0								3 hours, 28 min.			

On Wednesday, January 2, 2008 at 5:46 PM, 4 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 1 LAFD Rescue Ambulance, 2 Helicopters and 1 Battalion Chief Officer Command Team, all under the direction of Battalion Chief Graham Everett responded to a Rescue at 901 N. Temescal Canyon Rd. in the Pacific Palisades area.

Fire resources responded to a call to assist a person that had fell and landed in a tree. What they did not know was that a 59 year old male hiker had fallen from the Temescal Canyon hiking trail, tumbling downward approximately thirty feet before landing precariously at the base of a large tree which stopped his decent into the deep, heavy brush covered ravine, approximately 150 feet deep. With the use of his cell phone he was able to communicate his position to the OCD Dispatch Center. The hiker was finally located, an hour later, with the assistance of two helicopters and four ground companies.

Utilizing a two-line, belay rope system, fire personnel were lowered to the hiker with the Stokes Litter Basket in tow. Once fire personnel reached the hiker, he was stabilized and hoisted in the litter basket to the site of the awaiting rescue ambulance. The hiker was transported to an area in stable condition with a minor ankle injury.

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1/3/2008	11:33 AM	21052 Runnymede St	3	Structure Fire	72	6	37	2		0	0	\$450,000	0 hours, 31 min.
	INC. #									INCIDENT DURATION			
	0428	CANOGA PARK								0			3 hours, 12 min.

**PACK-RAT CONDITIONS FUEL CANOGA PARK BLAZE**

On Thursday, January 3, 2008 at 11:33 AM, 6 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 2 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 EMS Battalion Captain, 1 Battalion Chief Officer Command Team, under the direction of Battalion Chief James Gaffney responded to a Structure Fire at 21052 Runnymede St in CANOGA PARK.

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1/7/2008	4:22 AM	1149 N. West Kensington Rd.	1	Greater Alarm Structure Fire	20	14	104	6		0	0	Still Being Tabulated	0 hours, 53 min.
	INC. #									INCIDENT DURATION			
	0117	Silver Lake								0			In Progress

**SILVER LAKE GREATER ALARM FIRE DISPLACES 14**

On Monday, January 7, 2008 at 4:22 AM, 14 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 6 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 Arson Unit, 2 Urban Search and Rescue Units, 3 EMS Battalion Captains, 4 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams, 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, CHP, DOT, Emergency Air 2 and the Housing Authority, all under the direction of Battalion Chief Kwame Cooper, responded to a Greater Alarm Structure Fire at 1149 N. West Kensington Rd. in the Silver Lake area.

First arriving companies on the scene found a complex of three, two story, wood sided duplexes in an inverted "C" formation. The duplex located in the center of the formation was showing fire and smoke from one unit on the second floor. With the close proximity of the other two duplex exposures, a call for additional companies was initiated immediately. The bulk of the fire was confined to the original fire building, with fire extending into the attic of the structure. The two exposures, suffered minor singeing and a small amount of fire extending into the walls.

It took 104 Firefighters committed to the fire fight to knock the fire down in 53 minutes. One civilian male, 28, was transported to County USC Hospital with smoke inhalation. Two other civilians were treated and released at the scene. The Red Cross was notified to assist 10 adults and 4 children with their housing needs. A request was made to CHP to shut down the freeway off-ramp from the Northbound 101 at Bellevue for the duration of the incident.

The cause and dollar loss estimate has not been determined at this time.