

**LAFD****SIGNIFICANT INCIDENT SUMMARY****Emergency Public Information Center**BFC # **08-035**Meeting Date **4/1/2008****3/18/2008 TO 3/24/2008**

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
3/18/2008	11:38 PM	EB 118 FY x Reseda Bl		Auto Fire	8	9	52	2		0	1	Still Being Tabulated	0 hours, 29 min.
	INC. #	F/F FATALITY								INCIDENT DURATION			
	1217	0								1 hour, 52 min.			

WRONG WAY DRIVER CAUSES FIERY EARLY MORNING CRASH

On Tuesday, March 18, 2008 at 11:38 PM, 9 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 2 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 EMS Battalion Captain, 1 Battalion Chief Officer Command Team, DOT, Cal Trans, CHP and the L. A. County Coroner, all under the direction of Battalion Chief Michael Arguelles, responded to a reported Auto Fire at the EB 118 Fy X Reseda Bl. in Porter Ranch.

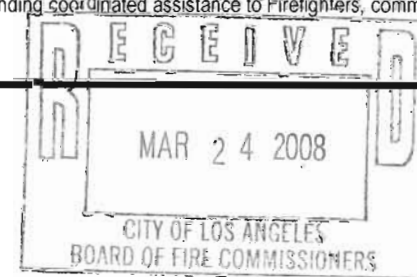
The first frantic call into the 911 Dispatch Center indicated a vehicle was traveling eastbound in the westbound lanes of the 118 Freeway. Shortly after those initial calls, a fiery crash involving the tractor trailer and 2 cars erupted, into fires which spread across all lanes of the freeway. The intense blaze spread into the grass and brush along the freeway aided by leaking diesel fuel from the semi truck, causing additional work for responding companies. Debris from the damaged center divider littered both sides of the freeway.

A request for all traffic lanes to be shut down in both directions to enable fire companies to access the freeway and to establish much needed supply lines to fight the fires. It took approximately 60 Firefighters 29 minutes to bring the multiple fires under control. There were four reported patients. Two females, 45 and 12, traveling in a small compact car, escaped serious injury and were treated and released at the scene. The semi truck driver was treated and transported to Northridge Hospital in stable condition. There was one fatality, a male whose age could not be determined, the driver of a Toyota Scion. The low injury count can be greatly attributed to the limited amount of traffic during the early morning hours.

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3/22/2008	4:06 PM	801 S Lorena St	14	Multi-Patient Traffic Collision	25	1	24	8		0	0	Still Being Tabulated	0 hours, 24 min.
	INC. #	F/F FATALITY								INCIDENT DURATION			
	0804	0								1 hour, 24 min.			

PASSENGER VAN AND SEMI COLLIDE, SENDING 7 TO HOSPITAL

On Saturday, March 22, 2008 at 4:06 PM, 1 Company of Los Angeles Firefighters, 8 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 EMS Battalion Captain and 1 Battalion Chief Officer Command Team, a total of 24 Los Angeles Fire Department personnel under the direction of Battalion Chief John Biggs, responded to a Multi-Patient Traffic Collision near 801 South Lorena Street in South Boyle Heights. Firefighters arrived quickly to discover a two vehicle collision at the base of the Lorena Street offramp of the eastbound Pomona (60) Freeway. The male driver of a conventional semi-tractor was uninjured, while seven males in a full-size passenger van sustained injuries that ranged from minor to life-threatening. There was no entrapment, and veteran LAFD Firefighter/Paramedics were quick to credit seat belt use in minimizing injury to occupants of the van, which had sustained broadside damage. Prompt and efficient triage of the injured men was followed by their rapid treatment and transportation the Los Angeles County-USC Medical Center, White Memorial Medical Center and East Los Angeles Doctor's Hospital. Officers from the Los Angeles Police Department and California Highway Patrol each responded to the scene, and after lending coordinated assistance to Firefighters, commenced a joint investigation pending a determination of incident jurisdiction.





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3/22/2008	10:00 PM	1025 S Albany St	1	Structure Fire	11	10	70	6		0	0	\$35,000	0 hours, 15 min.
	INC. #	F/F FATALITY								INCIDENT DURATION			
	1245	PICO/UNION								0			8 hours, 7 min.

TRIO SUSTAINS BURNS IN PICO-UNION APARTMENT FIRE

On Saturday, March 22, 2008 at 10:00 PM, 10 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 6 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 3 Arson Units, 3 EMS Battalion Captains and 1 Battalion Chief Officer Command Team, a total of 70 Los Angeles Fire Department personnel under the direction of Battalion Chief Gary Clark, responded to a Structure Fire with Civilian Injuries at 1025 South Albany Street in the Pico/Union area southwest of downtown Los Angeles. Responding to a multitude of 9-1-1 calls, Los Angeles Firefighters arrived promptly to discover smoke showing from a two-story center hallway apartment building. While mounting their brisk offense with handlines in the single first-floor unit at the southeast corner of the structure, Firefighters discovered one burned man and soon thereafter another. The two men, whose age and affiliation is not yet known, reportedly escaped the burning apartment via a window, sustaining unspecified burn injuries that placed them initially in 'critical' condition. While aggressively attacking flames within the single studio apartment unit at the rear of the non-fire sprinklered building, Firefighters found an unconscious woman with severe burn injuries, and quickly removed her from harm. The woman, whose age and relationship to the men was not immediately clear, suffered more severe thermal injuries and remained unresponsive. She was described as being in 'grave' condition during a primary medical assessment. Following initial medical treatment at the scene, the three were transported via LAFD Ambulance to California Hospital Medical Center and Good Samaritan Hospital. No other injuries were reported. Monetary loss from the fire has been estimated at \$35,000 (\$25,000 structure & \$10,000 contents). First responders stated that there was no immediate evidence of a functional smoke alarm in the involved apartment. The cause of this fire remains the focus of a joint and active investigation by Los Angeles Fire and Police Department investigators.

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3/22/2008	3:17 PM	22348 James Alan Circle	12	Structure Fire	96	6	41	2		0	0	\$85,000	0 hours, 13 min.
	INC. #	F/F FATALITY								INCIDENT DURATION			
	0747	0								2 hours, 19 min.			

OVERLOADED OUTLET SPARKS CHATSWORTH CONDO BLAZE

On Saturday, March 22, 2008 at 3:17 PM, 6 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 2 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 Hazardous Materials Team, 1 EMS Battalion Captain and 1 Battalion Chief Officer Command Team, a total of 41 Los Angeles Fire Department personnel, as well as 1 Company of Los Angeles County Firefighters, all under the direction of LAFD Battalion Chief Jeffrey Marcus, responded to a Structure Fire with Civilian Injury at 22348 James Alan Circle in Chatsworth. Firefighters arrived quickly to find smoke showing from the upper floor of a two story condominium. Extending handlines as their coworkers deployed ladders to the roof, Firefighters commenced an aggressive fire attack aided by precise and timely vertical ventilation. Despite the presence of dense personal storage within the home, the well-coordinated effort of Firefighters confined the flames to the bedroom of fire origin, extinguishing the blaze in less than 13 minutes. Occupants of the unit were reportedly alerted to the fire by properly functioning smoke alarms in the non-fire sprinklered building. A 42 year-old female resident was apparently one of several persons who attempted to fight the flames with a portable fire extinguisher prior to the Fire Department's arrival. She sustained 2nd degree burns to one foot and one hand, and following on-scene treatment, was transported in fair condition by LAFD Ambulance to Kaiser Hospital in Woodland Hills. No other injuries were reported. Displaced by the fire were 4 adults, 4 children and 3 dogs, all of whom were to receive temporary placement assistance from the American Red Cross. Monetary loss from the fire is estimated at \$85,000 (\$65,000 structure & \$20,000 contents). The cause of the blaze was determined to be electrical in nature, and is attributed to an overloaded electrical power strip.



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3/22/2008	11:24 PM	11726 Burbank Bl	2	Traffic Collision with Entrapment	60	5	45	5		0	0	Still Being Tabulated	0 hours, 21 min.
	INC. #	F/F FATALITY								INCIDENT DURATION			
	1344	0								1 hour, 21 min.			

4 INJURED WHEN SUV TUMBLES FROM HOLLYWOOD FREEWAY

On Saturday, March 22, 2008 at 11:24 PM, 5 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 5 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 Heavy Rescue, 1 Urban Search and Rescue Unit, 2 EMS Battalion Captains and 1 Battalion Chief Officer Command Team, a total of 45 Los Angeles Fire Department personnel under the direction of Battalion Chief Charles Butler, responded to a Traffic Collision with Entrapment near 11726 Burbank Boulevard in Valley Village. A new full-size sport utility vehicle apparently left the southbound Hollywood (170) Freeway near the Burbank Boulevard offramp, sheared a light standard and tumbled to the roadway below, where it narrowly missed a passing LAPD Sergeant, who summoned assistance from the Fire Department and fellow Police Officers. The Sergeant was almost instantly joined by LAPD Officers from the nearby North Hollywood Community Police Station in carefully removing two boys from the rear of the mangled vehicle. Firefighters were soon alongside them and providing care for the injured siblings, ages 10 and 13, as additional LAFD crews worked in earnest with power tools to free the male driver and female front seat passenger, believed to be their mother and father, who were badly pinned in the twisted wreckage of the white SUV. Skillful teamwork by Los Angeles Firefighters had the trapped man and woman freed in less than 20 minutes, and soon on their way to area trauma centers. Though an effort was made to keep the family united at a single medical facility, the severe nature of the adult's injuries combined with hospital caseload at the time, prohibited such an effort. The 45 year-old male was taken to Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in critical condition, while the 40 year-old female and two boys were transported to the Los Angeles County-USC Medical Center in serious condition. No other injuries were reported. The collision will be investigated by the California Highway Patrol.