

**LAFD****SIGNIFICANT INCIDENT SUMMARY****Emergency Public Information Center**BFC # **08-041**Meeting Date **4/15/2008****3/25/2008 TO 3/31/2008**

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
3/26/2008	2:20 PM	8800 S. Sepulveda Bl.	11	Explosion With Firefighter Fatality	5	15	112	5		1	0	Still Being Tabulated	1 hour, 22 min.
	INC. #	Playa Del Rey								F/F FATALITY			INCIDENT DURATION
	0692									1			In Progress

**ONE FIREFIGHTER DIES AND ONE FIREFIGHTER INJURED IN EXPLOSION**

On Wednesday, March 26, 2008 at 1:57 PM, 15 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 5 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 6 Arson Units, 1 Urban Search and Rescue Unit, 1 Rehab Unit, 2 Helicopters, 3 EMS Battalion Captains, 3 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams, 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, 1 Command Post vehicle, Emergency Lighting, and a variety of other support staff, all under the direction of Deputy Chief Mario Rueda responded to an Explosion at 8800 S. Sepulveda Bl. in Playa Del Rey.

It is with great sadness that the men and women of the Los Angeles Fire Department share word of one, City of Los Angeles Firefighter dying today in the line of duty. Firefighters were summoned to investigate smoke in the 8800 block of South Sepulveda Boulevard in the Westchester area of Los Angeles - not far from Los Angeles International Airport.

As firefighters arrived, they discovered a manhole cover blown loose from an underground electrical vault. The area was cordoned off, restricting civilian access to protect the lives of bystanders should another blast occur. Approximately 15 minutes after arrival, another manhole blast occurred, creating additional concerns from the incident commander.

At approximately 2:20 PM, additional Firefighters were dispatched to an office building several hundred feet down the street on a reported structure fire. Upon arrival, Firefighters entered the building to investigate the source of the smoke. While attempting to enter a locked utility room, an major explosion occurred, causing severe injuries to two male Firefighters and minor injuries to one civilian. An immediate request was made for two air ambulance's to transport the critically injured Firefighters to local hospitals.

Firefighter Brent A. Lovrien, age 35, a 10 year veteran of the LAFD assigned to the 'A' Platoon at Fire Station 95 since October 2005, died shortly after arrival at the Centinela Freeman Regional Medical Center, Marina Campus. Engineer Anthony J. Guzman, age 48, an 18 year veteran of the LAFD assigned to the 'A' Platoon at Fire Station 95 since February 2002, suffered multiple fractures and facial trauma. He was transported to the UCLA Medical Center in Westwood, where he remains in serious but stable condition following surgery.

Preliminary reports indicate the two incidents were related. The civilian was treated at the scene and released. As dictated by Fire Department policy, a formal and detailed multi-agency investigation is underway to determine the exact nature of the explosion, as well as the precise cause and manner of the Firefighters death. The dollar loss is still being tabulated.



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3/28/2008	7:55 AM	900 W Paseo del Mar	15	Person Deceased	101	5	38	1		0	1	Still Being Tabulated	0 hours, 15 min.
	INC. #									INCIDENT DURATION			
	0208									2 hours, 43 min.			

**WOMAN FOUND DEAD ON BEACH IN SAN PEDRO**

On Friday, March 28, 2008 at 7:55 AM, five Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, one LAFD Rescue Ambulance, one Hazardous Materials Team, two Helicopters, three Fireboats, one EMS Battalion Captain and one Battalion Chief Officer Command Team, a total of 50 Los Angeles Fire Department personnel under the direction of Battalion Chief Brian Cummings, responded to a possible Cliff Rescue on the rocky Pacific shoreline near Point Fermin Park in San Pedro. Responding by land, air and sea, Los Angeles Firefighters arrived quickly to find a person motionless at the base of the sheer and rugged cliffs at southernmost point of Los Angeles. First arriving land-based Firefighters descended a steep improvised trail to the shoreline nearly 150 feet below, to determine an adult female was beyond medical help. The woman was declared dead at the scene. Following an on-site law enforcement investigation, an LAFD helicopter crew moved the woman's remains to the cliff-top Pt. Fermin Park in a safe and dignified manner, where they were transferred to the care of Coroner's staff. The positive identification of the dead woman, to include her name and age, as well as the precise cause, time and manner of her death will be determined by the Coroner's Office. The circumstances surrounding this death, including how the woman came to be at the base of the cliff, remain under active investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department.