

**LAFD****SIGNIFICANT INCIDENT SUMMARY****Emergency Public Information Center**BFC # **08-070**Meeting Date **4/15/2008****4/28/2008 TO 5/5/2008****05/20/2008**

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
4/28/2008	2:15 PM	6236 S. Gramercy Pl.	8	Major Emergency Structure Fire	66	27	183	8		2	0	Still Being Tabulated	2 hours, 59 min.
	INC. #	F/F FATALITY								INCIDENT DURATION			
	0763	0								In Progress			

**MAJOR EMERGENCY FIRE IN THE HYDE PARK AREA**

On Monday, April 28, 2008 at 2:15 PM, 27 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 8 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 Arson Unit, 1 Urban Search and Rescue Unit, Rehab Tender 59 staffed by 2 CERT Coordinators, 1 Hazardous Materials Team, 1 Helicopter, 3 EMS Battalion Captains, 7 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams, 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, Emergency Air 1, the LAFD Tractor Company, L.A. Co. Engine 38 and Battalion Chief 20, DOT, DWP, LAPD and the Gas Co., all under the direction of Deputy Chief Mario Rueda, responded to a Major Emergency Structure Fire at 6236 S. Gramercy Pl. in the Hyde Park area.

The initial 9-1-1 call into the OCD Dispatch Center indicated a fire located in a commercial building. As responding Firefighters arrived on scene, they found a one story commercial building with fire showing from the interior of the occupancy. Firefighters began a labor intensive interior fire fight in concert with the roof top ventilation team; trying to gain control of the fire. Additional companies were requested as the extreme concentration of radiant heat increased to the point that pallets stored in the adjacent storage yard from the fire origin started to self combust.

At 1425 hours, all Firefighters were ordered out of the occupancy because of concerns regarding the structural integrity of the building and all members were accounted for. At 1451 hours, the Incident Commander was notified that fire had caused power lines to fall and become draped across Engine 46 which was located to the rear of the fire building. The members were able to exit the apparatus without injury after the power lines were de-energized. The increased intensity of the blaze created substantial radiant heat which contributed to several adjacent buildings and cars to also self ignite.

Seven businesses and a pallet storage yard were involved in the blaze. The two buildings destroyed were a vacant sound stage and M & M Auto Repair Yard. The pallet storage yard was also destroyed. The remaining businesses were saved by the gallant efforts of the LAFD Fire companies on scene. It took 183 Firefighters 2 hours and 59 minutes to call a knockdown on the fire. The cause and the dollar loss estimate are undetermined until the completion of the fire investigation. There were two Firefighters transported to a local hospitals, one with heat related symptoms, one with a small laceration to the right forearm. One civilian was treated for 1st and 2nd degree burns to the arm and was released at the scene to seek his own medical attention.



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4/30/2008	2:55 AM	20544 W. Ventura Bl.	3	Greater Alarm Structure Fire	84	12	81	4		0	0	Still Being Tabulated	0 hours, 39 min.
	INC. #	F/F FATALITY								INCIDENT DURATION			
	0089	0								In Progress			

**STUBBORN CONDO FIRE QUICKLY KNOCKED DOWN IN EARLY MORNING BLAZE**

On Wednesday, April 30, 2008 at 2:55 AM, 12 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 4 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 Arson Unit, 1 Urban Search and Rescue Unit, 2 EMS Battalion Captains, 2 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams, 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, DOT and DWP, all under the direction of Battalion Chief James Gaffney, responded to a Greater Alarm Structure Fire at 20544 W. Ventura Bl. in the Warner Center area.

The initial 9-1-1 call into the OCD Dispatch center was from the alarm monitoring company indicating an activation at the indicated address. As fire companies arrived on scene, Firefighters found a three story, modern condominium complex of approximately 100 units, with moderate smoke showing from the third floor. Further investigation by LAFD Firefighters found fire in the wall between the second and third floors.

Firefighters vigorously chased the fire located in the walls between units on the second floor of the large condo complex spreading upward to the third floor. The Department of Water and Power was notified of a one inch water line break, which had no affect on firefighting efforts, but caused a large water problem from the third to the first floor. Firefighters immediately addressed the salvage and protection of residents personal property.

It took approximately eighty Firefighters 39 minutes to call a knockdown on the fire. The cause of the early morning blaze was an electrical short in a faulty exhaust fan located in a second floor unit. The dollar loss is estimated at approximately \$80,000 to the structure. There were no injuries to Firefighters and residents self evacuated resulting in no civilian injuries being reported.

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4/30/2008	5:31 AM	6263 W. Hollywood Bl.	13	Major Emergency Structure Fire	27	23	163	6		0	0	Still Being Tabulated	2 hours, 27 min.
	INC. #	F/F FATALITY								INCIDENT DURATION			
	0129	Hollywood								0			In Progress

**HOLLYWOOD AND VINE - BASQUE RESTAURANT AND CLUB FIRE**

On Wednesday, April 30, 2008 at 5:31 AM, 23 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 6 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 2 Arson Units, 2 Urban Search and Rescue Units, 1 Rehab Unit, 2 CERT Coordinators, 1 Hazardous Materials Team, 4 EMS Battalion Captains, 7 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams, 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, Emergency Air 1, Building and Safety, Structural Engineers, Street Maintenance, DWP, DOT and LAPD, all under the direction of Deputy Chief Mario Rueda, responded to the Major Emergency Structure Fire at 6263 W. Hollywood Bl. in the Hollywood area.

The initial call into the OCD Dispatch Center indicated a large commercial building was on fire at the corner of Hollywood and Vine. The first responding Firefighters on scene found a one story, multi occupancy commercial building with heavy smoke and fire showing from the one end of the building, known as the Basque restaurant and night club. Additional companies were requested immediately because of the size of the occupancy.

As fire companies arrived on scene, a monumental interior attack was initiated on the fire. Firefighters fought the intense blaze for approximately twenty minutes experiencing restrictive compartmentalization to the interior of the occupancy as well as other obstacles, which hindered efforts to get to the seat of the fire. The Incident Commander ordered companies to withdraw from the interior and go to a defensive attack to regain control of the fire.

The roof ventilation team fought through heavy smoke to start a trenching operation to assist Firefighters on hose lines. Other roof top obstacles were 2 large air conditioning units and a billboard that posed early concerns to the IC regarding the safety of interior firefighting teams.

At 0720 hours, the bulk of the fire had been knocked down and the decision was made to re-engage an interior attack with handlines. Shortly afterwards, the billboard flexed and shifted initiating an Emergency Traffic warning to be issued for all Firefighters to evacuate the building to a safe location. With all members accounted for, handlines were but back in operation by Firefighters from a safe distance and successfully extinguished the fire.

It took a total of 180 Firefighters 2 hours and 27 minutes to completely knockdown the fire. The cause and estimated dollar loss are undetermined until the completion of the fire investigation. Of the four occupancies in the building, the Basque restaurant / night club and the Blood Shot tattoo parlor experienced severe damage. Sandee's shoe repair and the San Miguel Spa and Salon experienced moderate damage. Building and Safety Inspectors and Structural Engineers will assess the structural integrity of the building. There were no reports of injury to civilians or Firefighters.

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5/2/2008	2:10 PM	400 N. Park Row Dr.	1	GRASS FIRE	1	20	122	3		0	0	Still Being Tabulated	1 hour, 24 min.
	INC. #	F/F FATALITY								INCIDENT DURATION			
	0712	0								8 hours, 13 min.			

**GRASS FIRE BURNS 3 ACRES IN LINCOLN PARK**

On Friday, May 2, 2008 at 2:10 PM, 20 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 3 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 Arson Unit, 2 Helicopters, 1 Brush Patrol, 1 EMS Battalion Captain, 4 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams, and 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, all under the direction of Assistant Chief McCarthy responded to a Grass Fire at 400 N. Park Row Dr. in Lincoln Heights/Solano Canyon.

Firefighters arrived on scene to find approximately three-quarters of an acre of light to medium grass and brush burning. Additional Firefighters and aerial support were immediately requested in an effort to gain control of the fire. Fortunately light winds and favorable weather conditions assisted Firefighters in controlling the fire. It took over one hundred-twenty Firefighters on the ground, augmented by two water dropping helicopters to control the fire in under ninety minutes. Firefighters were able to limit the spread of the fire to approximately three acres. There were no structures damaged in the fire. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

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5/5/2008	6:40 AM	13221 Maclay St.		Structure Fire	91	0	0	0		0	0	Still Being	In Progress
	INC. #									F/F FATALITY		Tabulated	INCIDENT DURATION
	0176	Sylmar								0			In Progress

**HOUSE OF WORSHIP TASK FORCE ACTIVATION.**

Small fire in church, report to follow. Ministerio Cristiano Gracia Expendida Church