

**LAFD****SIGNIFICANT INCIDENT SUMMARY****Emergency Public Information Center**BFC # **08-079**Meeting Date **4/15/2008****5/12/2008 TO 5/19/2008****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
5/13/2008	1:31 PM	WB 210 FY x Hubbard	7	MAJOR EMERGENCY BRUSH FIRE	91	23	139	4		0	0	Still Being Tabulated	1 hour, 30 min.
	INC. #									INCIDENT DURATION			
	0665	Sylmar								0			4 hours, 6 min.

MULTI AGENCY MAJOR EMERGENCY BRUSH FIRE IN SYLMAR

On Tuesday, May 13, 2008 at 1:31 PM, 23 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 4 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 Arson Unit, 2 Helicopters, 1 EMS Battalion Captain, 4 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams, 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, Water Tender 77, Angeles National Department of Forestry, 4 L.A. County Camp Crews with a Supervisor, Battalion Chief and Helicopter, LAPD, DOT, CHP and Park Rangers, a multi agency effort under the direction of Assistant Chief Tim Manning, responded to a Major Emergency Brush Fire at Wb 210 Fy X Hubbard in the Sylmar area.

Units released from the Lowell Brush Fire contacted the OCD Dispatch Center indicating another loom up in the area. The first Firefighters on scene reported approximately two to three acres of light to medium grass and brush on fire and upgraded the incident to a brush assignment. Earlier-reports also indicated that winds were gusting from five to twenty five miles per hour in that area. This gusting caused the small grass-fire to throw off spot fires in different directions. One fire spotted to the north exposed three single family residences, while another fire spotted to the south close to a housing tract. The Lowell incident caused resources to be extremely close and enabled Firefighters to be quickly dispatched for structure protection and an intense attack to both flanks of the fire. Water tenders were expeditiously provided by the ANF and Park Rangers.

A Sigalert was issued for the WB lanes of the 210 Freeway due to smoke banking down onto the freeway traffic. The multi agency effort enabled Firefighters to gain control of the fire and call a knockdown in one hour and 30 minutes. There was no report of injuries, no loss of structures and no call for evacuation. The cause of this fire is under investigation.

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5/14/2008	1:36 AM	1500 W. San Fernando Rd.	1	Major Emergency Structure Fire	75	17	133	8		0	0	Still Being Tabulated	1 hour, 50 min.
	INC. #	F/F FATALITY								INCIDENT DURATION			
	0050	Mission Hills								0			In Progress

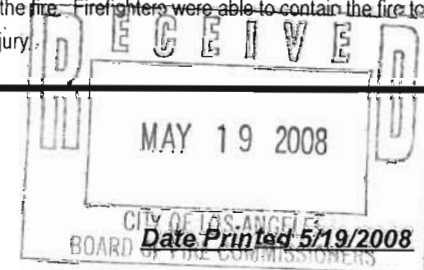
ONE BUSINESS LOST IN MISSION HILLS MAJOR EMERGENCY FIRE

On Wednesday, May 14, 2008 at 1:36 AM, 17 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 8 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 Arson Unit, 2 Urban Search and Rescue Units, 1 Hazardous Materials Team, 3 EMS Battalion Captains, 7 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams, 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, all under the direction of Assistant Chief Tim Manning, responded to a Major Emergency Structure Fire at 1518 W. San Fernando Rd. in the Mission Hills area.

The initial call into the OCD Dispatch Center indicated a large cloud of smoke could be seen from a near by apartment complex. The first arriving Firefighters on scene found a large, one story commercial complex of ten to twelve occupancies, with heavy smoke and fire coming from one of the units. Additional companies were ordered.

As Firefighters focused on advancing hoselines for an aggressive interior attack, the roof team indicated the building was constructed with a light weight roof. The ventilation team began an intense effort to keep the bulk of the fire in the occupancy where the fire originated. The gallant efforts of the roof and interior firefighting teams was halted due to worsening conditions. A large microwave tower and air conditioning unit hung precariously from the roof, imposing a serious safety concern to the Incident Commander. Observers were assigned to watch the objects for any movement that could threaten Firefighter safety. All members were cleared from the structure and a defensive attack was initiated 19 minutes after arriving on scene. Shortly after, there was a partial roof collapse with 100 % failure of the roof imminent.

After the bulk of the fire was knocked down, interior handlines were re-established. It took 133 Firefighters 1 hour and 50 minutes to call a complete knockdown on the fire. Firefighters were able to contain the fire to the area of origin, The Sique Corporation. The cause and estimated dollar loss are undetermined until the completion of the fire investigation. There were no reports of injury.



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5/18/2008	2:24 PM	2431 N. Eads St.	13	Structure Fire	1	12	83	4		0	0	\$412,000	0 hours, 22 min.
	INC. #	F/F FATALITY								INCIDENT DURATION			
	0730	0								4 hours, 21 min.			

FIRE DESTROYS WAREHOUSE IN LINCOLN HEIGHTS

On Sunday, May 18, 2008 at 2:24 PM, 12 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 4 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 Arson Unit, 1 Rehab Unit, 1 Hazardous Materials Team, 2 EMS Battalion Captains, 2 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams, 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, DOT, LAPD, DWP and L.A. County Health, all under the direction of Battalion Chief Raymundo Gomez, responded to a Structure Fire at 2412 N. Eads St. in the Lincoln Heights/Solano Canyon area.

Firefighters responding to a reported structure fire found a one story, 75 foot by 50 foot metal clad warehouse, nestled between single family dwellings, showing smoke and fire which prompted the IC to quickly request additional companies. As fire companies arrived on scene, they briskly advanced hoselines to gain control of the fire. The intense flames lapped under the eaves of the neighboring single family dwelling, causing fire to extend into the attic. Firefighters promptly advanced hoselines coordinated with roof ventilation to attack and control the fire.

Firefighters checking for exposures to the rear of the original fire building, found several barrels of an unknown content stored to the rear of the building. The Squad, being part of the first alarm assignment, was diverted to investigate if the contents were hazardous. Evaluation of the barrels by the Squad indicated the barrels contained an assortment of cleaning solvents for floor and tile.

It took 83 Firefighters 22 minutes to call a knockdown on the fire. The cause is undetermined until the completion of the fire investigation. The dollar loss to The Imperial Manufacturing Company was estimated at \$400,000 [\$300,000 structure and \$100,000 contents]. The estimated loss to the single family dwelling was \$12,000 [\$10,000 structure and \$2,000 contents]. The Red Cross was called to assist in rehousing 7 family members displaced from the residence, 5 adults and 2 children.