

**LAFD**

SIGNIFICANT INCIDENT SUMMARY

Emergency Public Information Center

 BFC # **08-084**
 Meeting Date **6/3/2008**
06/17/2008

5/27/2008 TO 6/2/2008

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
5/28/2008	10:19 PM	1551 N Wilmington Bl X Dolores	15	Major Emergency Structure Fire	38	24	162	5		0	0	Still Being Tabulated	1 hour, 31 min.
	INC. #									F/F FATALITY			INCIDENT DURATION
	1200	Wilmington / Harbor City								0			18 hours, 51 min.

LOCAL CHURCH BURNS IN THE WILMINGTON AREA

On Wednesday, May 28, 2008 at 10:19 PM, 24 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 5 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 5 Arson Units, 2 Urban Search and Rescue Units, 1 Rehab Unit, 1 Hazardous Materials Team, 3 EMS Battalion Captains, 4 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams, 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, Emergency Air 1, DWP, DOT and LAPD, all under the direction of Assistant Chief Roxanne Bercik, responded to a Major Emergency Structure Fire at 1551 N Wilmington Bl In The Harbor City/Wilmington area.

The first arriving Firefighters on scene reported heavy smoke and fire in a two story church. Firefighters made an aggressive interior attack from the ground, while companies were sent to the roof to provide ventilation efforts. Fire was located between the first and second floors. The blaze grew quickly to a Greater Alarm, then to a Major Emergency structure fire.

The majority of the fire was confined to the rear of the structure, which was covered by a flat roof. One hour into the fire fight, Firefighters were withdrawn from the building due to the intense heat and the probability of building collapse. As the bulk of the fire was knocked down by heavy stream operations, Firefighters were able to re-establish the interior attack and salvage operations.

It took one hundred sixty two Firefighters one hour thirty one minutes to call a knockdown on the fire. The Church, the Harbor Christian Center, has been in the Southern California area for over seventy years and included a school. The structure itself is reported to be fifty five years old. There were no reports of injury. The cause and dollar loss are undetermined until the completion of the investigative task force.

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5/30/2008	9:04 PM	3946 S. Bledsoe Ave.	11	Structure Fire	62	4	27	2		0	0	Still Being Tabulated	0 hours, 13 min.
	INC. #									INCIDENT DURATION			
	1125	Mar Vista/Del Rey								0			In Progress

TWO DOGS RESCUED ALIVE IN FIRE, A THIRD DOG PERISHES

On Friday, May 30, 2008 at 9:04 PM, 4 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 Millage Peaks responded to a Structure Fire at 3946 S. Bledsoe Ave. in Mar Vista, Del Rey.

Firefighters arrived to find a single-family home with smoke showing. An aggressive attack on the fire, combined with simultaneous vertical ventilation, confined the fire to the kitchen area. During a search of the structure, firefighters discovered three dogs inside and removed them from the house. Having been exposed to the thick smoke, all three dogs were having problems breathing. Firefighters provided supplemental oxygen in an effort to revive the animals. Two of the dogs survived and were transferred to the custody of Animal Control Officers. Regrettably, one of the dogs did perish.

The cause of the fire is currently under investigation and the dollar loss is still being tabulated.



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6/1/2008	4:50 AM	3900 Lankershim Bl.	4	Studio Fire	86	31	214	9		9	0	Still Being Tabulated	8 hours, 0 min.
	INC. #	F/F FATALITY								INCIDENT DURATION			
	0164	0								In Progress			

SPECTACULAR EARLY MORNING BLAZE AT UNIVERSAL STUDIOS BACKLOT

On Sunday, June 1, 2008 at 4:50 AM, 31 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 9 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 Arson Unit, 1 Urban Search and Rescue Unit, 2 Rehab Units, 1 Hazardous Materials Team, 4 Helicopters, 4 EMS Battalion Captains, 7 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams, Emergency Air 1, Foam Tenders 60 & 100, the Heavy Equipment and Dozer Company, Supply & Maintenance Mobile Mechanic, 1 CERT Coordinator, under the direction of Agency Representative Assistant Chief Greg West, responded to assist the L.A. County Fire Department, to a Backlot Soundstage Fire at 3900 Lankershim Bl. in the Studio City area.

A Unified Command was established to combat the spectacular fire at the Universal Studios backlot. Over 400 Firefighters from the combined agencies fought the blaze which could be clearly seen from the 134 Freeway. Firefighters worked diligently for hours saving several buildings. Façades constructed on the backlot for several television shows (New York street, the court house from "Back to the Future" and the "King Kong" building) proved to be a monumental task. Firefighters used unconventional methods of obtaining water after experiencing low water pressure, by drafting from lakes on the property.

Other challenges facing the Firefighters were explosions caused by compressed gas containers, propane tanks and tire and gas tanks of private vehicles from the intense heat.

A knockdown was called 8 hours after the initial dispatch. The cause and dollar loss is currently under investigation. There were 10 reported minor injuries: 4 members from L.A. County Fire, 5 members from L.A. City Fire and 1 Sheriff Deputy.