

**LAFD****SIGNIFICANT INCIDENT SUMMARY****Emergency Public Information Center**BFC # **08-088**Meeting Date **6/17/2008****6/3/2008 TO 6/9/2008**

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
6/5/2008	4:50 AM	1034 S. Los Angeles St.	9	Major Emergency Structure Fire	10	36	241	12		0	0	Still Being Tabulated	1 hour, 52 min.
	INC. #	F/F FATALITY								INCIDENT DURATION			
	0105	0								17 hours, 24 min.			

MAJOR EMERGENCY FIRE IN THE GARMENT DISTRICT

On Thursday, June 5, 2008 at 4:50 AM, 36 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 12 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 2 Arson Units, 2 Urban Search and Rescue Units, 1 Rehab Unit, 1 Hazardous Materials Team, 5 EMS Battalion Captains, 7 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams, 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, the Heavy Equipment & Dozer Company, 1 CERT Team Coordinator, Building & Safety Inspectors, DOT, DWP, LAPD and the Dept. of Sanitation, all under the direction of Assistant Chief Ralph Terrazas, responded to a Major Emergency Structure Fire at 1034 S. Los Angeles St. in the South Park area.

The first arriving Firefighters on scene found a 150 foot by 100 foot, 2 story commercial, with heavy smoke and fire showing from one corner of the 2nd floor. Additional resources were requested immediately, as this building is located in the garment district. Firefighters put forth an assertive effort establishing multiple handlines coordinated with the huge defensive effort of the rooftop ventilation team.

Firefighters provided an aggressive fire fight for approximately 25 minutes before the order was given for all Firefighters to withdraw from the interior of the structure and a defensive fire fight ensued with master streams. The intense fire fight kept the blaze confined to the original fire occupancy with no spread to adjacent buildings. The intense blaze caused power lines entering the building to burn, posing a potential electrical hazard to Firefighters. DWP assistance was requested.

It took 241 Firefighters 1 hour 52 minutes to call a knockdown. No injuries were reported. Fire damaged 3 occupancies, with several others sustaining water damage. The dollar estimate and cause of the early morning blaze is under investigation.

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6/7/2008	3:19 AM	14024 W. Chandler Bl.	2	Structure Fire With Civilian Fatality	102	4	30	3		0	1	Still Being Tabulated	0 hours, 22 min.
	INC. #									INCIDENT DURATION			
	0148	South Van Nuys								0			In Progress

EARLY MORNING FIRE CLAIMS ELDERLY MALE

On Saturday, June 7, 2008 at 3:19 AM, 4 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 3 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 Arson Unit, 1 EMS Battalion Captain, 1 Battalion Chief Officer Command Team and LAPD, all under the direction of Battalion Chief Peter Benesch, responded to a Structure Fire at 14024 W. Chandler Bl. in the South Van Nuys area.

Firefighters arrived on scene to find a 3000 square foot, 1 story single family dwelling, with smoke and fire showing. Firefighters quickly deployed handlines to gain control of the fire located on one side of the home. After a knockdown was called, a male 85 years old who was confined to a wheelchair, having been exposed to heavy smoke and fire, succumbed to his injuries. The wife, 77, and the caretaker were able to escape the blaze without injury.

It took 30 Firefighters to call a knockdown in approximately 22 minutes. The cause and dollar loss estimate are under investigation. The wife declined the services of the Red Cross, opting to stay with a family member.

