

**LAFD****SIGNIFICANT INCIDENT SUMMARY****Emergency Public Information Center**BFC # **08-098**Meeting Date **7/15/2008****7/1/2008 TO 7/7/2008**

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
7/1/2008	4:11 PM	300 N Los Angeles St	9	Hazardous Materials Investigation	4	6	51	4		0	0	Still Being Tabulated	0 hours, 39 min.
	INC. #	F/F FATALITY								INCIDENT DURATION			
	0790	Civic Center								0			1 hour, 54 min.

ODOR BRINGS LAFD HAZMAT EXPERTS TO FEDERAL OFFICE BUILDING

On Tuesday, July 1, 2008 at 4:11 PM, 6 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 4 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 Arson Unit, 1 Hazardous Materials Team, 2 EMS Battalion Captains, 2 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams, 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team and the LAFD Medical Director, a total of 51 Los Angeles Fire Department personnel under the direction of Assistant Chief Terrance Manning, responded to a Hazardous Materials Investigation at 300 North Los Angeles Street in the Los Angeles Civic Center. Firefighters arrived quickly to reports of an irritating odor on or near the 7th floor of an 8 story federal office building. A rapid extraction and medical assessment of those in the immediate area identified 7 persons with minor respiratory irritation. As those with symptoms were swiftly identified and segregated from coworkers, firefighters isolated the ventilation system on the 7th floor, and guided the calm and orderly self evacuation of dozens of others from the building. Working swiftly, Los Angeles Department of Transportation officers closed Los Angeles Street to all vehicle traffic between Aliso and Temple Streets, while the California Highway Patrol was summoned to close the Los Angeles Street offramp from the southbound Hollywood (101) Freeway. Los Angeles Police established a simultaneous perimeter, carefully detouring pedestrians and bicyclists from the popular Civic Center thoroughfare, used prominently to access nearby Union Station. Subsequent to full building evacuation, 10 additional persons stated a need for medical evaluation, bringing the total patient count to 17. The LAFD Medical Director joined firefighter/paramedics in the triage area, and was soon able to advise and release all 17 patients from the scene. With key building systems secured, LAFD HazMat-trained firefighters donned protective gear and began a comprehensive sweep of the building with sophisticated sensing devices. They discovered no immediate or escalating hazard, and formally categorized the dissipated odor as "undetermined". Working closely with the Building Engineer, firefighters strategically restored the building's ventilation system to fully exhaust air from the structure, at what proved to be the close of a business day. Pursuant of protocol, the scene was turned over to on-site Federal Law Enforcement Officers.

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7/5/2008	10:25 AM	18009 W. Hatton St.	3	Fire Fatality	73	1	13	1		0	1	Still Being Tabulated	1 hour, 5 min.
	INC. #	F/F FATALITY								INCIDENT DURATION			
	0466	Reseda								0			1 hour, 5 min.

FATAL FIRE

On Saturday, July 5, 2008 at 10:25 AM, 1 Company of Los Angeles Firefighters, 1 LAFD Rescue Ambulance, 3 Arson Units, 1 EMS Battalion Captain, and 1 Battalion Chief Officer Command Team, under the direction of Battalion Chief Mark Jones responded to a Fire Fatality at 18009 W. Hatton St. in Reseda.

Firefighters arriving on scene were directed to the rear of a single family home to discover an elderly male, deceased with burn injuries. The circumstances surrounding the man's death is under investigation by LAFD Arson investigators and the Los Angeles Police Department.

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7/6/2008	8:20 AM	WB 10 Fwy AT ARLINGTON AVE	10	Fatal Traffic Collision	26	4	30	2		0	4	Still Being Tabulated	0 hours, 10 min.
	INC. #	F/F FATALITY								INCIDENT DURATION			
	0315	0								5 hours, 32 min.			

FOUR DIE IN LOS ANGELES FREEWAY COLLISION

On Sunday, July 6, 2008 at 8:20 AM, 4 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 2 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 Heavy Rescue, 1 Arson Unit, 2 EMS Battalion Captains and 1 Battalion Chief Officer Command Team, a total of 30 Los Angeles Fire Department personnel under the direction of Battalion Chief Daryl Arbuthnott, responded to a Multi-Fatality Traffic Collision with Fire on the westbound Santa Monica/Rosa Parks (I-10) Freeway at the Arlington Avenue overpass in Mid-City Los Angeles. Firefighters arrived quickly to discover a badly damaged mid-size sedan fully ablaze after striking a bridge support column on the right shoulder of the Interstate highway. Despite the LAFD's quick response and fire extinguishment, four occupants of the burning vehicle proved to be beyond medical help, and were declared dead at the scene. The age and gender of the deceased could not be immediately determined. No other injuries were reported. Firefighters remained on-site for nearly an hour supporting the California Highway Patrol's collision investigation, and returned later in the morning to assist the Coroner's staff with the discrete and dignified removal of the deceased. A positive identification of those who died, as well as the precise cause, time and manner of their deaths will be determined by the Los Angeles County Coroner's office.