

**LAFD****SIGNIFICANT INCIDENT SUMMARY****Emergency Public Information Center**BFC # **08-117**Meeting Date **AUG 5 2008****7/14/2008 TO 7/21/2008**

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
7/17/2008	3:52 AM	9149 S. Western Ave.	8	Major Emergency Structure Fire	57	20	142	7		0	0	Still Being Tabulated	1 hour, 32 min.
	INC. #												
	0441	South Los Angeles								0			In Progress

MAJOR EMERGENCY FIRE CONSUMES MARKET

On Thursday, July 17, 2008 at 3:52 AM, 20 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 7 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 Arson Unit, 2 Urban Search and Rescue Units, 1 Hazardous Materials Team, 3 EMS Battalion Captains, 5 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams, 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, and 1 L. A. County Fire company, all under the direction of Assistant Chief Craig Fry responded to a Major Emergency Structure Fire at 9149 S. Western Ave. in South Los Angeles.

Firefighters arrived on scene to find a large, single-story, super market with heavy fire showing from the roof. In addition, the fire was impinging on the attached commercial building to the north. An aggressive interior fire attack was established in concert with fellow Firefighters performing vertical ventilation on the roof. Approximately thirty minutes into the fire-fight, amid concerns for Firefighter safety, all personnel were ordered off the roof and withdrawn from the interior of the building. Master stream, large diameter hoselines, were set up on the exterior of the building and on aerial ladders to provide large volumes of water to extinguish the fire.

Shortly after transitioning to a defensive mode, the roof collapsed, followed a short time later by a partial collapse of the walls. Additional Firefighters protected the adjacent, attached, commercial building from both interior and rooftop positions, preventing the fire from extending into the structure. It took one hour and thirty minutes to control the fire. The business, Park's Super Market Inc., sustained major damage. There were no injuries reported. The dollar loss and cause of the fire are under investigation.

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7/18/2008	5:36 PM	8300 W. La Tuna Canyon Rd.	2	Brush Fire	77	20	131	3		0	0	Still Being Tabulated	In Progress
	INC. #	F/F FATALITY								INCIDENT DURATION			
	0966	Sun Valley								0			In Progress

LA TUNA CANYON BRUSH FIRE HELD TO LESS THAN 15 ACRES

On Friday, July 18, 2008 at 5:36 PM, 20 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 3 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 Arson Unit, 1 Rehab Unit, 4 Helicopters, 2 EMS Battalion Captains, 5 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams, 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, Brush Patrols 8, 109 and 24, Water Tender 77, the Dozer Company, Park Rangers, L.A. County Fire, Glendale Fire, the Angeles National Forest, 1 CERT Coordinator, DWP and DOT, under the direction of Assistant Chief T. Manning, responded to a Brush Fire at 8300 W. La Tuna Canyon Rd. in the Sun Valley area.

Initial reports indicated a small amount of brush was burning uphill along the La Tuna Canyon exit off the 210 Freeway. As Firefighters arrived on scene they found approximately 2 to 3 acres of medium to heavy brush burning slowly uphill. Early recon reports indicated steep and inaccessible terrain for ground crews and requests were made for all LAFD water droppers and additional from L.A. County Fire. This is an automatic aid, mutual threat zone area surrounded by L.A. City, L.A. County, Glendale and the Angeles National Forest.

Firefighters scaled the steep hillsides to initiate an attack to the flanks, while water dropping helicopters attempted to slow the fire's upward climb by hitting the fire's head and splintering spot fires. Water pressure and communication were challenging in the steep terrain. By 1830 hours, aerial recon indicated progress was being made with the aggressive ground and air attack knocking down the bulk of the fire before the loss of the helicopters due to darkness. With the aid of the evening temperature shift to cooler temperatures from the onshore flow, the fire died down.

Several Firefighters were exposed to poison oak, but no injuries were reported. The cause is undetermined until completion of the investigation. No structures were threatened or damaged.