

**LAFD****SIGNIFICANT INCIDENT SUMMARY****Emergency Public Information Center**BFC # **08-137**Meeting Date **SEP 16 2008****9/1/2008 TO 9/8/2008**

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
9/8/2008	5:25 AM	3448 S. Colonial Av.	11	Structure Fire With Civilian Fatality	62	5	35	2		0	1	Still Being Tabulated	0 hours, 20 min.
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	0159	Mar Vista/Del Rey								0			In Progress

WOMAN FOUND DECEASED IN HOUSE FIRE

On Monday, September 8, 2008 at 5:25 AM, 5 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 2 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 3 Arson Units, 1 EMS Battalion Captain, and 1 Battalion Chief Officer Command Team, under the direction of Battalion Chief Michael Greenup responded to a Structure Fire With A Civilian Fatality at 3448 S. Colonial Av. in Mar Vista/Del Rey.

Firefighters arrived to find heavy fire showing from a single-family home. It took twenty-five Firefighters just twenty minutes to contain the fire. During a search of the home, a 37 year-old female was discovered deceased inside. The cause of the fire and the circumstances surrounding the fatality are under investigation. The dollar loss has yet to be determined.

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8/25/2008	12:21 AM	1251 E 34th St	9	Structure Fire	14	3	26	2		0	0	\$40,000	0 hours, 9 min.
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	0018	0								4 hours, 39 min.			

FIREFIGHTERS MAKE QUICK ATTACK ON SOUTH L.A. CHURCH FIRE

On Monday, August 25, 2008 at 0:21 AM, 3 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 2 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 4 Arson Units, 1 EMS Battalion Captain, 1 Battalion Chief Officer Command Team, DOT and the House of Worship Task Force, under the direction of Battalion Chief Craig Yoder, responded to a Structure Fire at 1251 E 34th St in the South Los Angeles/Newton area.

Firefighters arrived on scene to find a 2 story church, St. Anne's Traditional Church, with smoke showing from the front of the occupancy. Firefighters quickly advanced hoselines knocking the fire down in 9 minutes. The House of Worship Task Force was quickly called out after the initial fire investigation.

The church has been under extensive remodel for the past 4 years. The cause is currently still under investigation with the dollar loss estimated to be \$40,000 [\$30,000 structure, \$10,000 contents].

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8/25/2008	11:12 PM	201 E. 58th St.	9	Major Emergency Structure Fire	33	18	127	4		0	0	\$1,250,000	1 hour, 19 min.
	INC. #	F/F FATALITY								INCIDENT DURATION			
	1268	0								In Progress			

LATE NIGHT FIRE DESTROYS COMMERCIAL BUILDING IN SOUTH CENTRAL

On Monday, August 25, 2008 at 11:12 PM, 18 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 4 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 Arson Unit, 2 Urban Search and Rescue Units, 1 Hazardous Materials Team, 2 EMS Battalion Captains, 6 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams, 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, Emergency Air 1, DOT, DWP and LAPD, under the direction of Assistant Chief Mark Stormes, responded to a Major Emergency Structure Fire at 201 E. 58th St. in the South Los Angeles area.

Firefighters responded to the south central address finding a 1 story commercial building with heavy smoke and fire showing through the roof. Additional companies were requested immediately. Firefighters initiated an aggressive fire attack deploying 2-1/2 inch and 1-3/4 inch handlines to try and gain control of the intense fire. The roof team put forth a gallant ventilation effort for approximately 7 minutes when the roof showed significant signs of weakness. The roof failed within 2 minutes after the ventilation team was ordered off the roof.

Firefighters engaged in the interior attack were ordered out of the building and a Personnel Accountability Report (PAR) was initiated. After all personnel were accounted for, companies were directed to switch to a defensive attack with master stream appliances at approximately 2332 hours. DOT was called to assist with the heavy traffic in the immediate area hindering firefighting operations.

It took 127 Firefighters 1 hour and 19 minutes to call a knockdown on the fire. There were no reports of injuries. The cause of the late night blaze will be determined with the completion of the fire investigation. The dollar loss was estimated at \$1,250,000 [\$750,000 (s), \$ 500,000 (c)]. The business was known as Jubullee Inc., a clothing manufacturer.

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8/27/2008	10:33 PM	1860 W. Colorado Bl.	14	Traffic Accident With Fatality	42	5	34	3		0	3	Still Being Tabulated	In Progress
	INC. #	F/F FATALITY								INCIDENT DURATION			
	1208	Eagle Rock								0			In Progress

3 KILLED, 2 IN CRITICAL CONDITION IN EAGLE ROCK TRAFFIC COLLISION

On Wednesday, August 27, 2008 at 10:33 PM, 5 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 3 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 EMS Battalion Captain, 1 Battalion Chief Officer Command Team, LAPD, DOT and Street Maintenance, under the direction of Battalion Chief Alberto Abarca, responded to a Traffic Accident With Fatalities at 1860 W. Colorado Bl. in the Eagle Rock area.

Firefighters responded to a reported single car traffic collision a few blocks away from their quarters. They arrived to find a horrific scene. A vehicle, traveling at a high rate of speed, slammed into a tree along the center median and split into two pieces. 3 occupants were declared deceased at the scene and 2 were listed in critical condition.

The 2 critical male teens, both 18, had been ejected from the vehicle. Both were rushed to an area trauma center. The third male occupant, approximately 20, was also ejected from vehicle and declared deceased at the scene. The 2 female occupants, driver and passenger on the driver side, had to be extricated from the severely mangled vehicle. The deceased women were approximately 18 to 20 years old, 1 was pregnant.

Fire Department resources remained on scene to assist the Coroners office with body retrieval. The cause of the accident is under investigation. Colorado Boulevard was shut down in both directions between Highland View and Hermosa for the duration of the incident.

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8/31/2008	8:02 AM	SB 5 Fwy trans to EB 60 Fwy	14	Traffic Collision	2	5	42	2		0	0	Still Being Tabulated	3 hours, 15 min.
	INC. #	F/F FATALITY								INCIDENT DURATION			
	0286	0								3 hours, 46 min.			

LAFD TACKLES FLAMES IN TOPPLED TANKER

On Sunday, August 31, 2008 at 8:02 AM, 5 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 2 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 Heavy Rescue, 1 Urban Search and Rescue Unit, 1 Hazardous Materials Team, 1 EMS Battalion Captain and 1 Battalion Chief Officer Command Team, a total of 42 Los Angeles Fire Department personnel under the direction of Battalion Chief Dennis Waters, responded to a Traffic Collision with Fire and Hazardous Materials on the southbound Golden State (I-5) Freeway transition to the eastbound Pomona (SR-60) Freeway in Boyle Heights. According to witnesses, a semi-tractor pulling a large single propane tanker overturned on a transition road in the east Los Angeles interchange, before the tractor portion erupted in flames. Despite the toppling and rotating of the truck and trailer across lanes filled with heavy holiday traffic, no other vehicles were involved. The male truck driver and his female passenger were able to escape before the fire consumed the cab of their vehicle, threatening the 8,500 gallon payload of liquified petroleum gas which remained within the vehicle's trailer. The first arriving firefighters had the flames extinguished in less than ten minutes, their skillful effort preventing the fire from involving the volatile cargo. The driver and his passenger suffered only minor injuries and no thermal burns. They were taken by LAFD Ambulance to the nearby Los Angeles County-USC Medical Center in fair condition. No other injuries were reported. Working cooperatively with the California Highway Patrol and State Department of Transportation, as well as a pair of heavy-duty tow trucks for more than an hour, the LAFD Heavy Rescue unit supervised the safe righting of the filled trailer, which could not be moved or off-loaded until it was on its wheels. The cause of the collision remains under active investigation by California Highway Patrol officials.

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8/23/2008	2:01 PM	41 Griffith Park x Block 41	4	Brush Fire	56	15	106	5		0	0	Still Being Tabulated	0 hours, 55 min.
	INC. #									INCIDENT DURATION			
	0611	GRIFFITH PARK								0			In Progress

TEAM WORK PAYS OFF

On Saturday, August 23, 2008 at 2:01 PM, 15 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 5 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 2 Arson Units, 3 Helicopters, 3 EMS Battalion Captains, 4 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams, 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, L.A. Co. Fire, Glendale Fire, CERT Teams, Public Safety General Services and Griffith Park Rangers, under the direction of Assistant Chief Daryl Arbuthnott, responded to a Brush Fire in Griffith Park.

Through a united effort between Councilman Tom Labonge, Doug Kilpatrick of the Griffith Park Rangers and Los Angeles Fire Department Management, a call was put out for a community wide "park watch" to assist in the capture of the person responsible for a series of fires in the park over the past few weeks. Teams of CERT members from the community, Public Safety General Services, Park Rangers, LAFD Arson units and pre-deployed Fire Department resources, performed surveillance through out the park for several days.

LAFD Arson investigators watched a person of interest and also observed the start of a small, slow moving fire in medium to heavy brush, burning uphill. The investigators saw the same person leaving the area of the fire on his bicycle. At 1401 hours, Fire Department resources were dispatched into the park. A concerted air and ground attack was initiated and the fire was quickly knocked down and held to 5 acres by the aggressive actions of 106 LAFD Firefighters and the assistance of companies from Glendale and L.A. County Fire Departments. There were no reports of injury, evacuations or damage to structures in the park.

Gary Allen Lintz, 43, was detained and in remains in custody.

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8/13/2008	9:15 PM	8708 W Pico Bl	5	Hazardous Material Investigation	58	6	57	6		6	0	Still Being Tabulated	0 hours, 50 min.
	INC. #									F/F FATALITY			INCIDENT DURATION
	1129	Pico - Robertson								0			2 hours, 32 min.

MARKET FUMIGATION SENDS 6 FIREFIGHTERS TO HOSPITAL

On Wednesday, August 13, 2008 at 9:15 PM, 6 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 6 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 2 Hazardous Materials Teams, 3 EMS Battalion Captains, 1 Battalion Chief Officer Command Team and 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, a total of 57 Los Angeles Fire Department personnel under the direction of Assistant Chief Roxanne Bercik, responded to a Hazardous Materials Investigation at 8708 West Pico Boulevard in the Pico-Robertson district. Firefighters, summoned by an alarm service to investigate a fire alarm activation within 'Glatt Mart', arrived quickly to find no external evidence of fire at the kosher food market, which had closed for the business day. Forcing entry into the large store to complete their investigation, first-arriving firefighters soon noted and became ill from the presence of Pyroclide® 100, a commercial aerosol pesticide fumigant, that was being used for pest control at the location without firefighter's prior knowledge. Quickly determining there was no fire, the six Los Angeles Firefighters moved outside as a team and then upwind to isolate themselves, commence decontamination and acquire medical care for their common respiratory irritation, as LAFD Hazardous Materials experts and others descended upon the scene. The six ill firefighters, one of whom also experienced chest discomfort, were quickly triaged, treated and transported to the Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in fair condition. All six men were released from the hospital within two hours. Working closely with the commercial pest control firm that had placed the insecticide in the market, LAFD Hazardous Materials Teams were able to identify no escalating hazard, no fire and no civilian injuries. Pursuant of protocol, a formal investigation and determination of when and how Glatt Mart may resume business will remain in the purview of the Health Hazardous Materials Division of the Los Angeles County Fire Department.

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8/16/2008	2:38 AM	422 S Western Av	4	Civilian Fatality Fire	29	14	118	7		1	2	Still Being Tabulated	0 hours, 38 min.
	INC. #									F/F FATALITY			INCIDENT DURATION
	0123	KOREATOWN/Wilshire Center								0			In Progress

TWO DEAD, FIREFIGHTER INJURED IN KOREATOWN BLAZE

On Saturday, August 16, 2008 at 2:38 AM, 14 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 7 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 5 Arson Units, 2 Urban Search and Rescue Units, 1 Rehab Unit, 1 Hazardous Materials Team, 3 EMS Battalion Captains, 5 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams and 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, a total of 118 Los Angeles Fire Department personnel under the direction of Assistant Chief Richard Warford, responded to a Greater Alarm Civilian Fatality Structure Fire at 422 South Western Avenue in Koreatown. Firefighters arrived quickly to discover heavy fire in the first and second floors of a two story commercial structure, with flames spreading to the attic. Forcing entry into the multiple businesses of the well secured building, firefighters commenced a fierce and well-coordinated attack on the blaze, while their colleagues commenced a systematic search of the non-residential premises. As the flames were extinguished in a first-floor skin care business that had been fully involved with fire, firefighters discovered the charred remains of two persons. During the ongoing firefight, one Los Angeles Firefighter sustained 1st and 2nd degree burns to his hands. In fair condition, he was transported to the Emergency Room at Sherman Oaks Hospital, where he was treated and released. The fire was extinguished in just 38 minutes, and skilfully confined to just two businesses on the first floor, one-and-a-half firms on the second floor, and a portion of the attic. No other injuries were reported. Monetary loss from the fire is still being tabulated. A positive identification of the deceased - to include their age and gender, as well as the exact cause, time and manner of their deaths will be determined by Coroner's officials. The cause of this early morning blaze remains under active investigation.

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8/16/2008	2:08 PM	184 Griffith Park x Travel Town	4	MAJOR EMERGENCY BRUSH FIRE	76	39	241	6		0	0	Still Being Tabulated	In Progress
	INC. #									INCIDENT DURATION			
	0661	Hollywood								0			In Progress

MULTIPLE AGENCIES NEEDED TO BATTLE 5 BLAZES IN GRIFFITH PARK

On Saturday, August 16, 2008 at 2:08 PM, 39 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 6 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 Arson Unit, 1 Rehab Unit, 3 Helicopters, 5 EMS Battalion Captains, 9 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams, 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, the Dozer Company, Emergency Air, Water Utility 109, Water Tender 88, 5 Brush Patrols, 3 CERT Coordinators, L.A. Co. Fire Camp Crews w/ Helicopter and Battalion Chief, Fire Departments from Glendale, Burbank, Santa Monica, Culver City and Beverly Hills, CHP, DOT, LAPD, Park Rangers and Animal Services, under the direction of Deputy Chief Mario Rueda, responded to a Major Emergency Brush Fire at 184 Griffith Park X Travel Town in the Hollywood area.

Park Rangers spotted a 3 to 5 acre brush fire, burning uphill and requested Firefighting companies to be dispatched. Firefighters arriving on scene found medium to heavy brush burning and requested water dropping helicopters and hand crews to assist. An intense fire fight ensued by ground and air resources. At 1440, aerial recon indicated a 2nd fire was burning on the opposite side, just over the ridge from the initial fire. The fire was promptly divided into Branches 1 & 2. At 1445, aerial recon indicated a 3rd fire was burning 1-1/2 miles east of Travel Town. By 1547, 2 additional fires were sighted bringing the total number of fires to 5. Companies from Area A were requested to assist in the major emergency brush fire.

Approximately 300 Firefighters from several agencies fought the intense blaze which consumed approximately 30 to 50 acres with 60 to 75% containment at 1755. Travel Town was the only area of the park evacuated. A structure protection group was staged at the Zoo for precautionary measures. The cause of the fire is undetermined until the completion of the fire investigation. 1 Firefighter sustained injuries and was transported to an area hospital.

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8/4/2008	2:27 PM	Griffith Park - Mineral Wells Trail	4	Brush Fire	56	20	133	5		0	0	Still Being Tabulated	1 hour, 22 min.
	INC. #									INCIDENT DURATION			
	0712	GRIFFITH PARK								0			In Progress

GRIFFITH PARK WILDFIRE SCORCHES THREE ACRES

On Monday, August 4, 2008 at 2:27 PM, 20 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 5 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 4 Brush Patrols, 1 Arson Unit, 3 LAFD Helicopters, 2 EMS Battalion Captains, 6 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams and 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, a total of 133 Los Angeles Fire Department personnel, joined by 2 Engine Companies and 2 Water Tenders from the Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks, 3 Companies of Burbank Firefighters, 2 Companies of Glendale Firefighters, 4 Camp Crews and 1 Helicopter from the Los Angeles County Fire Department, all under the direction of LAFD Assistant Chief Richard Warford, responded to a Major Emergency Brush Fire in the remote north central area of Griffith Park. Firefighters arrived quickly to discover an acre of brush burning in rugged terrain, with flames spreading quickly to heavier and more volatile vegetation. As the fire was swiftly anchored, a trio of fire department helicopters stopped the advance of the flames with rapid salvos of water and firefighting foam, allowing ground crews to strategically flank the burning brush. Thanks to the presence of an additional firefighter-staffed LAFD helicopter providing aerial reconnaissance and command support, a small spot fire more than an half-mile distant was noted, and extinguished by ground and air crews, before it could consume a large expanse of tinder-dry grass and brush. The well-coordinated ground and air assault, that combined the efforts of more than 150 firefighters from five agencies, confined the fire to less than three acres of vegetation before being extinguished in just 82 minutes. There were no injuries, structural damage or evacuations. The cause of this fire remains under investigation..

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8/5/2008	9:27 AM	LAX - Runway 7L	11	Aircraft Emergency	51	9	75	9		0	0	Still Being Tabulated	0 hours, 18 min.
	INC. #	F/F FATALITY								INCIDENT DURATION			
	0292	0								4 hours, 9 min.			

FIREFIGHTERS GUIDE SAFE JET EVACUATION AT LAX

On Tuesday, August 5, 2008 at 9:27 AM, 9 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 9 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 4 EMS Battalion Captains, 3 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams and 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, a total of 75 Los Angeles Fire Department personnel under the direction of Assistant Chief Daryl Arbuthnott responded to an Aircraft Emergency on Runway 7L at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX). The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Air Traffic Control Tower at LAX requested Fire Department presence on the south airfield for an emergency landing by American Airlines Flight 31, which had departed the airport 50 minutes earlier, destined for Honolulu. The crew aboard the Boeing 757 aircraft reported an "odor and smoke or haze" in the passenger cabin before their priority return to the airport from the west. As the plane came to a stop on Runway 7L, the pilot issued an order for the 188 passengers to evacuate via the aircraft's inflatable slides. With the assistance of LAFD personnel, passengers exited the aircraft in a calm and orderly manner, and along with the 6 crew members, were guided to awaiting airfield buses for a short trip to a nearby aircraft hangar prepared to receive them. Los Angeles Firefighters, including those assigned to special aircraft rescue and firefighting units, used their expertise and thermal imaging cameras to systematically search the cabin, flight deck and cargo hold. They discovered no smoke or evidence of fire. Eight persons, including one child, were medically evaluated for very minor injuries - likely sustained during the evacuation of the aircraft. All declined treatment and transportation. The FAA will serve as the lead agency investigating the incident. The National Transportation Safety Board will not be taking an active role in the investigation.

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8/6/2008	12:43 PM	5076 W Pico Bl	10	Structure Fire	68	14	101	5		0	0	\$170,000	0 hours, 35 min.
	INC. #	F/F FATALITY								INCIDENT DURATION			
	0591	Mid-City								0			5 hours, 30 min.

MID-CITY L.A. BUSINESSES ERUPT IN FLAMES

On Wednesday, August 6, 2008 at 12:43 PM, 14 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 5 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 Arson Unit, 1 Hazardous Materials Team, 1 Rehab Air Tender, 2 EMS Battalion Captains, 6 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams, 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, a total of 101 Los Angeles Fire Department personnel, as well as 2 CERT Coordinators, all under the direction of Assistant Chief Daryl Arbuthnott, responded to a Greater Alarm Structure Fire at 5076 West Pico Boulevard in Mid-City Los Angeles. Los Angeles Firefighters arrived swiftly to discover thick smoke banked to street level and all but obliterating a block-long row of one story commercial structures, as well as the adjacent roadway. Firefighters quickly took to the roof of the 40' x 50' burning structure to perform vertical ventilation with chainsaws, as their colleagues extended handlines to battle intense flames within the pair of conjoined home furnishing businesses. With horizontal fire spread curtailed, firefighters confined the fire to the firms, extinguishing the flames in just 35 minutes. There were no injuries. Described by the landlord as separate businesses, loss to the establishments operating under the common banners of "Creative Designs Furniture" and "Artistic Carpentry", is estimated at \$170,000 (\$75,000 & \$30,000 structures and \$50,000 & \$15,000 contents). Though fire origin has been localized to a spray booth being used in lacquer application, the specific cause of the fire remains undetermined.