

**LAFD****SIGNIFICANT INCIDENT SUMMARY****Emergency Public Information Center**BFC # **08-171**

Meeting Date

9/22/2008 TO 9/29/2008**NOV 18 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
9/27/2008	4:00 AM	1525 S Figueroa St	9	Fatal Traffic Collision with fire	10	1	9	1		0	1	Still Being Tabulated	0 hours, 8 min.
	INC. #	F/F FATALITY								CIV/INJURY	INCIDENT DURATION		
	0177	0								0	2 hours, 44 min.		

FIERY COLLISION CLAIMS LIFE IN LOS ANGELES

On Saturday, September 27, 2008 at 4:00 AM, 1 Company of Los Angeles Firefighters, 1 LAFD Rescue Ambulance and 2 Arson Units responded to a Civilian Fatality Traffic Collision with Fire near 1525 South Figueroa Street in the South Park area of downtown Los Angeles. Los Angeles Firefighters arrived quickly to discover a mid-sized sedan that had struck an automotive showroom before erupting in flames. Despite their rapid response and extinguishment of the fire, LAFD personnel were unable to assist the sole occupant of the car, who was burned and perished at the scene. The collision is under formal investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department's Central Traffic Division, working closely with the Los Angeles County Coroner's Office, which will seek to determine the decedent's gender, age and identity, as well as the precise cause, time and manner of their death.

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9/30/2008	1:10 AM	501 N Citrus Av	5	Greater Alarm Structure Fire	61	8	56	2		0	0	\$500,000	0 hours, 31 min.
	INC. #									F/F FATALITY	CIV/INJURY		INCIDENT DURATION
	0042	Hancock Park								0	0		In Progress

FLAMES CONSUME HOME UNDER CONSTRUCTION NEAR HANCOCK PARK

On Tuesday, September 30, 2008 at 1:10 AM, 8 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 2 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 Arson Unit, 1 Hazardous Materials Team, 1 EMS Battalion Captain, 2 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams and 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, a total of 56 Los Angeles Fire Department personnel under the direction of Battalion Chief Ralph Ramirez, responded to a Greater Alarm Structure Fire at 501 North Citrus Avenue near the Hancock Park area of Los Angeles. Firefighters arrived quickly to discover a large 2 story single family home on a corner lot in the final stages of construction, and fully involved with fire. An aggressive and well-coordinated assault with handlines and heavy streams allowed firefighters to confine the flames to the 3,000+ square foot structure of origin. A single family home to the north sustained door and window damage only from radiant heat. Residents of that location, as well as the owners of the burning structure staying in a remote guest house on their property, were untouched by the flames. The fire was extinguished in just 31 minutes, and there were no injuries. Preliminary structural loss is estimated to be at least \$500,000. The cause of this intense early morning blaze, which nearly consumed the building, remains under investigation.

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10/5/2008	4:20 PM	9919 Laurel Canyon Bl.	7	Structure Fire	98	17	122	5		0	0	\$2,000,000	1 hour, 19 min.
	INC. #	San Fernando								F/F FATALITY	CIV/INJURY		INCIDENT DURATION
	0824									0	0		In Progress

MAJOR EMERGENCY FIRE AT PACOIMA MIDDLE SCHOOL

On Sunday, October 5, 2008 at 4:20 PM, 17 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 5 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 Arson Unit, 2 Urban Search and Rescue Units, 1 Rehab Unit, 1 Hazardous Materials Team, 2 EMS Battalion Captains, 4 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams, 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, L.A. Unified School Police and DWP, under the direction of Assistant Chief Don Frazeur, responded to a Structure Fire at 9919 Laurel Canyon Bl. in the San Fernando area.

Firefighters were dispatched to a reported structure fire at Pacoima Middle School. The first arriving Firefighters on scene found a moderate amount of smoke coming from the front of the auditorium. As Firefighters made entry into the structure to advance handlines, they found a small amount of fire located approximately 20 feet inside the building. The roof team initiated a fierce ventilation effort to relieve the interior Firefighters from the heavy smoke that had built up inside the structure. After the initial knockdown of fire at the entrance of the building, the fire attack team ventured deeper inside the structure to locate the remaining bulk of fire.

It took approximately 122 Firefighters 1 hour and 19 minutes before a knock down was called. The sprinkler system had been activated, causing a large de-watering operation. The school auditorium suffered significant smoke, fire and water damage. The damage is estimated to be \$2,000,000 [\$1,500,000 structure, \$500,000 contents], while the cause will not be determined until the completion of the fire investigation. No injuries were reported.

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10/11/2008	5:18 AM	9300 N. Eton Av.	12	Major Emergency Structure Fire	96	20	132	3		0	0	\$800,000	0 hours, 40 min.
	INC. #									F/F FATALITY	CIV/INJURY		INCIDENT DURATION
	0218	Chatsworth								0	0		5 hours, 53 min.

MAJOR EMERGENCY FIRE IN CHATSWORTH

On Saturday, October 11, 2008 at 5:18 AM, 20 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 3 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 2 Arson Units, 1 Urban Search and Rescue Unit, 1 Rehab Unit, 2 Hazardous Materials Teams, 2 EMS Battalion Captains, 3 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams, 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, the Southern California Gas Company and DWP, under the direction of Assistant Chief Mark Stormes, responded to a Major Emergency Structure Fire at 9300 N. Eton Av. in the Chatsworth area.

Firefighters arrived on scene to find a 1 story tilt-up commercial building, approximately 100 foot by 100 foot, with fire showing from a center occupancy. Firefighters initiated a vigorous interior attack on the fire deploying 2-1/2 inch handlines to the center occupancy. The roof top ventilation team was determined to gain control of the fire, when the roof self ventilated shortly after their aggressive attempt. The roof teams efforts kept the fire over the area of origin, limiting the horizontal spread. At 0524 hours, the IC ordered Firefighters to transition to a defensive mode, employing 4 master stream appliances. At 0552 hours, Firefighters transitioned back to an offensive mode and gained control of the fire.

It took 132 Firefighters 40 minutes to call a knockdown on the fire. The loss is estimated at \$800,000 [\$500,000 structure, \$300,000 contents]. The cause of the fire is under investigation. There were no injuries reported. Damage was contained to 2 occupancies in the building, with Allied Motion sustaining the most significant damage and a partial roof collapse. Cisco Music sustained significant water damage. Building and Safety inspectors were requested to assess the structural integrity of the building due to a compromised wall.

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10/11/2008	5:24 AM	6310 N. Sylmar Av.	6	Greater Alarm Structure Fire	39	9	65	3		0	0	\$100,000	0 hours, 44 min.
	INC. #									F/F FATALITY	CIVIL INJURY		INCIDENT DURATION
	0221	Van Nuys								0	1		14 hours, 57 min.

GREATER ALARM STRUCTURE FIRE BEHIND NEIGHBORHOOD FIRE STATION

On Saturday, October 11, 2008 at 5:24 AM, 9 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 3 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 Arson Unit, 1 Hazardous Materials Team, 1 EMS Battalion Captain, 3 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams, 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, DWP and the Southern California Gas Company, under the direction of Battalion Chief Richard Markota, responded to a Greater Alarm Structure Fire at 6310 N. Sylmar Av. in the Van Nuys area.

Firefighters were awakened and dispatched to a Major Emergency structure fire in a neighboring district. While exiting the station, Firefighters found a 1 story, pre-33 commercial building, approximately 75 foot x 50 foot, fully involved with fire located behind their station. The responders requested units to fill behind their assignment to the major emergency and asked for a full alarm assignment for their structure fire.

The fire was through the roof, as Firefighters diligently deployed handlines, mindful of the close proximity of the exposures - one being their own fire station. As additional fire personnel arrived on scene, they immediately went to a defensive mode with master streams. At 0558 hours, cracks and unstable beams were identified and personnel were withdrawn from the Delta side of the building, leaving the only access from the building's Bravo side.

The structure, which was under extensive remodeling, had its interior completely gutted. It took 65 Firefighters 44 minutes before a knockdown was called. One civilian from the adjacent auto body store suffered minor smoke inhalation and was treated and released at the scene. Pre-paid Wireless Service, the only functioning business in the building, sustained a complete loss estimated at approximately \$100,000 of inventory. The cause is under investigation.

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10/12/2008	1:57 AM	13356 N Little Tujunga Rd.		MAJOR EMERGENCY BRUSH FIRE	0	65	416	15		0	0	Still Being Tabulated	112 hours, 3 min.
	INC. #	CITY OF SAN FERNANDO								F/F FATALITY	CIV/INJURY		INCIDENT DURATION
	0111									0	1		112 hours, 3 min.

UNIFIED COMMAND WILDFIRE IN LITTLE TUJUNGA

On Sunday, October 12, 2008 at 1:57 AM, 65 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 15 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 Hazardous Materials Team, 6 Helicopters, 9 EMS Battalion Captains, 16 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams, 2 Division Chief Officer Command Teams, 10 Brush Patrols, Emergency Air 1, 2 Foam Tenders, 2 Water Tenders, the Heavy Equipment Company, Radio Inoperability, LAR Comm, Helicopter Tender and Command Post 2, all the above mentioned LAFD resources, under a Unified Command, responded to a Major Emergency Brush Fire at 13356 N Little Tujunga Rd.

LAFD Firefighters responded to assist L.A. County Fire to the report of a brush fire in the Hansen Dam wash at approximately 1:57 a.m. Upon arrival on scene, Firefighters immediately requested additional companies to respond to assist with structure protection near the 210 Freeway and Wheatland Avenue. Because of the large number of horses owned in the area, Animal Services was requested to help with animal evacuation. The winds, predicted at 35 mph, had consumed approximately 200 acres by 3:50 a.m. By 5:11, a Unified Command was formed utilizing resources from L.A. City Fire, L.A. County Fire and the Forest Service.

The LAFD had approximately 416 Firefighters and 16 Battalion Chiefs committed to the fire fight which consumed 4,824 acres. Damages included: 38 mobile homes destroyed and 6 damaged, 2 dwellings and 3 damaged, 2 commercial buildings destroyed and 3 damaged. The cause is vehicle related.

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10/16/2008	1:04 PM	8506 S. Osage Av.	11	Chemical Investigation	95	3	32	5		0	0	Still Being Tabulated	2 hours, 52 min.
	INC. #									F/F FATALITY	CIV/INJURY		INCIDENT DURATION
	0606	LAX/Hotel Row								0	9		2 hours, 52 min.

FUMES CAUSE CHEMICAL INVESTIGATION

On Thursday, October 16, 2008 at 1:04 PM, 3 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 5 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 Hazardous Materials Team, 1 EMS Battalion Captain, 1 Battalion Chief Officer Command Team, 1 CERT Coordinator, L.A. County Health, DOT and LAPD Haz-Mat, under the direction of Battalion Chief Millage Peaks responded to a Chemical Investigation at 8506 S. Osage Av. in LAX/Hotel Row.

Firefighters responded to a reported chemical spill in a building, in the LAX area. On arrival, the first Firefighters on scene found the occupants of the food manufacturing facility self evacuating. After gathering information, additional resources were requested. Firefighters taking proper safety precautions, with SCBA breathing apparatus and full protective equipment, entered the building to assess the situation. Air samples taken registered zero, but PH samples registered 4 around drains in the enclosed building.

8 workers from HACOR, Inc an airline catering company, complained of minor respiratory irritation and shortness of breath. 7 were treated and transported to area hospitals, with 1 refusing transport. The incident was caused by a plumber clearing a drain using a 93% solution of sulphuric acid creating noxious fumes. The building was thoroughly ventilated and the workers were rehoused at approximately 2:25 p.m.

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10/17/2008	4:48 AM	1419 W. San Fernando Rd.		Greater Alarm Structure Fire	75	14	97	3		0	0	\$85,000	1 hour, 0 min.
	INC. #									F/F FATALITY	CIV./INJURY		INCIDENT DURATION
	0186	CITY OF SAN FERNANDO								0	9		4 hours, 13 min.

FIREFIGHTERS BATTLE STUBBORN SAN FERNANDO BLAZE

On Friday, October 17, 2008 at 4:48 AM, 14 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 3 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 Arson Unit, 1 Urban Search and Rescue Unit, 1 Hazardous Materials Team, 2 EMS Battalion Captains, 4 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams, 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, a total of 97 Los Angeles Fire Department personnel, as well as a CERT Coordinator, under the direction of Assistant Chief Jeffrey S. Mottram, responded to a Greater Alarm Structure Fire at 1419 West San Fernando Road in the City of San Fernando. Firefighters arrived quickly to find moderate smoke showing from a two story building housing eight firms, none of which were open for business. Discovering deeply-entrenched fire that extended from the front wall to others within and throughout the highly compartmentalized wood-frame and stucco structure, firefighters commenced an aggressive and perseverant attack on the flames that threatened four businesses on each floor. The stubborn blaze was brought under control in less than 60 minutes, and prevented from spreading to an immediately adjacent structure to the northwest. No injuries were reported. The unrelenting work of Los Angeles Firefighters is credited with limiting damage to only \$85,000 (\$75,000 structure & \$10,000 contents). The cause of the early morning blaze remains under investigation.

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10/20/2008	2:27 AM	9820 N. Topanga Canyon Bl.	12	Major Emergency Structure Fire	96	19	118	2		0	0	Still Being Tabulated	0 hours, 35 min.
	INC. #									F/F FATALITY	CIV./INJURY		INCIDENT DURATION
	0096	Chatsworth								0	9		3 hours, 58 min.

2 BUSINESSES DESTROYED IN LOCAL STRIP MALL

On Monday, October 20, 2008 at 2:27 AM, 19 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 2 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 Arson Unit, 1 Urban Search and Rescue Unit, 1 Hazardous Materials Team, 2 EMS Battalion Captains, 3 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams and 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, under the direction of Battalion Chief Jeffery A Marcus, responded to a Major Emergency Structure Fire at 9820 N. Topanga Canyon Bl. in the Chatsworth area.

Firefighters arrived on scene to find a 1 story, "L" shaped strip mall, approximately 100 foot by 150 foot with heavy smoke showing from the rear. Firefighters quickly commenced deploying handlines to initiate a vigorous attack on the fire to limit fire spread to other occupancies. The Firefighters assigned ventilation were challenged in their efforts to cut a "strip" in the roof by air conditioning units adding additional weight on the already compromised roof. At 0240 hours, the fire had self vented, causing a partial roof collapse over the area of fire origin. The roof team notified the IC that fire had also gotten into the mansard and running its length. By 0250 hours the roof team had finally gained control and limited the fire spread.

Damage was contained to only two units of the 14 unit occupancy by the energetic actions of 118 Firefighters. A knockdown was called in 34 minutes. The two damaged occupancies: Max Video Store and the Beauty Zone were completely gutted. Pizzaolla, sustained moderate smoke damage. The cause is under investigation. The total dollar loss was estimated at \$380,000 [Video Max \$240,000 (\$200,000 structure, \$40,000 contents) and the Beauty Zone \$140,000 (\$100,000 structure, \$40,000 contents)].

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10/23/2008	12:51 AM	S/B 405 Fwy x Getty Center Dr.	5	MAJOR EMERGENCY BRUSH FIRE	109	69	430	7		0	0	Still Being Tabulated	7 hours, 25 min.
	INC. #									F/F FATALITY	CIV/INJURY		INCIDENT DURATION
	0046	Bel Air								0	0		In Progress

BRUSH FIRE BURNS 100 ACRES NEAR GETTY CENTER

On Thursday, October 23, 2008 at 12:51 AM, 69 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 7 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 Heavy Rescue, 4 Arson Units, 3 Rehab Units, 8 Helicopters, 7 EMS Battalion Captains, 16 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams, 2 Division Chief Officer Command Teams, LAFD Dozers, Water Tenders, Mobile Command Post, 2 CERT Team Coordinators, and companies from Los Angeles County, Orange County and State Office of Emergency Services Fire Departments all under the direction of Assistant Chief Craig Fry responded to a Major Emergency Brush Fire at the South Bound 405 Freeway Near Getty Center Dr. in Bel Air.

Firefighters arrived to find 3 to 5 acres of heavy brush burning uphill towards the southwest, being driven by high winds. Firefighters were deployed throughout the canyon areas to provide structure protection and prepare for the advance of the wind driven fire. Fortunately, an aggressive aerial assault by water dropping helicopters and a coordinated effort by ground based Firefighters, limited the spread of the fire. Over 400 Firefighters worked throughout the night, extinguishing the fire in just 7 hours and 25 minutes.

There were no reported injuries and no structures were damaged. The cause of the fire is under investigation. Approximately 100 acres were consumed in this fire.

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10/26/2008	5:16 AM	3609 S Gramercy Pl	8	Greater Alarm Structure Fire	34	9	61	3		1	0	\$470,000	0 hours, 39 min.
	INC. #									F/F FATALITY	CIV/INJURY		INCIDENT DURATION
	0205	Jefferson Park								0	0		10 hours, 18 min.

FIREFIGHTER INJURED BATTLING SOUTHWEST L.A. FIRE

On Sunday, October 26, 2008 at 5:16 AM, 9 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 3 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 Arson Unit, 1 Hazardous Materials Team, 1 EMS Battalion Captain, 1 Battalion Chief Officer Command Team and 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, a total of 61 Los Angeles Fire Department personnel under the direction of Battalion Chief Charles Butler, responded to a Greater Alarm Structure Fire at 3609 South Gramercy Place in the Jefferson Park area of Los Angeles. Firefighters arrived quickly to discover heavy fire showing from a vacant combination one and two-story residence, with intense flames extending to adjacent homes. Los Angeles Firefighters tackled the blaze in less than 40 minutes, but not before the fire had consumed the building of fire origin (\$300,000 structure & \$5,000 contents) and done \$150,000 structural damage to an adjacent single family home to the south at 3613 South Gramercy Place. The massive flames also caused \$10,000 in structural damage to a single family home to the north at 3605 South Gramercy Place, and demolished a 1998 Ford Explorer parked nearby (\$5,000 loss). Thanks to bold and timely action by LAFD responders, other homes and vehicles in the neighborhood were spared fire damage. During fireground operations, one Firefighter sustained a fractured ankle. He was taken to Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, where following treatment, he was released to remain off-duty. No other injuries were reported. Overall loss from the fire is estimated at \$470,000. The cause of the blaze remains under active investigation.