

**LAFD****SIGNIFICANT INCIDENT SUMMARY****Emergency Public Information Center**BFC # **08-182**

Meeting Date

DEC 2 2008**11/3/2008 TO 11/17/2008**

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
11/9/2008	12:07 PM	12126 Burbank Bl	2	Hazardous Material Investigation	60	9	69	4		0	0	Still Being Tabulated	1 hour, 23 min.
	INC. #									F/F FATALITY	CIVIL INJURY		INCIDENT DURATION
	0534	VALLEY VILLAGE								0	1		1 hour, 46 min.

VOLATILE CARGO STABILIZED FOLLOWING VALLEY VILLAGE COLLISION

On Sunday, November 9, 2008 at 12:07 PM, 9 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 4 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 Heavy Rescue, 1 Hazardous Materials Team, 2 EMS Battalion Captains, 3 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams and 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, a total of 69 Los Angeles Fire Department personnel under the direction of Battalion Chief Charles Butler, responded to a Hazardous Materials related Traffic Collision at the intersection of Burbank Boulevard and Laurel Canyon Boulevard in Valley Village. Firefighters responded quickly to discover a collision between a passenger car and a small cargo truck, with the latter vehicle - from a medical supply firm, overturned and leaking product from a single 600 pound capacity cryogenic tank within the vehicles enclosed cargo area. Querying the driver and seeking shipping papers, firefighters soon confirmed the leaking product, which was causing visible condensation on the body of the cargo truck, to be highly volatile liquid oxygen. After promptly instituting a 500 foot exclusion zone around the overturned truck and closing the busy thoroughfares, firefighters coordinated the calm and orderly evacuation of a nearby restaurant and commercial nursery, as LAFD Hazmat experts arrived at the scene. The Los Angeles Fire Department HazMat team swiftly stabilized the leak of liquid oxygen, further determining that an additional 18 ten-pound compressed oxygen cylinders in the cargo truck represented no escalating hazard. Following their acute hazard mitigation, which included the abatement of ignition sources and the delicate removal of cargo, firefighters safely uprighted the truck with an LAFD Heavy Rescue Unit at the request of Los Angeles Police officials. Though exhibiting no obvious injury, the 35 year-old male truck driver, having been struck by unrestrained equipment in the cab of his vehicle, was taken to Sherman Oaks Hospital for further evaluation. The male and female minors who had been in the passenger vehicle were uninjured, and released to their parents at scene. No other injuries were reported. At the conclusion of LAFD operations, control of the scene was given to the Los Angeles County Fire Department's Health Hazardous Materials Division, the City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation, and the Los Angeles Police Department, which is investigating the collision.

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11/14/2008	10:29 PM	13000 W Sayre St.	7	MAJOR EMERGENCY BRUSH FIRE	91	109	640	14		5	0	Still Being Tabulated	69 hours, 31 min.
	INC. #									F/F FATALITY	CIV/INJURY		INCIDENT DURATION
	1460	Sylmar								0	2		In Progress

PRELIMINARY 'SAYRE' FIRE BURNS 600 STRUCTURES

On Friday, November 14, 2008 at 10:29 PM, 109 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 14 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 3 Arson Units, 1 Urban Search and Rescue Unit, 1 Rehab Unit, 4 Helicopters, 12 EMS Battalion Captains, 18 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams, 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, 13 Brush Patrols, 1 Foam Tender, 1 Water Tender, Emergency Air, the Heavy Equipment Company, 1 Command Post vehicle, Radio Interoperability vehicle, Lar Cop vehicle, "CS-1" under the direction of Deputy Chief Mario Rueda responded to a Major Emergency Brush Fire at 13000 W Sayre St. in Sylmar.

PRELIMINARY: Over 500 LAFD Firefighters responded to this fire with support from Firefighters from allied agencies. In all, approximately 1400 firefighting personnel were involved in the firefighting efforts. At 10:30 PM, Friday, November 14, 2008, a wind driven fire began in the northwest portion of the City and quickly progressed through the heavy brush and into the residential areas above the 210 Freeway, west of the 5 Freeway. This fire, being fanned by winds estimated as high as 70 miles per hour, gave little warning to residents to prepare for evacuation.

Several evacuation zones were established and shelters were put in place. 7500 homes were threatened directly by the wind driven fire which despite the efforts of firefighters, eventually damaged or destroyed over 600 structures, approximately 500 of those destroyed were mobile homes in the Oakridge Mobile Home Park. 5 Firefighters suffered minor injuries, were evaluated and none were admitted to the hospital. There was a report that 1-40 year old male civilian had sustained 2nd degree burns over 60% of his body early in the fire, we are still waiting for confirmation of this injury. The cause of the fire and the dollar loss is yet to be determined.

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