

**LAFD****SIGNIFICANT INCIDENT SUMMARY****Emergency Public Information Center**BFC # **09-008**Meeting Date **JAN 22, 2009****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	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.

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
11/14/2008	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. #	Sylmar								F/F FATALITY	CIVIL INJURY		INCIDENT DURATION
	1460									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.

For more information, visit <http://lafd.org/blog>

**LAFD****SIGNIFICANT INCIDENT SUMMARY****Emergency Public Information Center****BFC # 09-008****Meeting Date****11/18/2008 TO 12/1/2008**

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
11/26/2008	2:54 AM	218 N. Soto Street		Trapped Person	2	6	41	3		0	0	Still Being Tabulated	In Progress
	INC. #	Boyle Heights								F/F FATALITY	CIV/INJURY		INCIDENT DURATION
	0205									0	0		In Progress

WIND WHIPS PALM TREE INTO HOUSE, TRAPS WOMAN

On Tuesday, November 26, 2008 at 2:54 AM, 6 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 3 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 Heavy Rescue, 1 EMS Battalion Captain, 1 Battalion Chief Officer Command Team, under the direction of Battalion Chief Wes Elder responded to a Trapped Person at 218 N. Soto Street in Boyle Heights.

Firefighters arrived to find a palm tree that had plunged into a single family dwelling waking one resident and trapping another. The men and women of Los Angeles Fire went to work assessing one, 56 year old resident who had sustained minor injuries due to falling debris. She was immediately treated at the scene and transported to an area hospital with no complaint of significant injury, for observation only.

Simultaneously, firefighters facilitated access to a 29 year old female, found in her bedroom, who had been trapped by the enormous crown portion of the palm tree. She was conscious and cooperative as rescuers utilized their equipment and training to knockdown a portion of a wall and free her legs from their entrapment. The operation, lead by Heavy Rescue 56 and Urban Search and Rescue 3, proved to be arduous yet, it took firefighters just over an hour to stabilize the woman, treat her on scene and transport her to an area hospital with minor injuries.

Building and Safety was requested by the Incident Commander and damage to the house is being assessed. One firefighter sustained a minor injury to his hand that did not require transport.

**LAFD****SIGNIFICANT INCIDENT SUMMARY****Emergency Public Information Center**BFC # **09-008**

Meeting Date

12/15/2008 TO 12/29/2008

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
12/15/2008	5:04 AM	470 W 42nd St	9	Structure Fire	46	7	59	5		0	1	Still Being Tabulated	0 hours, 36 min.
	INC. #									F/F FATALITY	CIVILINJURY		INCIDENT DURATION
	0191	Exposition Park/Coliseum Area								0	0		In Progress

FATALITY FIRE IN TWO-STORY DUPLEX

On Monday, December 15, 2008 at 5:04 AM, 7 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 5 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 Arson Unit, 1 Hazardous Materials Team, 3 EMS Battalion Captains, 2 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams, and 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, all under the direction of Battalion Chief Leonard Thompson responded to a Structure Fire at 470 W 42nd St in the Exposition Park/Coliseum Area.

Firefighters arrived to find a two-story duplex with smoke showing from the second floor and fire in the attic. During the initial attack on the fire, Firefighters discovered a 63 year-old female inside the home. The patient was immediately provided with advanced life support intervention and transported to California Medical Center. The patient was declared deceased at the hospital.

The fire was confined to 1 unit and extinguished in just 36 minutes, with 59 Firefighters. The cause of the fire and the circumstances surrounding the fatality are under investigation. The dollar loss has yet to be determined.

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							
12/21/2008	2:19 AM	8037 Remmet Ave	3	Greater Alarm Structure Fire	106	14	102	4		0	0	\$250,000	0 hours, 23 min.							
	INC. #	West Hills/chatsworth Lake/canoga Park								F/F FATALITY	CIVILINJURY		INCIDENT DURATION							
	0109									0	0		7 hours, 50 min.							

PORN BUSINESS BURNS

On Sunday, December 21, 2008 at 2:19 AM, 14 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 4 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 Heavy Rescue, 1 Arson Unit, 1 Urban Search and Rescue Unit, 1 Rehab Unit, 1 Hazardous Materials Team, 1 EMS Battalion Captain, 4 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams, and 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, all under the direction of Battalion Chief John Miller responded to a Greater Alarm Structure Fire at 8037 Remmet Ave in West Hills/chatsworth Lake/canoga Park.

Firefighters arrived quickly to discover a large single-story commercial building with heavy fire and smoke showing. Firefighters used forcible entry tools to gain access to the interior of the structure. A well coordinated interior fire attack combined with ventilation efforts on the roof allowed firefighters to quickly gain the upper hand on the fire. The fire was controlled in just twenty-three minutes and was confined to approximately one-quarter of the structure. The building, apparently being used as a pornography studio, suffered smoke and water damage estimated at \$250,000 (\$200,000 structure and \$50,000 contents). There were no injuries reported and the cause of the early morning fire is under investigation

**LAFD****SIGNIFICANT INCIDENT SUMMARY****Emergency Public Information Center**

BFC # 09-006

Meeting Date

12/29/2008 TO 1/12/2009

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
1/1/2009	1:45 AM	EB 10 FY x Normandie Av.	10	Physical Rescue	26	5	46	8		0	0	Still Being Tabulated	1 hour, 23 min.
	INC. #												
	0166	Mid-City											
										0	5		1 hour, 23 min.

2009 BEGINS WITH PHYSICAL RESCUE IN THE MID CITY DISTRICT

On Thursday, January 1, 2009 at 1:45 AM, 5 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 8 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 3 EMS Battalion Captains, 1 Battalion Chief Officer Command Team and the CHP, under the direction of Battalion Chief Mark Saxelby, responded to a Physical Rescue Assignment at the Eastbound I-10 Freeway At Normandie Av. in the Mid-City.

Firefighters responded to reports of a traffic collision on the eastbound I-10 Freeway. As CHP officers arrived on scene they found a single car traffic with rollover. A quick assessment indicated the incident had 5 critical patients, 2 had been ejected from the vehicle and 2 needing extrication. As Firefighters arrived on scene, patients were triaged utilizing the START system. The incident quickly expanded to a multi casualty incident.

The patients were quickly extricated from the vehicle, treated and transferred to awaiting rescue ambulances within minutes. All patients were transported to area hospitals.

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
1/10/2009	9:55 AM	Sepulveda Bl and National Bl	5	Traffic Collision	62	5	56	11		0	0	Still Being Tabulated	1 hour, 59 min.
	INC. #									F/F FATALITY	CIV. INJURY		INCIDENT DURATION
	0405	Mar Vista/Del Rey								0	5		2 hours, 55 min.

SCHOOL BUSES COLLIDE AND INJURE 25 STUDENTS

On Saturday, January 10, 2009 at 9:55 AM, 5 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 11 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 3 EMS Battalion Captains, 2 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams, 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, and 1 CERT Team Coordinator, under the direction of Battalion Chief Michael Little responded to a Traffic Collision at Sepulveda Bl And National Bl in Mar Vista/Del Rey.

Two school buses traveling northbound on the 405 Freeway at National collided, causing minor damage to both buses. Firefighters and Paramedics arrived on scene and quickly assessed the students, finding only minor injuries. A decision was made, based on safety concerns for the students, to drive both buses off the freeway and take all of the students to a large parking lot at Sepulveda Bl. and National Bl.

Fortunately, of the 126 students riding on both buses, only twenty-five were complaining of minor aches, pains, and bruises. Eleven LAFD Rescue Ambulances transported a total of twenty-five students to local hospitals for evaluation. The cause of the collision is under investigation by the California Highway Patrol.

**LAFD****SIGNIFICANT INCIDENT SUMMARY****Emergency Public Information Center**

BFC # 09-008

Meeting Date

12/29/2008 TO 1/12/2009

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
1/11/2009	8:43 AM	15952 W. Strathern St.	6	Greater Alarm Structure Fire	90	11	86	5		0	0	Still Being Tabulated	0 hours, 43 min.
	INC. #	F/F FATALITY								CIV/INJURY	INCIDENT DURATION		
	0360	0								5	8 hours, 19 min.		

GREATER ALARM FIRE IN VAN NUYS AIRPORT AREA

On Sunday, January 11, 2009 at 8:43 AM, 11 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 5 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, DOT, DWP and a Building & Safety Inspector, under the direction of Assistant Chief Jeffery S. Mottram, responded to a Greater Alarm Structure Fire at 15952 W. Strathern St. in the Van Nuys Airport area.

Firefighters arriving on scene found a 1 story commercial building, furniture showroom, with heavy smoke and fire showing from the front of the building. As Firefighters made an ambitious effort to deploy 2-1/2 and 1-3/4 inch handlines, their roof top counterparts were vigorously attempting to ventilate the structure. As the roof team watched flames erupt from all ventilation holes, additional companies were requested.

At 19 minutes into the fire fight, an air conditioning unit on the roof was noticeably sagging, signaling that the center of the roof was severely compromised. The IC promptly requested a Building and Safety Inspector to be added to the incident.

86 Firefighters were needed to knock down the fire in 43 minutes. No injuries were reported. The building known as Modern Outdoor, was an outdoor furniture manufacturer and showroom. The dollar loss estimate and cause of the fire will be determined with the conclusion of the fire investigation.

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
1/11/2009	3:54 PM	22360 W. Devonshire St.	12	Physical Rescue	96	5	49	5		0	1	Still Being Tabulated	In Progress
	INC. #									F/F FATALITY	CIV/INJURY		INCIDENT DURATION
	0858	Chatsworth								0	5		In Progress

PASSENGER TRAIN STRIKES FEMALE IN CHATSWORTH

On Sunday, January 11, 2009 at 3:54 PM, 5 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 5 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 Heavy Rescue, 1 Urban Search and Rescue Unit, 2 EMS Battalion Captains, 2 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams, 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, L.A. County Sheriffs, LAPD and a Metrolink Supervisor, under the direction of Battalion Chief Richard Elder, responded to a Physical Rescue Assignment at 22360 W. Devonshire St. in the Chatsworth area.

Firefighters responded to reports of a person struck by a train in the Chatsworth area. On arrival Firefighters found a passenger train stopped inside Tunnel 27. A request was made for all train traffic to cease for the duration of the incident. Fire companies were directed to each end of the tunnel, for the investigation. The responders were approximately 1/2 mile inside the tunnel when they came upon the injured female. The patient, approximately 25 years old, was in very critical condition as Paramedics tried to assess her. The injured female succumbed to her injuries and was pronounced at the scene.

The train had approximately 400 passengers on board, but none complained of injuries. The Crisis Response Team was requested by the Incident Commander. Companies remained on scene to assist with the body recovery.