

**LAFD****SIGNIFICANT INCIDENT SUMMARY****Emergency Public Information Center**BFC # **09-022**

Meeting Date

FEB 17 2009**1/12/2009 TO 1/19/2009**

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
1/16/2009	1:03 AM	3856 S Redondo Bl	8	Civilian Fatality Fire	94	9	64	4		0	2	\$200,000	0 hours, 26 min.
	INC. #									F/F FATALITY	CIV/INJURY		INCIDENT DURATION
	0044	Baldwin Hills/Crenshaw								0	1		14 hours, 34 min.

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1/17/2009	12:34 AM	4920 W. Los Feliz Bl.	4	Structure Fire	35	7	52	4		2	0	Still Being Tabulated	0 hours, 49 min.
	INC. #									F/F FATALITY	CIV/INJURY		
	0039	Los Feliz								0	1		5 hours, 38 min.

2 FIREFIGHTERS INJURED IN LOS FELIZ STRUCTURE FIRE

On Saturday, January 17, 2009 at 00:34 AM, 7 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 4 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 4 Arson Units, 1 EMS Battalion Captain, 2 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams, DOT and LAPD, under the direction of Battalion Chief Michael Thomas, responded to a Structure Fire at 4920 W. Los Feliz Bl. in the Los Feliz area.

Firefighters arrived to find a large 2 story, single family dwelling well involved with fire. As the responders began to deploy handlines to initiate an attack on the fire, the ventilation team confirmed that the attic was also involved with fire. In an attempt to get water on the fire in the attic and extinguishment on the 2nd floor, Firefighters began advancing hoselines to the 2nd floor. While deploying the hoselines the interior 2nd floor gave away. Members fell through to the 1st floor and were quickly located by Firefighters backing them up. A Personnel Accountability Report (PAR) was initiated to confirm that all members were accounted for.

Knockdown was accomplished in 49 minutes utilizing 52 Firefighters. During the floor collapse, 2 Firefighters sustained minor injuries. They were treated and transported to area hospitals. No civilian injuries were reported. The cause of the early morning structure fire is under investigation and the preliminary dollar loss is estimated at \$1.5 million.

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1/18/2009	8:56 PM	1624 S. Westmoreland Av.	1	COLLAPSED STRUCTURE	13	9	85	7		0	0	Still Being Tabulated	3 hours, 55 min.
	INC. #									F/F FATALITY	CIV/INJURY		INCIDENT DURATION
	1195	Korea town								0	2		3 hours, 55 min.

PARTIAL BUILDING COLLAPSE IN KOREA TOWN INJURES 1

On Sunday, January 18, 2009 at 8:56 PM, 9 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 7 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 Heavy Rescue, 1 Arson Unit, 2 Urban Search and Rescue Units, 1 Hazardous Materials Team, 3 EMS Battalion Captains, 3 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams, 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, 1 Cert Team Coordinator, Emergency Lighting 3, a Building & Safety Inspector, the Red Cross, DOT, DWP, LAPD and a Gas Company Representative, under the direction of Battalion Chief Gary Clark, responded to a reported Collapsed Structure at 1625 S. Westmoreland Av. in the Korea town area.

The first arriving Firefighters on scene found a 30 foot by 25 foot section of a 2 story four-plex, had collapsed at the front of the building. Firefighters were alerted by residents, 3 people were trapped within the rubble and natural gas was leaking. Additional resources, including 2 Urban Search & Rescue teams and Heavy Rescue 56, were immediately requested by the IC. As Firefighters gingerly sifted through the rubble, 2 of the occupants self extricated, while the 3rd needed minimal assistance. Other Firefighters were deployed to shut down disrupted utilities, lessening the hazard to all at the scene.

A Building & Safety Inspector condemned the extensively damaged structure. The building leaned precariously towards an 8 unit exposure to the south, which was evacuated until stabilization efforts could be made to the damaged structure.

There were approximately 86 Firefighters and specialty companies assigned to the incident. One civilian injury was reported: a female, 36, was transported in stable condition with minor injuries to an area hospital. The cause and dollar loss estimate will be determined at the completion of the investigation. 13 displaced residents declined Red Cross assistance opting to stay with family.

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1/20/2009	12:27 PM	12750 Neon Way	12	Civilian Fatality Fire	18	9	64	4		0	2	\$200,000	-10 hours, -58 min.
	INC. #	Granada Hills								F/F FATALITY	CIV/INJURY		INCIDENT DURATION
	0531									0	1		3 hours, 10 min.

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1/27/2009	9:13 PM	18907 W. Knapp St.	12	Structure Fire With Civilian Fatality	70	5	33	2		0	1	\$400,000	0 hours, 34 min.
	INC. #									F/F FATALITY	CIV/INJURY		INCIDENT DURATION
	1105	Northridge								0	1		6 hours, 14 min.

FIRE FATALITY RESULT OF DOMESTIC DISPUTE

On Tuesday, January 27, 2009 at 9:13 PM, 5 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 2 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 Arson Unit, 1 EMS Battalion Captain, 1 Battalion Chief Officer Command Team, under the direction of Battalion Chief Gregory Reynar, responded to a Structure Fire With Civilian Fatality at 18907 W. Knapp St. in the Northridge area.

Firefighters arrived on scene to find a single family dwelling, approximately 1800 square feet, with one room well involved with fire. Police, also on scene, were at the residence for a prior incident. With information provided by Police on scene, Firefighters used extreme caution in deploying handlines to get a handle on the fire concentrated to rooms to the rear of the structure. The interior fire attack team relayed to the Incident Commander the fire had spread into the attic. The roof ventilation team also indicated they were getting good fire out of their ventilation holes. 23 minutes into the incident, the ventilation team was ordered off the roof.

Police on scene relayed to Firefighters a male occupant of the residence was still inside. During the preliminary search, Firefighters located the resident in a bedroom. He was pronounced at the scene. It took 33 Firefighters 34 minutes to knock down the fire. The cause was incendiary and the dollar loss was estimated at \$400,000 [\$300,000 structure, \$100,000].

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1/28/2009	5:02 AM	EB 10 FY x National Bl.		Traffic Accident With Fatality	92	5	36	3		0	2	Still Being Tabulated	6 hours, 53 min.
	INC. #									F/F FATALITY	CIV/INJURY		INCIDENT DURATION
	0130	Century City/Rancho Park								0	1		6 hours, 53 min.

FIERY FREEWAY COLLISION KILLS OFF DUTY POLICE OFFICER

On Wednesday, January 28, 2009 at 5:02 AM, 5 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 Michael Bowman, responded to a Traffic Accident With Fatality on the Eb 10 Freeway At National Bl. in the Century City/Rancho Park area.

An off-duty police officer reported a traffic collision in the eastbound lanes of the 10 Freeway with a resulting auto fire and possible live rounds going off. Firefighters arrived on scene to find two vehicles in an apparent head on collision with both occupants trapped. While CHP secured traffic, Firefighters initiated an intense effort to extinguish the flames and assess the possibility of survivors from the horrific collision.

As extrication efforts commenced, it was evident the occupants of both vehicles had succumbed to their injuries. During the preliminary investigation to identify the drivers, it was discovered that one driver was an off-duty Culver City police officer. Fire Department resources remained on scene to assist the Coroner with body retrieval.

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1/28/2009	1:48 PM	129-1/2 w 58th St	9	Structure Fire With Civilian Fatality	33	4	33	2		0	1	\$80,000	0 hours, 13 min.
	INC. #									F/F FATALITY	CIV/INJURY		INCIDENT DURATION
	0653	South Los Angeles								0	1		5 hours, 1 minute

HOUSE FIRE CLAIMS LIFE OF ELDERLY MALE OCCUPANT

On Wednesday, January 28, 2009 at 1:48 PM, 4 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 2 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 4 Arson Units, 1 EMS Battalion Captain, 1 Battalion Chief Officer Command Team, 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, under the direction of Battalion Chief Curt Klufta, responded to a Structure Fire With Civilian Fatality at 129-1/2 W 58th St in South Los Angeles.

Firefighters arrived on scene to find a small, one story single family dwelling, well involved with fire. Firefighters initiated an aggressive fire attack in order to keep the fire from spreading to the adjacent occupancies. During the preliminary search, Firefighters came upon an approximately 84 year old male, unconscious and burned, removing him from the hazardous atmosphere to awaiting paramedics. The patient was treated and transported to an area hospital in very critical condition with burns to almost 90% of his body, but was later pronounced at the hospital, succumbing to his injuries.

33 Firefighter took only 13 minutes to bring the fire under control. The cause was determined to be electrical. The dollar loss was estimated at \$80,000 [\$60,000 structure, \$20,000 contents]. There were no other injuries reported to Firefighters of civilians.

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2/1/2009	2:50 PM	8300 W. La Tuna Canyon Rd.		GREATER ALARM BRUSH FIRE	77	26	158	1		0	0	Still Being Tabulated	2 hours, 32 min.
	INC. #	Sun Valley								F/F FATALITY	CIV/INJURY		INCIDENT DURATION
	0730									0	1		In Progress

AUTO FIRE IGNITES BRUSH

On Sunday, February 1, 2009 at 2:50 PM, 26 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 1 LAFD Rescue Ambulance, 1 Arson Unit, 1 Rehab Unit, 4 Helicopters, 1 EMS Battalion Captain, 6 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams, 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, the Dozer Company, Park Rangers, Animal Services, LAPD, DOT, a So. California Edison Representative, L.A. County and Glendale Fire Departments, under the direction of Assistant Chief Jeffery S. Mottram, responded to a Greater Alarm Brush Fire at 8300 W. La Tuna Canyon Rd. in Sun Valley.

The first arriving Firefighters on scene found an auto fire which ignited approximately 1 acre of heavy brush. The winds were mild, approximately 15 miles per hour, but enough to aid the uphill moving fire. As the fire spread, several spot fires developed causing the fire to run from east to west. Additional companies, water dropping helicopters and hand crews were immediately requested to gain control of the blaze.

The fire did challenge Firefighters, moving into a draw with homes located directly above along the ridge. Firefighters moved with precision deploying handlines for potential structure protection, coordinated with attacking the flanks of the fire with the aid of helicopters.

158 L.A. City Firefighters, 5 Engines from L.A. County and Glendale Departments were needed to contain the fire to 20 acres. No evacuations were called and no homes were directly threatened. Animal Services was requested for resident who wished to evacuate their pets. La Tuna Canyon Road was closed at Elben Street and the 210 Freeway offramp for the duration of the incident. Fire companies will remain throughout the night for any flare ups.

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2/2/2009	1:27 AM	100 E. Manchester Av.	8	Multi Patient Traffic Collision	64	7	63	9		0	1	Still Being Tabulated	In Progress
	INC. #	F/F FATALITY								CIVIL INJURY	INCIDENT DURATION		
	0054	0								8	In Progress		

TRAFFIC COLLISION RESULTS 7 INJURED, 4 CRITICALLY

On Monday, February 2, 2009 at 1:27 AM, 7 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 9 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 Heavy Rescue, 2 EMS Battalion Captains, 2 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams, 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, under the direction of Battalion Chief Antoine Mc Knight, responded to a Multi Patient Traffic Collision at 100 E. Manchester Av. in South Los Angeles.

Responding Firefighters to the major intersection arrived on scene to find a 2 car traffic, an SUV and sedan, with entrapments and 1 person ejected from one of the vehicles. Each vehicle needed the extrication of one occupant. Immediately, additional Paramedic ambulances and Fire companies were requested to assist in the multi casualty incident.

The first Firefighters on scene quickly triaged the accident victims utilizing the START system, for treatment priority, as companies arrived to assist in the incident. As the 2 extrication operations commenced, the other patients were being treated and prepped for transport to area hospitals with the assistance of the Medical Alert Center.

63 Firefighters were needed for the incident. There were 7 total patients consisting of 3 females and 4 males. There were 4 listed in critical to very critical condition, 2 sustained moderate injuries and 1 had minor injuries. The 30 year old driver of the sedan was later pronounced at the hospital. Preliminary reports indicate the sedan was traveling southbound on Main and the SUV traveling northbound when they collided, resulting in the sedan hitting a pole. Survivors of the accident can be attributed to the use of seat belts and air bag deployment.

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2/2/2009	1:27 AM	100 E. Manchester Av.	8	Multi Patient Traffic Collision	64	7	63	9		0	1	Still Being Tabulated	1 hour, 53 min.
	INC. #									CIV/INJURY	INCIDENT DURATION		
	0054									0	67		1 hour, 53 min.

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2/4/2009	8:34 PM	3305 S Central Ave	9	Greater Alarm Structure Fire	14	12	91	9		0	0	Still Being Tabulated	0 hours, 23 min.
	INC. #	F/F FATALITY								CIV/INJURY	INCIDENT DURATION		
	1127	South Los Angeles/Newton								0	68		In Progress

GREATER ALARM STRUCTURE FIRE

On Wednesday, February 4, 2009 at 8:34 PM, 12 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 9 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 Arson Unit, 1 Urban Search and Rescue Unit, 2 EMS Battalion Captains, 2 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams, 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, and 1 CERT Coordinator all under the direction of Assistant Chief Roxanne Bercik responded to a Greater Alarm Structure Fire at 3305 S Central Ave in South Los Angeles/Newton.

Firefighters arrived on scene to find a two-story apartment over a commercial building with heavy fire on the second floor. Confronted immediately with several people hanging from the second floor windows, Firefighters performed coordinated rescues using ladders as fellow Firefighters began an interior attack on the fire. Fortunately, all occupants were able to escape the fire without serious injury. One civilian was treated and released on scene after suffering a minor second degree burn to the hand.

The fire was contained in 23 minutes and damage limited to several units on the second floor and the attic of the apartment building. Firefighters remained on scene for several hours, protecting homeowners belongings from additional damage. During the overhaul phase of the fire, two dogs and one cat were discovered deceased in the fire. The cause of the fire is under investigation and the dollar loss has yet to be determined.