

**LAFD****SIGNIFICANT INCIDENT SUMMARY****Emergency Public Information Center**BFC # **09-034**Meeting Date **MAR 17 2009****2/9/2009 TO 2/16/2009**

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
2/12/2009	2:37 PM	2210 S. Barry Av.	11	HAZ MAT	59	7	52	3		0	0	Still Being Tabulated	3 hours, 23 min.
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	0652	Sawtelle								0	0		3 hours, 23 min.

ACCIDENTAL SPILL EVACUATES 30 FROM LOCAL BUSINESS

On Thursday, February 12, 2009 at 2:37 PM, 7 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 3 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 2 Hazardous Materials Teams, 1 EMS Battalion Captain, 1 Battalion Chief Officer Command Team, L.A. County Health Haz Mat and LAPD Haz Mat, under the direction of Battalion Chief Peter Benesch, responded to a Hazardous Materials Incident at 2210 S. Barry Av. in the Sawtelle area.

Firefighters responded to reports of a hazardous material spill at a commercial business. When Firefighters arrived, they found approximately 30 employees of the business self evacuating and were promptly taken to a safe location. Further investigation revealed the company, Barry Avenue Plating Company, had contaminated soil in the process of being removed from the property. Approximately 200 gallons of Calcium Polysulfide, used in preparing the soil for removal, was accidentally spilled. The chemical is not used in plating operations.

A Haz Mat entry team deemed the material to be static and contained in a 20 foot by 10 foot containment pool. Readings were taken and no atmospheric hazard was found. The incident was downgraded and turned over to L.A. County Health Haz Mat to oversee the proper clean-up and removal of the material.

52 Firefighters were utilized during the incident. No residential evacuations were necessary, but Olympic Boulevard was shut down between Barrington Avenue and Federal Avenue for the duration of the incident.

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2/16/2009	7:26 PM	1598 W. Beverly Bl.	13	Greater Alarm Structure Fire	3	10	67	2		0	0	\$200,000	0 hours, 17 min.
	INC. #	Civic Center								F/F FATALITY	CIVIL INJURY		INCIDENT DURATION
	1053									0	0		2 hours, 10 min.

FIRE DESTROYS LOCAL PRINTING BUSINESS

On Monday, February 16, 2009 at 7:26 PM, 10 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 2 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, under the direction of Assistant Chief Darren Palacios, responded to a Structure Fire at 1598 W. Beverly Bl. in the Civic Center area.

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The aggressive work, enabled 67 Firefighters to knock down the fire in 17 minutes. The fire was contained to the contents of 1 room in the rear of the occupancy. The business, Laser, Inc., was responsible for legal copying and processing. The cause of the fire was deemed electrical and the dollar loss was estimated at \$200,000 [\$100,000 structure, \$100,000 contents]. There were no reported injuries to civilians or Firefighters. The address was corrected to 1517 W. Beverly Boulevard.

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3/8/2009	11:39 PM	6535 Cedros Av	6	Structure Fire	39	10	73	2		0	0	Still Being Tabulated	0 hours, 22 min.	
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	1153	Van Nuys								0	0			In Progress

FIRE DAMAGES TWO CLASSROOMS AT VAN NUYS HIGH SCHOOL

On Sunday, March 8, 2009 at 11:39 PM, 10 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, a total of 73 Los Angeles Fire Department personnel under the direction of Assistant Chief Greg West, responded to a Structure Fire at 6535 Cedros Avenue in Van Nuys. Firefighters arrived quickly on the east side of the Van Nuys High School campus to find fire showing from a one-story bungalow housing 2 conventional schoolrooms. Forcing entry through the gates of the well-secured campus to carry ground ladders and hoselines more than 200 feet, Los Angeles Firefighters swiftly ascended the 40' x 100' structure to perform vertical ventilation, as their colleagues aggressively attacked the flames below. The fire, which heavily damaged one classroom and extended to threaten another, was confined to the structure of origin, and extinguished in just 22 minutes. There were no injuries. Loss from the fire is still being tabulated. The cause of this late night blaze remains under investigation.