

**LAFD****SIGNIFICANT INCIDENT SUMMARY****Emergency Public Information Center**BFC # **09-058**Meeting Date **MAY 5 2009****4/14/2009 TO 4/19/2009**

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
4/15/2009	8:11 AM	7615 N. Sepulveda Bl	?	Structure Fire	90	10	77	4		0	0	\$40,000	0 hours, 13 min.
	INC. #	Van Nuys								F/F FATALITY	CIV/INJURY		INCIDENT DURATION:
	0215									0			

**FIREFIGHTERS EXTINGUISH BLAZE AT VAN NUYS MOTEL**

On Wednesday, April 15, 2009 at 8:11 AM, 10 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 4 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, 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, under the direction of Battalion Chief James Cairns responded to a Structure Fire at 7615 N. Sepulveda Bl in Van Nuys. Firefighters arrived quickly to find heavy smoke and fire from one units of a Motel on the second floor. Fire crews made an aggressive attack on this fire confining it to only one room, extinguishing the blaze in just 14 minutes. Although the room was reported as being occupied firefighters completed a thorough search to find no one in the unit. There was no injuries to civilians or firefighters at the scene. Loss from this fire is Estimated at \$40,000 ( \$30,000-structure & \$10,000-content), the cause of the blaze is still under investigation.

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4/16/2009	1:18 AM	6050 S Gramercy Pl	8	Civilian Fatality Fire	66	3	27	2		0	1	Still Being Tabulated	0 hours, 10 min.
	INC. #									CIV/INJURY	INCIDENT DURATION		
	0049	Hyde Park								0	0		In Progress

**FIREFIGHTERS DISCOVER BODY IN BURNING MOTORHOME**

On Thursday, April 16, 2009 at 1:18 AM, 3 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 2 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 Arson Unit, 1 EMS Battalion Captain and 1 Battalion Chief Officer Command Team - a total of 23 Los Angeles Fire Department personnel, responded to a Civilian Fatality Fire at 6050 South Gramercy Place in Hyde Park. Firefighters responded quickly to reports of smoke in an industrial neighborhood, to find a large motorhome parked on the street well involved with fire. Tackling the flames in less than ten minutes and preventing the fire from spreading to nearby businesses, LAFD personnel soon discovered the lifeless remains of one person inside the charred vehicle. A positive identification of the deceased person, including their age and gender as well as the cause, time and manner of their death, will be determined by the Coroner's Office. No other injuries were reported. Monetary loss from the blaze is still being tabulated. The cause of this early morning fire remains under active investigation.

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4/16/2009	8:00 AM	1315 N. Waterloo St.	13	Structure Fire	20	5	39	3		0	0	\$100,000	0 hours, 24 min.
	INC. #									F/F FATALITY	CIV/INJURY		INCIDENT DURATION
	0254	Silver Lake								0	0		4 hours, 32 min.

**FIRE DAMAGES ONE ROOM IN SILVER LAKE HOME**

On Thursday, April 16, 2009 at 8:00 AM, 5 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 3 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 Arson Unit, 1 Urban Search and Rescue Unit, 1 EMS Battalion Captain, 1 Battalion Chief Officer Command Team, under the direction of Battalion Chief Joseph Kline responded to a Structure Fire at 1315 N. Waterloo St. in Silver Lake.

Firefighters arrived to find heavy smoke and fire coming from one room to the rear of a single family dwelling. During an initial search Firefighters discovered a basement type structure which prompted crews to concentrate most of the Firefighting efforts to this one area of the home.

It took 39 Firefighters 24 minutes to extinguish the flames leaving this portion of the building damaged and uninhabitable. Due to the quick work of fire crews there was no spread to adjacent dwellings. The sole occupant of the residence escaped with no injuries.

Loss from this fire is estimated at \$100,000 (\$80,000-structure & \$20,000-content). The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

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4/17/2009	12:04 PM	435 S. Occidental Bl	1	Structure Fire	6	5	35	1		0	0	Still Being Tabulated	In Progress
	INC. #	Mid-Town								F/F FATALITY	CIV/INJURY		INCIDENT DURATION
	0500									0	0		In Progress

**FIRE DAMAGES DOORS TO MID -WILSHIRE CHURCH**

On Friday, April 17, 2009 at 12:04 PM, 5 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 1 LAFD Rescue Ambulance, 5 Arson Units, 1 EMS Battalion Captain, 1 Battalion Chief Officer Command Team, under the direction of Battalion Chief Michael Bowman responded to a Structure Fire at 435 S. Occidental Bl in Mid-Town.

Fire Department resources arrived to a small one story church in the Mid-Wilshire district of Los Angeles to find a small fire on east doors outside of the establishment. Fire crews made quick work in putting out the fire in less five minutes confining the flames to only the outside of the structure. There was no damage to the interior of the building and no injuries reported to civilians or Firefighters.

The House of Worship Task Force was called to the scene and concluded that the fire was deliberately set and will continuing the investigation. The estimated loss of this fire is at \$10,000 structure only.

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4/18/2009	10:31 PM	9044 N. Woodman Av.	6	Greater Alarm Fire	7	9	68	3		1	0	Still Being Tabulated	0 hours, 37 min.
	INC. #	F/F FATALITY								CIV. INJURY	INCIDENT DURATION		
	1293	PANORAMA CITY								0	0		In Progress

**FIRE DAMAGES THREE OCCUPANCIES IN PANORAMA CITY STRIP MALL COMPLEX**

On Saturday, April 18, 2009 at 10:31 PM, 9 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 3 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 3 Arson Units, 1 Rehab Unit, 1 Hazardous Materials Team, 2 EMS Battalion Captains, 2 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams, 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, DOT, DWP, L.A. County Health and a Building and Safety Inspector, under the direction of Assistant Chief Jeffery S. Mottram, responded to a Greater Alarm Structure Fire at 9044 N. Woodman Av. in the Panorama City area.

First arriving Firefighters on scene found heavy smoke coming from the rear of a 1 story, 100 foot by 100 foot commercial building. Further investigation indicated the fire was in the occupancy located in the center of the small, strip mall type complex. As Firefighters vigorously deployed handlines to gain control of the fire, the multiple heat holes cut by the ventilation team spewed fire, indicating the fire had truly progressed into the attic. The IC was prompted to request additional companies to gain control of the fire. A consideration was made to go defensive with master streams, but the deployment of additional 2-1/2 inch hoselines by Firefighters from the added incoming companies, thwarted the progress of the fire by blasting out the drop ceiling and reaching the seat of the attic fire. Members were alerted that a large portion of the roof was unstable and at 2302 hours the majority of the roof collapsed.

It took 68 Firefighters 37 minutes to achieve a knockdown on the fire. There was one minor injury to a Firefighter who was transported to an area hospital. The cause is currently still under investigation. The estimated dollar loss is \$600,000 [\$200,000 structure, \$400,000 contents]. The occupancies effected were: the All Right Pawn Shop (point of origin), Pupusas Restaurant and the Iglesia Misionera.

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4/21/2009	11:23 AM	2827 S Westwood Bl	5	Physical Rescue	92	5	41	6		0	0	Still Being Tabulated	1 hour, 43 min.
	INC. #									CIV/INJURY	INCIDENT DURATION		
	0474	Century City/Rancho Park								0	4		1 hour, 43 min.

**5 CRITICALLY INJURED IN WESTWOOD TRAFFIC COLLISION**

On Tuesday, April 21, 2009 at 11:23 AM, 5 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 6 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 2 EMS Battalion Captains, 1 Battalion Chief Officer Command Team, under the direction of Battalion Chief Greenup, responded to a reported Physical Rescue at 2827 S. Westwood Bl in the Century City/Rancho Park area.

Firefighters responded to reports of a multi vehicle traffic accident. Upon arrival, Firefighters found 2 vehicles which had collided, resulting in the injury of 5 patients. Early reports indicated that possibly as many as three were trapped inside the vehicle. As Firefighters cordoned off a safe work area, other Firefighters initiated patient triage, treatment and prepared them for transport. Firefighters found 1 female, 60's, in very critical condition after being ejected from her vehicle. 1 male, 60's, was extricated from a vehicle in grave condition and was later declared deceased at the hospital. The remaining 3 critical patients were a male 18 months, a male, approximately 25 and a female, approximately 35. All patients were transported to area hospitals.

During the triaging of the incident, Firefighters found 3 small dogs who were also victims of the traffic incident. 2 were transported to a local animal shelter for initial treatment and 1 died at the scene. The cause of the incident will be determined by the local investigating police agency.

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4/22/2009	2:12 AM	651 N. New Hampshire Ave	13	Structure Fire	6	17	122	5		0	0	Still Being Tabulated	0 hours, 44 min.
	INC. #									F/F FATALITY	CIV/INJURY		INCIDENT DURATION
	0088	Mid-Town								0	4		5 hours, 31 min.

On Wednesday, April 22, 2009 at 2:12 AM, 17 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 5 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 2 Arson Units, 2 Urban Search and Rescue Units, 1 Rehab Unit, 1 Hazardous Materials Team, 3 EMS Battalion Captains, 3 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams, 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, under the direction of Assistant Chief Terrance Manning responded to a Structure Fire at 651 N. New Hampshire Ave in Mid-Town Wilshire district. Firefighters arrived to find heavy smoke and fire coming from the rear of a duplex.

Fire crews were confronted immediately with several people self evacuating from a nearby four-plex that was in danger of exposure to the fire.

Firefighters began an interior attack on the fire which spread to a vacant single family dwelling behind the well involved duplex and an adjacent four-plex. Fortunately, all occupants in the four-plex were able to escape the fire without serious injury. One civilian was treated by Firefighters/Paramedics for minor burns was taken to a local hospital. It took fire crews 44 minutes to extinguish the blaze.

Loss was estimated at \$300,000 structure only where fire began, with an estimated \$350,000 loss to the adjacent structures. The Cause of the fire is still under investigation