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BFC # 09-064

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MAY 19 2009**4/26/2009 TO 5/3/2009**

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4/29/2009	6:40 PM	15839 W. Larkspur St.	7	TRENCH RESCUE	91	10	81	6		0	0	Still Being Tabulated	4 hours, 20 min.
	INC. #									F/F FATALITY	CIV/INJURY		INCIDENT DURATION
	1009	Sylmar								0	2		4 hours, 20 min.

WORKERS EXTRICATED FROM COLLAPSED TRENCH IN SYLMAR

On Wednesday, April 29, 2009 at 6:40 PM, 10 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 6 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 Heavy Rescue, 2 Urban Search and Rescue Units, 1 Rehab Unit, 1 EMS Battalion Captain, 2 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams, 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, Emergency Lighting, DOT, Street Maintenance and a Cal OSHA Inspector, under the direction of Assistant Chief Greg West, responded to a Trench Rescue at 15839 W. Larkspur St. in the Sylmar area.

Firefighters responded to a reported trench collapse and rescue. Firefighters arrived on scene and found a 40 foot long trench, 4 foot wide by 8 foot deep, with 2 workers trapped. One worker was trapped with debris and dirt to his thighs, while the second worker was trapped almost to the chest. An additional USAR company was added to the assignment. One major concern of the IC, was a 12 foot long section of concrete curbing needing stabilization, to not cause additional injury to the patient.

18 minutes into the incident, one worker self extricated with the aid of a shovel provided by Task Force 98 in coordination with the stabilization of the trench walls. The male worker, approximately 63, was assessed with no complaint of injury and transported to an area hospital. With the use of hand tools and a vacuum truck, the debris was removed slowly by the USAR Firefighters. Two hours, 15 minutes into the incident, the second worker was finally extricated from the trench. He was assessed, treated and prepped for transport to an area hospital.

It took 81 Firefighters and Specialty companies 4 hours and 20 minutes to complete the incident. The workers were working on the sewer line at the curbline, in front of the single family dwelling.

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4/29/2009	11:25 PM	SB San Diego FY x Ventura FY	2	HAZ MAT	88	15	104	4		0	0	Still Being Tabulated	6 hours, 35 min.	
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	1289	Sherman Oaks								0	3			6 hours, 35 min.

OVERTURNED SEMI CREATES HAZMAT INCIDENT ON 405 FREEWAY

On Wednesday, April 29, 2009 at 11:25 PM, 14 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 4 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 Heavy Rescue, 1 Urban Search and Rescue Unit, 1 Rehab Unit, 1 Hazardous Materials Team, 1 EMS Battalion Captain, 3 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams, 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, Foam Tender 100, HazMat Tender 75, CHP, LAPD, L.A. County Health HazMat, Cal Trans and DOT, under a Unified Command, responded to a Haz Mat incident at the southbound San Diego Fy X Ventura Fy in Sherman Oaks.

Firefighters responded to reports of a traffic collision involving a semi on the 405 Freeway. As Firefighters arrived onscene, they found a tractor trailer on it's side, with a load of approximately 8600 gallons of butane, in an uncompromised container. A HazMat assignment with additional companies was requested. A Unified Command was established with LAFD, CHP, LAPD, Caltrans and L.A. County Health HazMat. As the HazMat Teams checked the container's integrity, the Unified Command developed a plan to offload the contents safely. Several Engines were utilized to relay a 4 inch supply line from Sepulveda Boulevard, located below the freeway. An aerial ladder truck was used to relay water from the rear of F.S. 88, across a storm drain, to the freeway above. A contingency plan was formulated for evacuations if needed. Butane when compressed is in liquid form, but when released, is highly flammable.

At 0415, the tractor and container was righted, towed away without incident and its contents offloaded at Balboa Park, under the supervision of the HazMat teams. 104 Firefighters and specialty companies assisted in controlling the incident. The driver was transported to an area hospital with minor injuries. The driver stated he was avoiding an abandoned vehicle in lanes and flipped the trailer.

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5/1/2009	10:53 PM	800 N. Sepulveda Bl.	5	HAZ MAT	19	4	35	2		0	0	Still Being Tabulated	5 hours, 31 min.
	INC. #									CIV/INJURY	INCIDENT DURATION		
	1263	BRENTWOOD								0	3		5 hours, 31 min.

LATE NIGHT HAZ MAT SCARE IN BRENTWOOD.

On Friday, May 1, 2009 at 10:53 PM, 4 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 2 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 2 Hazardous Materials Teams, 1 EMS Battalion Captain, 1 Battalion Chief Officer Command Team, under the direction of Battalion Chief Curt Klufta, responded to a reported Haz Mat incident at 800 N. Sepulveda Bl. in the Brentwood area.

Firefighters responded to the report of the strong smell of gas by a Chevron representative. The first arriving Firefighters on scene upgraded the incident to a full Haz Mat assignment. The investigation revealed high hydrocarbon levels at a manhole cover from an unknown source. As a precaution, Sepulveda Boulevard was shut down between Sunset Boulevard and Moraga Drive and the northbound Moraga offramp from the 405 freeway.

Initial readings indicated 100% concentration inside the manhole and above ground readings registered zero. Concerns of the IC included a 26 inch Southern California gas line, two 8 inch gasoline lines, a 14 inch crude line and 2 apartment complexes located 50 yards away. Evacuation was considered, but not implemented. 90 minutes into the incident, the Haz Mat team readings indicated concentrations of only 5%. The incident was downgraded with the assistance of L.A. County Health Haz Mat. The investigation will continue.

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5/2/2009	7:17 AM	251 W. 11th Street	15	Structure Fire	112	7	58	4		1	0	\$225,000	0 hours, 33 min.							
	INC. #	San Pedro/Ports O' Call								F/F FATALITY	CIV/INJURY		INCIDENT DURATION							
	0263									0	4		4 hours, 46 min.							

On Saturday, May 2, 2009 at 7:17 AM, 7 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 4 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 Arson Unit, 1 Rehab Unit, 1 Hazardous Materials Team, 2 EMS Battalion Captains, 2 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams, 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, Bldg. & Safety Insp. under the direction of Battalion Chief Robert Willcox responded to a Structure Fire at 251 W. 11th Street in San Pedro/Ports O' Call.

Firefighters responded to a reported structure fire in a 2 story 4 plex building. As Firefighters arrived on scene, they found 1 unit fully involved in fire. Firefighters made an intense effort deploying handlines on the

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5/2/2009	5:52 PM	Lincoln Park avenue x Pomona Street	1	Brush	1	14	84	2		0	0	Still Being Tabulated	1 hour, 59 min.
	INC. #	Lincoln Heights/Solano Canyon								F/F FATALITY	CIV/INJURY		INCIDENT DURATION
	0988									0	4		In Progress

On Saturday, May 2, 2009 at 5:52 PM, 14 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 2 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 Arson Unit, 2 Helicopters, 1 EMS Battalion Captain, 1 Battalion Chief Officer Command Team, 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, under the direction of Battalion Chief Rudy Hill responded to a Brush at Lincoln Park Avenue X Pomona Street in Lincoln Heights/Solano Canyon.

Firefighters arrived swiftly to the scene and initially reported, two acres of light to medium grass and brush burning adjacent to Lincoln High School. Firefighters quickly summoned LAFD helicopters to assist them in their efforts as they rolled out hoselines and hiked uphill until they had the burn area completely surrounded. Additional resources, such as water tenders, were called to the scene and the agility of the brush patrol vehicles were utilized to aid in the fire fight.

Although there were several structures in the immediate area, none were directly threatened. Fortunately, wind and weather conditions aided the firefighters efforts and the slow moving, yet stubborn fire was contained in just under 2 hours. No injuries were reported to civilians or firefighters. The cause of this fire is under investigation by LAFD Arson Investigators at this time.

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5/3/2009	8:37 AM	633 S Mission Rd	14	Major Emergency Structure Fire	4	19	132	4		0	0	\$100,000	0 hours, 43 min.
	INC. #	BOYLE HEIGHTS								F/F FATALITY	CIV/INJURY		INCIDENT DURATION
	0348									0	4		4 hours, 44 min.

BLAZE ERUPTS IN VACANT EASTSIDE COMMERCIAL BUILDING

On Sunday, May 3, 2009 at 8:37 AM, 19 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 4 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 Arson Unit, 2 Urban Search and Rescue Units, 1 Rehab Unit, 1 Hazardous Materials Team, 2 EMS Battalion Captains, 5 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams and 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, a total of 132 Los Angeles Fire Department personnel under the direction of Assistant Chief Richard Warford, joined by a CERT Coordinator, responded to a Major Emergency Structure Fire at 633 South Mission Road in the Boyle Heights area. Firefighters arrived quickly in an industrial neighborhood to find smoke showing from a large one-story commercial structure. Forcing entry and extending handlines deep into the smoke charged 39,800 square-foot building under renovation, firefighters discovered a large quantity of burning foam rubber debris in the central portion of the vacant building. The fire, held in check by fire sprinklers, was confined by firefighters to the burning debris and extinguished in just 43 minutes. There were no injuries. Loss from the fire is estimated at \$100,000. The cause of this blaze remains under investigation.

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5/6/2009		SB 170 FWY X Roscoe	6	Traffic Collision -	7	5	60	12		0	0	Still Being Tabulated	3 hours, 9 min.
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	0041	PANORAMA CITY								0	11		3 hours, 9 min.

TRAFFIC COLLISION RESULTS IN 12 INJURED, 7 CRITICALLY INJURED

On Wednesday, May 6, 2009 at 1:13 AM, 5 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 12 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 Heavy Rescue, 1 Urban Search and Rescue Unit, 3 EMS Battalion Captains, 1 Battalion Chief Officer Command Team, under the direction of Battalion Chief Dave Frelinger responded to a Traffic Collision - at South Bound 170 Fwy X Roscoe in PANORAMA CITY.

Firefighters arrived quickly to find several vehicles involved in a high speed traffic collision on the freeway. Crews noticed that two of the vehicles involved, had victims needing extrication.

Immediately, additional Paramedic and Fire Companies arrived to assist in the other aspects of the incident. As the two extrication operations commenced, the other patients were being assessed, treated, and prepared for transported to area hospitals through the assistance of the Los Angeles Medical Alert Center.

It took a team of 60 Paramedics and Firefighters to accommodate the 12 injured patients consisting of 6 females and 6 males. There were 7 critically injured and 5 with non-life threatening injuries. Thanks to the team work of the resources on scene, all patients were treated rapidly and transported to various area hospitals. Survivors of this incident can be attributed to the proper use of seat belts and air bag deployment