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BFC # 09-075

Meeting Date JUN 16 2009

6/1/2009 TO 6/8/2009

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6/1/2009	4:36 PM	14300 W. Vanowen St.	6	Physical Rescue Traffic	39	5	38	3		0	0	Still Being Tabulated	1 hour, 12 min.
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	0867	Van Nuys								0	4		1 hour, 12 min.

VEHICLE PLOWS THROUGH BUS STOP , 3 INJURED, 1 CRITICAL

On Monday, June 1, 2009 at 4:36 PM, 5 Companies of Los Angeles Firevehicle plows through bus stop , 3 injured, 1 criticalfighters, 3 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 Urban Search and Rescue Unit, 1 EMS Battalion Captain, 1 Battalion Chief Officer Command Team, under the direction of Battalion Chief Gerry Malais responded to a Physical Rescue Traffic at 14300 W. Vanowen St. in Van Nuys. Firefighters responded quickly to the scene in a residential area in Van Nuys. After assessment of the scene Firefighters and Paramedics determined that one vehicle had careened into a bus stop area, which struck four pedestrians awaiting a bus at the south east corner of the intersection of Vanowen and Tyrone Ave. Crews further assessed the scene to find 2 females, 1 male with minor injuries, with 1 female in critical condition. All patients were treated and transferred to awaiting Rescue Ambulances within minutes, then transported to area hospitals.

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6/1/2009	10:43 PM	6914 N. Beck Ave.	6	Major Emergency Structure Fire	89	23	166	9		0	0	Still Being Tabulated	7 hours, 9 min.
	INC. #									F/F FATALITY	CIVIL INJURY		INCIDENT DURATION
	1257	North Hollywood								0	4		42 hours, 48 min.

BLAZE ERUPTS IN COMMERCIAL BUILDING IN NORTH HOLLYWOOD

On Monday, June 1, 2009 at 10:43 PM, 23 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 9 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 3 Arson Units, 1 Urban Search and Rescue Unit, 1 Rehab Unit, 1 Hazardous Materials Team, 4 EMS Battalion Captains, 7 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams, 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, 1 Dozer, 2 Tractors, 2 Loaders, Heavy Equipment Unit under the direction of Assistant Chief Mark Stormes responded to a Major Emergency Structure Fire at 6914 N. Beck Ave. in North Hollywood. Firefighters arrived quickly to find heavy smoke and fire showing through the roof from an unoccupied, 50x100 foot, 1 story carpet and hardwood manufacturing commercial building. Swiftly extending handlines, firefighters did fierce battle with the blaze. Due to the structural collapse of the roof and the building's walls, fire crews were forced to go into a defensive mode. They began attacking the flames with heavy streams of water from adjacent structures as well as from the street. Firefighters worked diligently to prevent the spread of fire to any of the surrounding structures in this commercial area of North Hollywood. The fire was contained to only the one building. Early on in the fire fight, one Fire Captain was treated and transported for fatigue and remains hospitalized under observation. There were no other injuries reported. Companies continued firefighting efforts throughout the early morning hours, with over 170 fire personnel continuing the attack. Water appliances on the ground were used, as well as several ladder pipe operations. Thanks to the exhausting efforts of all fire teams the blaze was finally knocked down after a seven hour stand. Extensive overhauling of the site was initiated, with several companies remaining on scene to watch for hot spots. The cause of this fire has still yet to be determined and the monetary loss is still being tabulated.

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6/2/2009	10:46 PM	431 S. Hewitt St.	9	Structure Fire	4	25	164	5		0	0	Still Being Tabulated	1 hour, 3 min.
	INC. #												
	1221	BOYLE HEIGHTS											
										0	4		-13 hours, -57 min.

MAJOR EMERGENCY FIRE DESTROYS COMMERCIAL BUSINESS

On Tuesday, June 2, 2009 at 10:46 PM, 25 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 5 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, 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, under the direction of Assistant Chief Daryl Arbuthnott responded to a Major Emergency Structure Fire at 431 S. Hewitt St. in BOYLE HEIGHTS. Firefighters arrived to find heavy smoke coming from an unoccupied 1 story 75x100 foot commercial building. Fire teams deployed handlines to initiate an interior attack, while ventilation teams began cutting holes on the roof. Both teams were met with a large amount of smoke and fire, causing all crews to fall back to a defensive mode. Firefighters began surrounding the building with heavy stream appliances preventing the spread of fire to neighboring structures. Crews quickly gained control over the blaze enabling all companies to resume with an offensive attack. Firefighters were able to venture deeper inside the structure locating the remaining bulk of the fire. It took over 160 firefighters 1 hour and 3 minutes before a knock down was declared, with no reported injuries. Damage was contained to the one building with no threat of exposures. The cause of this incident remains under investigation and the monetary loss is still being tabulated.

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6/8/2009	6:51 PM	1520 W Florence Av	8	Greater Alarm Structure Fire	57	10	77	5		1	0	Still Being Tabulated	0 hours, 31 min.
	INC. #												
	1064	South Los Angeles											
										0	4		INCIDENT DURATION
													4 hours, 3 min.

SOUTH L.A. MATTRESS STORE FIRE SENDS 2 TO HOSPITAL

On Monday, June 8, 2009 at 6:51 PM, 10 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 5 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 Arson Unit, 1 Hazardous Materials Team, 2 EMS Battalion Captains, 4 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams, 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, under the direction of Battalion Chief Robert Franco responded to a Structure Fire at 1520 W Florence Av in South Los Angeles. Firefighters arrived quickly to find heavy smoke from a fast-moving rubbish fire in the alley of a one-story commercial building. The flames had extended within the structure, threatening a two-story apartment building to the east and a storefront church to the west. LAFD personnel aggressively attacked the flames, using handlines to confine the fire before it spread to the adjacent buildings. The well-coordinated offense limited the blaze within the mattress store and alley of initial involvement. The flames were extinguished in just 31 minutes. After sustaining a severe nail puncture to his hand during the fire assault, one firefighter was taken to California Hospital Medical Center, where he was treated and released to remain off duty. The same hospital later saw a teenage female from the neighborhood brought to their facility by LAFD Ambulance in fair condition, after complaining of exposure to smoke from the fire. No other injuries were reported. Loss to 'Dream & Rest Mattress Company' is still being tabulated. The cause of the fire remains under investigation.

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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. #									F/F FATALITY	CIV/INJURY		INCIDENT DURATION
	0348	BOYLE HEIGHTS								0	0		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.
	INC. #	F/F FATALITY								CIV/INJURY			
	0041	PANORAMA CITY								0	11		

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

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5/16/2009	2:59 AM	1328 S. Santa Fe Av.	14	Structure Fire	17	13	101	5		0	0	\$45,000	0 hours, 25 min.
	INC. #									F/F FATALITY	CIVIL INJURY		INCIDENT DURATION
	0139	Industrial Eastside								0	11		In Progress

FIRE DISPLACES 10 IN ARTISAN BUILDING

On Saturday, May 16, 2009 at 2:59 AM, 13 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 5 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 Arson Unit, 1 Urban Search and Rescue Unit, 1 Rehab Unit, 1 Hazardous Materials Team, 3 EMS Battalion Captains, 5 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams, 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, Emergency Air 1, Building & Safety Inspector, LAPD, DOT and DWP, under the direction of Battalion Chief Raymundo Gomez, responded to a Greater Alarm Structure Fire at 1328 S. Santa Fe Av. in the Industrial Eastside of Los Angeles.

Firefighters arrived on scene to find a three story, center hall apartment building with heavy fire and smoke showing from 1 unit on the third floor. The building was remodeled from a center hall apartment building to artisan lofts. As Firefighters diligently tried to extend handlines, their efforts were slowed by the mass exodus of residents from the building. A request was made to place ladders at the fire escapes, providing residents an alternate escape route. The primary search of the building found no residents left inside the structure. The ventilation team, consisting of 2 truck companies, provided 3 good "heat holes" for the escape of hot gases and pressurized smoke which had built up inside the structure. Salvage operations were deployed to the 1st and 2nd floors, with the most significant water damage confined to the third floor.

It took 101 Firefighters to knock the fire down in 25 minutes. There were no injuries reported to civilians or Firefighters. The cause was determined as electrical with an estimated dollar loss of \$45,000 [\$25,000 contents, \$20,000 structure]. A Building and Safety Inspector was requested to assess the structural integrity of the building. The Red Cross was called to assist 10 individuals displaced.

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5/16/2009	4:00 AM	1651 N. Murchison St.	14	Major Emergency Structure Fire	16	15	115	5		0	0	Still Being Tabulated	1 hour, 47 min.		
	INC. #										F/F FATALITY			CIVIL INJURY	INCIDENT DURATION
	0186	Hillside Village/University Hills													

APARTMENT BUILDING EVACUATED AS LOCAL BUSINESS BURNS

On Saturday, May 16, 2009 at 4:00 AM, 15 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 5 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 Arson Unit, 2 Urban Search and Rescue Units, 1 Hazardous Materials Team, 3 EMS Battalion Captains, 6 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams, 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, 1 CERT Coordinator, DOT, DWP and the Red Cross, under the direction of Battalion Chief Rudy Hill responded to a Major Emergency Structure Fire at 1651 N. Murchison St. in the Hillside Village/University Hills area.

Firefighters responding to a reported structure fire, saw a huge "loom up", verifying the fire dispatch. The first arriving Firefighters on scene found a 1 story, commercial building with heavy smoke and fire showing through the roof of the structure. The 75 foot by 150 foot building would pose an access problem to the "C" side of the building, with a partially collapsed perimeter fence and downed high tension wires, where an apartment building was a potential exposure. Additional companies were requested and arrived quickly, having just completed a greater alarm structure fire not far away.

Firefighters began an ambitious interior attack with 2-1/2 inch hand lines and portable monitors in an attempt to gain control of the early morning blaze. 18 minutes into the firefight, the IC called for the withdrawal of all interior firefighting handlines and converting to a defensive posture with master stream appliances. The apartment building on the "C" side of the involved structure began to smoke at the eaves and approximately 100 residents were promptly evacuated from the occupancy.

It took 115 Firefighters 1 hour and 47 minutes to call a knockdown on this fire. There were no injuries to civilians or Firefighters. The business, Plastic Importer, was a distribution hub for plastics. The cause and dollar loss estimate are undetermined until the completion of the fire investigation.

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5/22/2009	4:57 PM	2580 N. Soto St.	14, 1	MAJOR EMERGENCY GRASS FIRE	47	16	104	3		0	0	Still Being Tabulated	1 hour, 35 min.
	INC. #									F/F FATALITY	CIV/INJURY		INCIDENT DURATION
	0858	EL SERENO								0	11		5 hours, 41 min.

FIRE CREWS HOLD GRASS FIRE TO 10 ACRES IN EL SERENO

On Friday, May 22, 2009 at 4:57 PM, 16 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 3 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 Arson Unit, 3 Helicopters, 1 EMS Battalion Captain, 4 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams, 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, 2 CERT Coordinators, L.A. County Fire Department, DWP and DOT, under the direction of Assistant Chief Greg West, responded to a Major Emergency Grass Fire at 2580 N. Soto St. in the El Sereno area.

Firefighters were responding to a reported grass fire, when they encountered what appeared to be a minor traffic collision enroute to the incident. The responding Firefighters radioed the information and continued enroute to the grass fire incident, as companies were dispatched to the traffic collision. On arrival, they found 2 acres of grass burning uphill towards homes and apartments located at the hills crest. A full brush assignment with helicopters and additional engines was requested to provide structure protection to the residences.

104 L.A. City Firefighters, with an assist from four L.A. County Fire Department hand crews and helicopter, needed 1 hour and 35 minutes to contain the grass fire to 10 acres. There were no evacuations and no injuries reported. The cause of the fire was determined to be a downed power pole and high tension wires caused by the traffic accident encountered by responding companies enroute to the grass incident. Fire companies will patrol the area to assure no rekindles occur during the night. The El Sereno neighborhood had not experienced a grass or brush fires the previous 2 years. The mustard grass was approximately 5 feet in height in the area.

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5/24/2009	7:41 PM	11666 W Goshen Av	11	Structure Fire	37	17	128	8		1	0	Still Being	0 hours, 53 min.
	INC. #	BRENTWOOD								F/F FATALITY	CIV/INJURY	Tabulated	INCIDENT DURATION
	1023									0	11	4 hours, 54 min.	

FIREFIGHTER INJURED, CATS PERISH IN BRENTWOOD BLAZE

On Sunday, May 24, 2009 at 7:41 PM, 17 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 8 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 Arson Unit, 1 Urban Search and Rescue Unit, 1 Emergency Air Unit, 1 Rehab Unit, 2 Hazardous Materials Teams, 4 EMS Battalion Captains, 3 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams and 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, a total of 128 Los Angeles Fire Department personnel, as well as one CERT Coordinator, all under the direction of Assistant Chief Jeffrey S. Mottram responded to a Major Emergency Structure Fire at 11666 West Goshen Avenue in the Brentwood area of Los Angeles. Firefighters arrived quickly to find heavy fire showing from the top floor of a 3-story apartment building. Swiftly extending handlines, firefighters did fierce battle within the two-story unit, preventing the flames from spreading to other parts of the densely built and non-fire sprinklered wood-clad structure. The fire was confined to the unoccupied apartment of origin and extinguished in just 53 minutes. During the intense attack on the flames, a Fire Captain sustained severe but non-life threatening muscular injury, and remains hospitalized pending surgical consultation. While seeking to recover and preserve the resident's personal property from the charred unit, firefighters discovered the remains of one pet cat that succumbed at the scene and searched long for another believed to have perished in the flames. Monetary loss from the fire is still being tabulated. The cause of the blaze is categorized as accidental, and attributed to a combustible item left on or near the stove.

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5/27/2009	3:16 AM	5735 Woodman Av	2	Structure Fire	102	7	53	3		1	0	Still Being Tabulated	0 hours, 30 min.
	INC. #									CIV./INJURY	INCIDENT DURATION		
	0084	Valley Glen								0	11		In Progress

FIRE DESTROYS FIVE VEHICLES IN VALLEY GLEN

On Wednesday, May 27, 2009 at 3:16 AM, 7 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 3 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 2 Arson Units, 1 Hazardous Materials Team, 2 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams and 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, a total of 53 Los Angeles Fire Department personnel under the direction of Assistant Chief Greg West responded to a Structure Fire at 5735 Woodman Avenue in the Valley Glen area of Los Angeles. Firefighters arrived quickly to find several vehicles ablaze in a partially concealed parking alcove nested on the west side of a 2 story apartment building. Swiftly tackling the flames with handlines, firefighters confined the blaze to five vehicles in the non-fire sprinklered parking area, preventing flames from extending within the 14 apartments adjacent and above. Fire extension into exterior wall space of the 13,165 square-foot building was severely limited and quickly curtailed by the use of thermal imaging cameras to precisely guide fire control efforts. The flames were extinguished in just 30 minutes. During fireground operations one firefighter sustained a shoulder injury. He was transported to Sherman Oaks Hospital in fair condition. No other injuries were reported, and no residents were displaced by the fire. Loss from the blaze is still being tabulated. The cause of this early morning fire remains under active investigation.

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5/30/2009	1:30 PM	6818 Vineland Av	2	Structure Fire	89	22	166	9		1	0	Still Being Tabulated	0 hours, 51 min.
	INC. #												
	0529	North Hollywood											
										0	12		12 hours, 10 min.

CANDLE SPARKS BLAZE IN NOHO SHOE WAREHOUSE

On Saturday, May 30, 2009 at 1:30 PM, 22 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 9 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 2 Arson Units, 3 Urban Search and Rescue Units, 1 Rehab Unit, 1 Hazardous Materials Team, 4 EMS Battalion Captains, 6 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams and 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, a total of 166 Los Angeles Fire Department personnel under the direction of Assistant Chief Greg West responded to a Major Emergency Structure Fire at 6818 Vineland Avenue in North Hollywood. Firefighters arrived quickly to discover heavy smoke showing from the rear of a 6,675 square-foot one story industrial building. Forcing entry through rolling steel doors, firefighters extended handlines to do fierce battle with well-entrenched flames in a shoe warehouse densely packed with combustible goods, including footwear and packaging. Swift and well coordinated action by firefighters brought full extinguishment of the flames in just 51 minutes. The fire caused significant damage to the building inventory, but remained within the confines of the nearly six decade old non-fire sprinklered structure. The business owner suffered minor smoke exposure while escaping the flames, and a Los Angeles Firefighter sustained an eye injury while making forcible entry. Both men were taken by LAFD Ambulance to Providence St. Joseph Medical Center in Burbank, where they were treated and released. LAFD Heavy Equipment Company personnel from the Special Operations Division responded to assist with the removal and overhaul of smoldering debris, an endeavor that kept firefighters on scene for more than twelve hours. Loss to "Hollywood Heels" a wholesaler of fashion footwear, is still being tabulated. The cause of the blaze is categorized as accidental, and attributed to a lit candle.

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5/31/2009	8:43 AM	19300 W. Ingomar St.	3	EXPLOSION	73	11	82	6		0	0	Still Being Tabulated	1 hour, 56 min.
	INC. #									F/F FATALITY	CIVIL INJURY		INCIDENT DURATION
	0291	Reseda								0	12		9 hours, 47 min.

RESIDENTIAL FIRE REVEALS AMMUNITION STORAGE IN RESEDA

On Sunday, May 31, 2009 at 8:43 AM, 5 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 5 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 Arson Unit, 2 EMS Battalion Captains, 2 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams, 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, L.A. County Health Haz Mat, the Red Cross, DOT and assistance of the LAPD Bomb Squad & Supervisor, responded to reports of an Explosion at 19219 W. Ingomar St. in the Reseda area.

Initial reports to responding Firefighters indicated a container was on fire with ammunition exploding, located behind a single family dwelling. As Firefighters arrived on scene, they found 2 outbuildings and a storage container well involved with fire, with confirmation that "thousands of rounds of ammunition" were going off. Firefighters aggressively deployed handlines to achieve a quick knockdown of the blaze, as additional manpower was requested by the IC. For the safety of Firefighters, protective vests were donned and portable monitors were expeditiously set-up 40 to 50 feet away as an indirect firefighting method to assist in containing the fire and cooling the contents of the container.

As the bulk of the fire was knocked down, the LAPD Bomb Squad was requested to assist with the incident. 5 properties, surrounding the buildings of fire origin, were evacuated as a precaution to the residents. The owner of the property arrived on scene to assist Fire and Police with information regarding storage inside the container and sheds.

It took 82 Firefighters 1 hour, 56 minutes to completely knockdown the fire. No injuries to civilians or Firefighters were reported. The Red Cross, Canteen Services, was requested for the evacuated residents. The cause and dollar loss estimate is undetermined until the completion of the fire investigation.