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**09-113**

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**OCT 6 2009****9/21/2009 TO 9/28/2009**

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9/25/2009	5:04 AM	2101 E Pacific Coast Hwy	15	Refinery Fire	38	29	201	9		0	0	Still Being Tabulated	3 hours, 39 min.
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	0152	<File Missing>								0	0		In Progress

**LAFD BATTLES FIRE AT TESORO OIL REFINERY**

On Friday, September 25, 2009 at 5:04 AM, 29 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 9 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 2 Urban Search and Rescue Units, 1 Rehab Unit, 1 Hazardous Materials Team, 4 EMS Battalion Captains, 9 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams, 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, 3 Foam Tenders under the direction of Assistant Chief Robert Franco responded to a Refinery Fire at 2101 East Pacific Coast Highway in the Wilmington area.

Light Force and Rescue Ambulance 38 arrived to find a large black column of smoke rising straight in the air from the Tesoro Refinery. This refinery produces 97,000 barrels of crude oil a day and is located only 23 miles from downtown Los Angeles.

As additional firefighters arrived, heavy hose streams were initiated. Task Force Commanders used ladder pipe operations which are capable of delivering 1000 GPM depending on the type of the tip used. Portable monitors, which are heavy stream appliances used in a similar manner as wagon batteries and ladder pipes were also put into operation to supply a significant amount of water on the fire quickly.

Lynn Westfall, SVP of External Affairs and Chief Economist of Tesoro stated, "The fire broke out in the coking unit at Tesoro's Wilmington refinery. The cause is under investigation and the amount of damage to the affected unit is unknown at this time. The plant is still operational but at a reduced capacity".

Two Hundred One Los Angeles firefighters along with 35 Tesoro Fire Brigade firefighters were able to obtain a knockdown in three hours and 39 minutes at 8:43 am.

No injuries were reported, although citizens in a one mile radius were briefly encouraged to remain indoors.

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9/25/2009	2:34 PM	400 E Ave 43	1	Brush Fire	1	14	91	2		0	0	Still Being Tabulated	0 hours, 33 min.
	INC. #									CIV/INJURY	INCIDENT DURATION		
	0713	<File Missing>								0	0		5 hours, 26 min.

**GREATER ALARM BRUSH FIRE IN MONTECITO HEIGHTS**

On Friday, September 25, 2009 at 2:34 PM, 14 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 2 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 3 Helicopters, 1 EMS Battalion Captain, 4 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams, 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, and 1 civilian CERT Coordinator under the direction of Battalion Chief Rudy Hill responded to a Brush Fire at 400 East Avenue 43 in Montecito Heights.

Firefighters arrived to find a half acre of grass burning along a hill threatening houses above and below. Hand lines were immediately deployed to suppress the flames and a full Brush Assignment with helicopters and additional engines was requested to provide structure protection to the residences. Firefighters not only had to battle fire through the grass and in structures, but downed power lines posed additional threats not to mention the triple digit temperatures.

Battalion Chief Hill stated, "One two-story garage with a converted room on the second story was well involved with fire and also two other out buildings suffered damage."

A knockdown was obtained by 91 firefighters in just 33 minutes at 3:07 p.m. The dollar loss was totaled at \$170,000 (\$125,000 for the structure and \$45,000 for the contents). The cause was accidental. No injuries were reported and no evacuations were necessary.

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9/14/2009	8:20 AM	1812 E. Century Blvd.	15	Greater Alarm Structure Fire	65	12	95	5		0	0	Still Being Tabulated	0 hours, 31 min.							
	INC. #																			INCIDENT DURATION
	0232	<File Missing>																		

**GREATER ALARM STRUCTURE FIRE IN WATTS INJURES A CIVILIAN**

On Monday, September 14, 2009 at 8:20 AM, 12 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 5 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 Arson Unit, 2 Urban Search and Rescue Units, 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 Trevor Richmond responded to a Greater Alarm Structure Fire at 1812 East Century Boulevard in the community of Watts.

EMS 13 arrived first on scene to find two automobiles fully engulfed in flames and threatening a duplex. Additional firefighters were close behind and quickly deployed hand-lines to knockdown the fire, minimizing the exposure to nearby structures. Truck Companies raised ladders to the roof and began aggressive vertical ventilation. Firefighters faced additional hazards from live power lines that were down and were assisted by DWP.

Ninety-five firefighters obtained a knockdown in 31 minutes. One civilian adult female received non life-threatening burns and was transported to a local hospital. Dollar loss was estimated at \$225,000 (\$150,000 for the structure and \$75,000 for the contents). The cause of the fire was a water heater that ignited the fumes of two partially filled 55 gallon drums of gasoline. The flames then spread to the automobiles and structures. American Red Cross was notified and offered temporary housing for the displaced occupants.

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9/16/2009	6:32 AM	2047 N Sunset Plaza Drive	5	Greater Alarm Structure Fire	97	13	109	5		0	0	Still Being Tabulated	0 hours, 38 min.
	INC. #	F/F FATALITY								CIV/INJURY	INCIDENT DURATION		
	0192	<File Missing>								0	0		In Progress

**FIREFIGHTERS BATTLE A BLAZE IN A HOLLYWOOD HILLS HOME**

On Wednesday, September 16, 2009 at 6:32 AM, 13 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 5 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 4 Arson Units, 3 Urban Search and Rescue Units, 1 Hazardous Materials Team, 2 Helicopters, 2 EMS Battalion Captains, 3 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams, 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, and Los Angeles County Fire Department under the direction of Assistant Chief Mark Stormes responded to a Greater Alarm Structure Fire at 2047 North Sunset Plaza Drive in the Hollywood Hills.

The owner of a five level multi million dollar home reportedly awoke to the sound of breaking glass, and stated he rushed upstairs in anticipation of a burglary to find the upper level of his home engulfed in flames.

Engine and Rescue 97 responded up the curvy hill on Sunset Plaza Drive in less than eight minutes to find fire blowing out the windows and skylights of an approximate 7500 square feet hillside home. Firefighters immediately utilized a wagon battery to quickly knock down the bulk of the flames from the exterior, making the structure tenable for an interior attack with well coordinated attack of handlines. Truck Companies then went to the roof and started vertical ventilation to assist in the attack, control, and extinguishment the structure fire.

It took 109 firefighters just 38 minutes to obtain a knockdown, however an extended overhaul and detailed salvage operation took place to minimize damage to precious pieces of art and protect luxury automobiles inside the structure. No injuries were reported.

The fire loss has been estimated at 7,000,000 dollars, (one million for the structure and six million for the contents). The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

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9/18/2009	12:27 AM	1320 S. Main Street	9	Structure Fire	10	11	88	6		0	0	Still Being Tabulated	1 hour, 35 min.
	INC. #	<File Missing>								F/F FATALITY	CIV/INJURY		INCIDENT DURATION
	0016									0	0		In Progress

**LARGE BLAZE ERUPTS NEAR CONVENTION CENTER**

On Friday, September 18, 2009 at 0:27 AM, 11 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 4 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 Arson Unit, 2 Urban Search and Rescue Units, 1 Rehab Unit, 2 EMS Battalion Captains, 3 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams, 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, under the direction of Battalion Chief Greg Gibson responded to a Structure Fire at 1320 South. Main Street in the area of the Los Angeles Convention Center.

Firefighters arrived quickly to find heavy smoke and fire showing through the roof from an unoccupied, 50' x 100', three-story commercial building. Swiftly extending handlines, firefighters did fierce battle with the blaze. Due to the heavy fire load and partial structural collapse of the roof, fire crews were forced to go into a defensive mode. Firefighters attacked the fire with heavy streams from ladderpipes, as well as handlines from the street.

Firefighters worked diligently to prevent the spread of fire to any of the surrounding structures. Thanks to the exhausting efforts of the men and women of the Los Angeles Fire Department the blaze was contained in just one hour and 30 minutes. Extensive overhauling of the site was initiated, with several companies remaining on scene to extinguish the persistent hot spots. The cause of this fire remains under investigation and the monetary loss is still being tabulated.

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9/18/2009	2:35 AM	18424 W Saticoy St	3	Structure Fire With Civilian Fatality	73	6	42	2		0	0	Still Being Tabulated	0 hours, 18 min.
	INC. #												
	0092	<File Missing>											

**CIVILIAN AND THREE DOGS FOUND DECEASED INSIDE SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING**

On Friday, September 18, 2009 at 2:35 AM, 6 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 2 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 3 Arson Units, 1 EMS Battalion Captain, 1 Battalion Chief Officer Command Team, 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, under the direction of Battalion Chief John Duca responded to a structure fire with civilian fatality at 18424 West Saticoy Street in the Century City Area.

Firefighters quickly responded to the address and initially reported a three-story apartment building, which later became the exposure to a small single family dwelling located to the rear. Firefighters extended hose lines and made access to the roof via ground ladders, completing a well-coordinated attack on the flames.

The fire was subsequently knocked down in just 13 minutes, and contained to one room. Unfortunately, a 16 year old male and his three beloved dogs were found deceased within the structure. The Mayor's Crisis Response Team along with LAFD Arson units was dispatched. The dollar loss totaled \$145,000 (\$125,000 for the structure and \$20,000 for the contents). The cause remains under investigation.

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9/18/2009	3:01 AM	247 E. 61st St	9	Structure Fire	33	12	79	5		0	0	Still Being Tabulated	1 hour, 7 min.							
	INC. #	<File Missing>								F/F FATALITY	CIV/INJURY		INCIDENT DURATION							
	0120									0	0		In Progress							

**MULTIPLE FIRES IN SOUTH LOS ANGELES**

On Friday, September 18, 2009 at 3:01 AM, 12 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, under the direction of Battalion Chief Antoine McKnight responded to a Structure Fire at 247 East 61st Street in South Los Angeles.

Firefighters arriving at the scene were met with multiple fires at two locations, the first one was located at 228 East 60th Street and reported to be a garage fire fully involved. It was knocked down in just 24 minutes. A second fire began nearby at 3:01 am in a 100' x 100' commercial building on 61st Street.

The LAFD Operations Control Dispatch Center (OCD) promptly sent out an additional assignment to battle the quickly growing fire. The arriving companies were joined by those being released from the garage fire nearby, in an effort to assist with the heavy smoke and flame now extending from the commercial structure.

Firefighters coordinated their efforts, as several teams went to the roof to ventilate making it tenable for firefighters extending their lines inside. The complex fire was knocked down in just over one hour. Fortunately, there were no injuries to firefighters or civilians. Dollar loss is being tabulated and the cause is being determined by Arson investigators on scene.

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9/18/2009	3:06 PM	6814 S Crenshaw Bl	8	Greater Alarm Structure Fire	66	12	96	5		0	0	Still Being Tabulated	0 hours, 21 min.							
	INC. #	<File Missing>								F/F FATALITY	CIV/INJURY		INCIDENT DURATION							
	0785									0	0		In Progress							

**FIREFIGHTERS AGGRESSIVE ATTACK SAVED NEARBY BUSINESSES**

On Friday, September 18, 2009 at 3:06 PM, 12 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 5 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 3 Urban Search and Rescue Units, 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 Trevor Richmond responded to a Greater Alarm Structure Fire at 6814 South Crenshaw Boulevard in the community of Hyde Park.

Engine 95 quickly arrived to find a one story commercial building well involved with fire. The business was an auto repair shop and the bulk of the smoke and fire was 150' from the street in the rear of the building. An immediate and well synchronized offensive attack was made by firefighters inside the building and on the roof.

Additional businesses in close proximity were threatened by the fire, but due to a very aggressive attack of all firefighters on scene and good communication skills of the Incident Commander, the fire was confined to only one business. Ninety five firefighters were able to extinguish the blaze in just 21 minutes. A 62 year old male was treated and released for non-life threatening injuries.

The cause was attributed to a leaking fuel pump that caught fire in one automobile that was in the rear of the structure. The dollar loss was \$175,000 total (\$100,000 for the structure and \$75,000 for the contents).

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9/20/2009	9:40 AM	8217 W Gould Av	5	Greater Alarm Structure Fire	41	8	56	2		0	0	\$1,000,000	0 hours, 28 min.
	INC. #	<File Missing>								F/F FATALITY	CIV/INJURY		INCIDENT DURATION
	0363									0	1		5 hours, 53 min.

**LAFD QUICKLY TACKLES HILLSIDE HOME INFERNO**

On Sunday, September 20, 2009 at 9:40 AM, 8 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 2 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 Arson Unit, 2 Helicopters, 1 EMS Battalion Captain, 2 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams and 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, a total of 56 Los Angeles Fire Department personnel, assisted by 1 Company of Los Angeles County Firefighters, all under the direction of Battalion Chief John Drake, responded to a Greater Alarm Structure Fire at 8217 Gould Avenue in the Hollywood Hills.

Traversing the steep and narrow roads of the Kirkwood Bowl neighborhood near Laurel Canyon, Los Angeles Firefighters arrived quickly to find heavy smoke showing from a 3 story hillside home situated near volatile vegetation. Mindful of a four-hour conflagration that occurred in the neighborhood nearly 30 years earlier to the day, LAFD Helicopters were summoned for command support and reconnaissance, as firefighters aggressively attacked fire on all levels of the 4,343 square-foot home.

Aided by residential fire sprinklers that held swift-moving flames in check on all three floors, firefighters were able to confine and extinguish the fire within the home in just 28 minutes. An adult male suffering from smoke inhalation as well as burn injuries to his arm and foot was found outside the home. Following on-scene treatment by LAFD Paramedics, he was transported by ambulance to an area hospital. Another adult male who escaped the flames with minor bruises and lacerations, declined medical transportation and remained at the scene.

No other injuries were reported. Loss from the fire is estimated at \$1,500,000 (\$500,000 structure & \$1,000,000 contents). The cause of this mid-morning blaze remains under active investigation.

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9/8/2009	5:20 AM	12200W. Hartsook st	5	Flooding	60	3	41	2		0	0	Still Being Tabulated	In Progress							
	INC. #	<File Missing>								F/F FATALITY	CIV/INJURY		INCIDENT DURATION							
	0159									0	0		In Progress							

**WATER MAIN CAUSES AN ENGINE TO SINK INTO LARGE HOLE**

On Tuesday, September 8, 2009 at 5:20 AM, 3 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 2 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 Heavy Rescue, 1 Urban Search and Rescue Unit, 1 Rehab Unit, 1 Hazardous Materials Team, 2 EMS Battalion Captains, 3 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams, 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, 1 Dozer Team, 2 Dozer Tenders, 1 Loader Team, 1 Transport Team, along with the aid of LAPD, DOT, Gas Co, and Sanitation under the direction of Assistant Chief Mark Stormes responded to a flooding, involving one LAFD engine at 12200 W. Hartsook St. in North Hollywood.

Firefighters were in route to an unknown flood problem in the vicinity of West Hartsook St. in the Valley Village Community of North Hollywood. As the Crew arrived during the early morning hour, they encountered large amounts of water on the roadway.

With no asphalt visible, the Captain on the engine made a judgment call to begin backing out of the area. As they initiated backing procedures, two firefighters stepped out of the engine to stand as lookouts, while two additional firefighters remained aboard the rig. Suddenly, the front of engine began to sink into a large hole created by a water main that broke several yards away. The two firefighters escaped, one through a side window and one was able to ajar a door on the opposite side. The sink hole consumed most of the front of the apparatus, leaving a good portion of the back exposed. An intense recovery operation was initiated consisting of heavy rescue equipment, dozers, a good amount heavy duty Cables as well as personnel. It took firefighters and allied agencies all morning to devise a plan to retrieve the engine from the large sink hole. There where no other vehicles or individuals involved. Happily the firefighters escape this incident without any Injury.

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9/10/2009	2:26 AM	1411 N. Echo Park Ave	13	Greater Alarm Structure Fire	020	11	88	4		0	0	Still Being Tabulated	0 hours, 35 min.
	INC. #									CIV/INJURY	INCIDENT DURATION		
	0096	<File Missing>								0	0		In Progress

**GREATER ALARM FIRE IN ECHO PARK**

On Thursday, September 10, 2009 a 2:26 AM, 11 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, 3 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams, 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, along with LAPD and DOT under the direction of Battalion Chief Raymundo Gomez responded to a Greater Alarm Structure Fire at 1411 North Echo Park Avenue in the community of Echo Park.

Firefighters arrived to find a 1 story, L-shaped Mini Mall, approximately 100 foot x 75 foot, with 2 units showing heavy smoke and fire. Engine Companies on scene made an aggressive interior attack with hand lines while Truck Companies provided ladders to the roof and started vertical ventilation. The roof construction was made of lightweight wooden I beam. Truck companies were able to stand over a breeze-way that presented a stable surface to remain on while cutting a heat hole over the fire.

Due to the aggressive attack of all firefighters on scene, the damage was primarily confined to one unit and no injuries were reported. It took 88 firefighters only 35 minutes to knockdown on the blaze. The dollar loss is \$350,000 (\$200,000 for property and \$150,000 for contents). The cause of the fire is still under investigation.



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9/12/2009	3:47 AM	1014 E 82nd St	9	FIRE FATALITY	33	3	30	2		0	1	Still Being Tabulated	In Progress							
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	0180	<File Missing>																		

**FIRE FATALITY**

Reported Structure Fire, LF33 first onscene, reported nothing showing. Upon investigation, found a deceased person on fire, in the alley behind a "Motorcycle Club". Age and sex unknown at this time, no knockdown time stated, cause of death to be determined by Coroner. LAFD Arson units and LAPD investigation underway. PIO Ruda notified and responding.

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	0232	<File Missing>								0	0		In Progress

**GREATER ALARM STRUCTURE FIRE IN WATTS INJURES A CIVILIAN**

On Monday, September 14, 2009 at 8:20 AM, 12 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 5 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 Arson Unit, 2 Urban Search and Rescue Units, 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 Trevor Richmond responded to a Greater Alarm Structure Fire at 1812 East Century Boulevard in the community of Watts.

EMS 13 arrived first on scene to find two automobiles fully engulfed in flames and threatening a duplex. Additional firefighters were close behind and quickly deployed hand-lines to knockdown the fire, minimizing the exposure to nearby structures. Truck Companies raised ladders to the roof and began aggressive vertical ventilation. Firefighters faced additional hazards from live power lines that were down and were assisted by DWP.

Ninety-five firefighters obtained a knockdown in 31 minutes. One civilian adult female received non life-threatening burns and was transported to a local hospital. Dollar loss was estimated at \$225,000 (\$150,000 for the structure and \$75,000 for the contents). The cause of the fire was a water heater that ignited the fumes of two partially filled 55 gallon drums of gasoline. The flames then spread to the automobiles and structures. American Red Cross was notified and offered temporary housing for the displaced occupants.

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9/4/2009	4:48 AM	15925 Orchard Av.	15	Civilian Fatality Fire	79	4	41	4		0	1	Still Being Tabulated	0 hours, 17 min.
	INC. #									F/F FATALITY	CIV/INJURY		INCIDENT DURATION
	0151	<File Missing>								0	0		8 hours, 39 min.

**MAN FOUND DEAD IN BURNING HARBOR GATEWAY HOME**

On Friday, September 4, 2009 at 4:48 AM, 3 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 2 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 Arson Unit, 1 EMS Battalion Captain, 1 Battalion Chief Officer Command Team, 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, under the direction of Battalion Chief John Buck responded to a Civilian Fatality Fire at 15925 South Orchard Avenue in the Harbor Gateway area of Los Angeles.

Firefighters arrived quickly to a 1 story single family dwelling with one room well involved. The fire was reported by neighbors who were awakened by loud noises just before the blaze broke out. Firefighters immediately made entry into the home, where extreme pack-rat conditions made it very difficult to find the source of the flames. Interior fire attack teams also encountered large holes in the floor of the home in several locations, adding further difficulties during their operations.

The fire moved rapidly throughout the structure, as crews worked diligently to put this blaze out, LAFD personnel soon discovered the lifeless remains of one person inside one of the rooms of the home. A positive identification of the deceased person including their age, gender as well as the cause, time and manner of death will be determined by the Coroner's Office. No other injuries were reported.

Monetary loss of the blaze is still being tabulated. The cause of this early morning fire remains under an active investigation.

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9/5/2009	10:38 PM	12930 W Ventura Bl	5	Flooding	78	22	149	6		0	0	Still Being Tabulated	In Progress
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	1339	<File Missing>								0	0		In Progress

**WATER MAIN BREAK IN STUDIO CITY CREATES MASSIVE FLOODING**

On Saturday, September 5, 2009 at 10:38 PM, 22 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 6 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 2 Urban Search and Rescue Units, 1 Hazardous Materials Team, 3 EMS Battalion Captains, 5 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams, 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, under the direction of Assistant Chief Mark Stormes responded to a Flooding at 12930 W Ventura Bl in Studio City.

Firefighters arrived to find thousands of gallons of water rushing east on Ventura Boulevard between Coldwater Canyon Avenue and Whitsett Avenue. Firefighters sprang into action in an attempt to quickly divert the deluge around local businesses into the Los Angeles storm drain system, but due to the extraordinary volume of water, it pooled three to four feet in areas.

Over 150 Firefighters worked with profound diligence for many hours, using Dozers and sand bags to protect life and property. Though damages include local homes and businesses being flooded, one apartment carport collapse and one victim requiring rescuing from a vehicle, no injuries were reported. An evacuation shelter was implemented at Miliken Middle School, 5041 Sunnyslope Avenue and American Red Cross was notified.

The source of the surge of water was a 64 inch water main rupturing underneath Coldwater Canyon Avenue, one-half block south of Ventura Boulevard, which served as a large artery feeding water to the Northern Metro Los Angeles Area. Department of Water and Power secured the deluge before dawn, although Ventura Boulevard between Whitsett & Fulton is expected to be shut down until noon and Coldwater Canyon Avenue, south of Ventura Boulevard is not anticipated to open for two-three days.

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8/24/2009	12:43 AM	3510 E 14th St	14	Greater Alarm Structure Fire	25	15	106	4		0	0	Still Being Tabulated	0 hours, 47 min.
	INC. #									F/F FATALITY	CIV/INJURY		INCIDENT DURATION
	0022	<File Missing>								0	0		In Progress

**BLAZE RIPS THROUGH COMMERCIAL IN BOYLE HEIGHTS**

On Monday, August 24, 2009 at 0:43 AM, 15 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 4 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 Arson Unit, 2 Urban Search and Rescue Units, 1 Hazardous Materials Team, 2 EMS Battalion Captains, 3 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams, 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, under the direction of Assistant Chief Terry Manning responded to a Greater Alarm Structure Fire at 3510 E 14th St in South Boyle Heights.

Firefighters arrived swiftly to a 50 x 100 foot commercial building fully involved with heavy smoke and fire showing through the roof. As crews began their initial attack in to the structure, they were met with the challenge of gaining access through two large rolling steel doors.

Firefighters encountered heavy fire at the doors and deployed large handlines to begin knocking down the bulk of the flames. A consideration was made to go toward a defensive attack, as the building became more and more unstable. Additional Handlines were set in place to facilitate protection of the adjacent structures. All roof operations were halted due to partial roof collapse.

It took 106 Firefighters just under one hour to completely extinguish the blaze. There were however no injuries on this incident.

The estimated dollar loss is still being tabulated and the cause of the early morning blaze is under investigation.

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8/29/2009	12:38 AM	6464 W Sunset Bl	13	Rescue	027	8	71	5		0	0	Still Being Tabulated	0 hours, 46 min.
	INC. #	Hollywood								F/F FATALITY	CIVIL INJURY		INCIDENT DURATION
	0047	<File Missing>								0	2		1 hour, 44 min.

**4 RESCUED FROM 12 STORY HIGH RISE IN HOLLYWOOD**

On Saturday, August 29, 2009 at 12:38 AM, 8 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 5 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 Heavy Rescue, 3 Urban Search and Rescue Units, 1 EMS Battalion Captain, 2 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams, 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, under the direction of Battalion Chief Chris Kawai responded to a High Rise Rescue at 6464 W. Sunset Bl. in Hollywood.

Firefighters promptly arrived to a 12 story high rise, to find four persons clinging to near vertical scaffolding eight stories above ground on the East side of the building.

Apparently one of the scaffolding cables malfunctioned, causing a side of the platform to quickly plunge, resulting in the workers sliding to the end of the scaffolding which was then being held by only one cable. Firefighters darted into action and broke out a window on the eighth story to begin a Rescue Operation to free the victims. LAFD's elite Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) specialists headed the precise operation.

Meanwhile Paramedics and EMT's readied themselves on the eighth floor to care for their anticipated patients. Thanks to the joint effort of all 71 firefighters the victims were successfully rescued in just 46 minutes from the time dispatched.

Two males, ages 40 & 46, were transported to local hospitals for non-life threatening injuries, while the other two victims required no medical treatment. All were thankful for the life saving response of the Los Angeles Fire Department.

**LAFD****SIGNIFICANT INCIDENT SUMMARY****Emergency Public Information Center**BFC # **09-113**Meeting Date **OCT 6 2009****8/24/2009 TO 8/31/2009**

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8/29/2009	9:05 AM	15236 Erwin St	2	Greater Alarm Structure Fire	39	11	84	4		0	0	\$200,000	0 hours, 30 min.
	INC. #									F/F FATALITY	CIV/INJURY		INCIDENT DURATION
	0370	<File Missing>								0	2		4 hours, 10 min.

**LAFD HANDLES A COMMERCIAL BUILDING FIRE IN VAN NUYS**

On Saturday, August 29th, 2009 at 9:05 AM, 11 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 4 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 Arson Unit, 1 Hazardous Materials Team, 2 EMS Battalion Captains, 6 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams, 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, under the direction of Assistant Chief Greg West responded to a Greater Alarm Structure Fire at 15236 Erwin St. in Van Nuys.

Firefighters swiftly arrived at a 150 by 75 foot commercial building made of cinder block showing heavy smoke. The building was occupied by Astro Chrome & Polishing and as firefighters approached, warning placards were noticed indicating the building's contents could react adversely to large quantities of water. LAFD Hazardous Materials Squad was immediately requested and handlines were quickly deployed and judiciously used in unison with vertical ventilation.

The fire had originated from a lacquer spray booth and was primarily contained to office space. Injuries consisted of two patients treated for smoke inhalation and transported to local hospitals.

It took 84 firefighters only 30 minutes to extinguish the blaze. The fire's cause was electrical and the dollar loss is being tabulated.

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8/29/2009	5:05 PM	2016 Mateo Pl	14	MAJOR STRUCTURE FIRE	17	16	113	5		0	0	\$375,000	0 hours, 24 min.							
	INC. #	<File Missing>								F/F FATALITY	CIV/INJURY		INCIDENT DURATION							
	0985									0	2		In Progress							

**MAJOR COMMERCIAL FIRE TURNED INTO DEFENSIVE ATTACK**

On Saturday, August 29th, 2009 at 5:05 PM, 16 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 5 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 Arson Unit, 2 Urban Search and Rescue Units, 1 Hazardous Materials Team, 2 EMS Battalion Captains, 3 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams, 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, under the direction of Assistant Chief Daryl Arbuthnott responded to a Major Structure Fire at 2016 Mateo Pl. in Industrial East Side.

Firefighters arrived on scene to find a 50 by 80 foot, single-story commercial building with heavy smoke and fire billowing from the structure. An immediate and well synchronized offensive attack was made by firefighters inside the building and on the roof.

The blaze began to compromise the roof and the IC ordered all firefighters out of the building and a progression to a defensive strategy ensued. Using profuse amounts of water via large hose lines and aerial ladder pipes from the exterior of the building, firefighters were able to prevent the spread of the fire into adjacent businesses.

A Knock Down was declared in only 24 minutes with the help of 113 Firefighters. There were no injuries reported. The cause of the fire is under investigation and the estimated dollar loss is still being tabulated.

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8/30/2009	8:29 AM	1800 N. Camino Palmero	4	Major Emergency Structure Fire	41	15	103	4		3	0	\$3,000,000	2 hours, 1 minute
	INC. #									F/F FATALITY	CIV/INJURY		INCIDENT DURATION
	0344	<File Missing>								0	2		In Progress

**FIRE ENGULFS LARGE 3 STORY HOME IN HOLLYWOOD**

On Sunday, August 30, 2009 at 8:29 AM, 15 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 4 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 Urban Search and Rescue Unit, 1 Hazardous Materials Team, 1 Helicopter, 2 EMS Battalion Captains, 3 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams, 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, under the direction of Battalion Chief John Drake responded to a Major Emergency Structure Fire at 1800 N. Camino Palmero, in West Hollywood Hills.

Firefighters arrived to find a large three story single family dwelling with heavy smoke and fire showing from one room on the second floor. Fire crews quickly commenced the deployment of handlines, but met the difficult task of forcible entry into the structure. Interior fire attack teams worked diligently to find the source of the flames, while roof operation teams cut several holes attempting to locate the origin of the fire. It took firefighters several minutes to find the main fire, with only thick heavy pressurized smoke visible. As crews continued to work exhaustibly, the fire had spread rapidly through the walls as well as into the attic of the large home. Due to the angle of the fire, water had to be supplied to the roof team to begin extinguishing the bulk of the flames. Several firefighters working in and on top the structure were forced rotate their operations, for rest and rehabilitation, due to high rigorous demand. It took 103 firefighters just over two hours to knocked down the blaze. One Fire Captain suffered a minor burn to one hand, along with two firefighters who suffered from heat exhaustion, all three were treated and released at the hospital and are expected to recover. The dollar loss is \$3,000,000 (\$1,500,000 for property and \$1,500,000 for contents). The cause of the blaze is still under investigation.