

**LAFD**

SIGNIFICANT INCIDENT SUMMARY

Emergency Public Information Center

 BFC # *10-126*
 Meeting Date *December 7, 2010*

10/26/2010 TO 11/1/2010

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
10/30/2010	9:22 PM	5207 S Ascot Av	9	Structure Fire With Civilian Injury	21	3	28	3		0	0	Still Being Tabulated	0 hours, 15 min.
	INC. #									CIV/INJURY	INCIDENT DURATION		
	1200									1	In Progress		

LOS ANGELES WOMAN IN GRAVE CONDITION FOLLOWING KITCHEN FIRE

On Saturday, October 30, 2010 at 9:22 PM, 3 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 3 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 4 Arson Units and 1 EMS Battalion Captain, a total of 28 Los Angeles Fire Department personnel under the direction of Battalion Chief Michael Thomas, responded to a Structure Fire with Civilian Injury at 5207 South Ascot Avenue in South Los Angeles. Los Angeles Firefighters arrived quickly to find heavy smoke showing from a small one-story single family home. Forcing entry through the building's front security door, firefighters aggressively tackled flames that had taken hold of the kitchen area of the 800 square foot residence. In a simultaneous search of the smoke charged structure, firefighters discovered and swiftly rescued a critically injured woman suffering from severe smoke inhalation. Provided with immediate medical care at the scene, she was transported in grave condition to the Los Angeles County - USC Medical Center. The bulk of the fire was confined to the kitchen and extinguished in just 15 minutes. No other injuries were reported. Though the home was fitted with security doors and the windows had security bars, there were no obvious non-fire factors to impede the woman's egress. While one smoke alarm was discovered in the hallway of the 103-year old wood-frame home, its functional status and role at the time of the fire could not be immediately determined. The dwelling was not equipped with residential fire sprinklers. Monetary loss from the fire is still being tabulated, and the cause of the blaze remains under active investigation.

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10/31/2010	11:42 PM	2701 Cincinnati St	14	Physical Rescue Traffic Collision	2	8	72	9		0	2	Still Being Tabulated	1 hour, 3 min.
	INC. #									F/F FATALITY	CIV/INJURY		INCIDENT DURATION
	1364	Boyle Heights								0	3		2 hours, 55 min.

TWO LIVES LOST AFTER VEHICLE SMASHES INTO BOYLE HEIGHTS HOME

On Sunday, October 31, 2010 at 11:42 PM, 8 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 9 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 Heavy Rescue, 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 Craig Fry responded to a Physical Rescue Traffic at 428 N Mott St in Boyle Heights. Los Angeles Fire Department resources responded to call where a driver of an SUV crashed into a structure with possible trapped victims. Upon arrival, firefighters discovered 1 vehicle which made its way approximately 6-8 feet into single family dwelling. A physical rescue assignment was quickly requested to extricate the victims. Firefighters utilizing an assortment of tools, while commencing triage of the injured parties, were face with the task of trying to find all the victims in a crowd of people. Rescue crews soon discovered a fatality, a 19y/o female who was apparently in one of the bedrooms at the time of impact. One two week old infant, who was believed to have also been in the same room of impact, was treated and transported in critical condition to USC Medical Center. Four other were also treated and transported, a 61y/o female, 16y/o female, 12y/o female and a 3y/o male, all suffered minor injuries. It is with great sadness to report that the two week old infant was later pronounced dead shortly after arriving at the medical center. The driver who was taken by LAPD, was later transported to an area hospital for evaluation. It is still unclear as to what caused the driver to smash onto the side of a home on a residential street always leaving the question, how could something like this happen. With the prime focus now being on, medical care of the injured and emotional support to the victim's families, an active investigation of the incident will be conducted by the Los Angeles Police Department. This is a reminder to us all ,that a night of celebration can quickly turn into a night of loss, in the blink of a eye.

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11/1/2010	6:44 AM	553 S Windsor Bl	4	Structure Fire With Civilian Injury	29	7	47	4		0	0	\$200,000	0 hours, 38 min.
	INC. #									F/F FATALITY	CIV/INJURY		INCIDENT DURATION
	0236	Wilshire Center								0	5		5 hours, 6 min.

WINDSOR SQUARE BLAZE SENDS TWO TO HOSPITAL

On Monday, November 1, 2010 at 6:44 AM, 7 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 4 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 Arson Unit and 1 EMS Battalion Captain, a total of 47 Los Angeles Fire Department personnel under the direction of Battalion Chief Joseph Klein, responded to a Structure Fire with Civilian Injury at 553 South Windsor Boulevard in the Windsor Square area of Los Angeles.

Firefighters arrived quickly to find smoke showing from a large 3 story single family home. Immediately entering the 11,205 square-foot residence, firefighters discovered and assisted a 74 year-old woman in exiting the smoke charged building.

As crews searched within the massive home, additional firefighters circling the nearly half-acre lot soon discovered three men - including one wheelchair bound, in distress on a second floor balcony. Raising a 35' ground ladder and climbing to the stranded men's location, a pair of firefighters rapidly determined the trio could be safely sheltered in place as LAFD crews tackled flames and strategically abated the smoke.

Within minutes, firefighters were able to safely utilize an interior stairway to evacuate the men, bringing them to waiting Paramedics. The two younger males, ages 38 and 40 declined medical treatment or transportation. The 65 year-old man who had been utilizing the wheelchair, as well as the woman earlier assisted by firefighters, were taken to area hospitals in fair condition for examination of smoke exposure.

The stubborn flames were confined within the deep recesses of the walls and ceiling of the first floor kitchen, and extinguished in just 38 minutes.

No other injuries were reported.

The relationship between the four persons assisted by Los Angeles Firefighters could not be immediately ascertained. Pursuant of protocol, the LAFD did not formally determine or publicly release their identities.

Loss from the fire is estimated at \$200,000 (\$150,000 structure & \$50,000 contents). The early morning blaze originated in the kitchen area, and is considered to have been accidental in nature.