

**LAFD****SIGNIFICANT INCIDENT SUMMARY****Emergency Public Information Center**

BFC # 10-158

Meeting Date Jan. 18, 2011

12/20/2010 TO 12/27/2010

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
12/23/2010	11:48 PM	172 S Clarence St	14	Structure Fire	2	6	46	3		0	0	\$90,000	0 hours, 34 min.
	INC. #									F/F FATALITY	CIV/INJURY		INCIDENT DURATION
	1381	Boyle Heights								0	2		In Progress

BLAZE DESTROYS DENSELY PACKED BOYLE HEIGHTS HOME

On Thursday, December 23, 2010 at 11:48 PM, 6 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 3 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 Arson Unit, 1 Hazardous Materials Team, 1 EMS Battalion Captain and 2 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams, a total of 46 Los Angeles Fire Department personnel under the direction of Battalion Chief Kwame Cooper, responded to a Structure Fire at 172 South Clarence Street in Boyle Heights. Los Angeles Firefighters arrived quickly to find heavy fire showing from the front door and side window of a one-story 711 square-foot single family home densely packed and surrounded with personal possessions. As teams of firefighters fought their way through pack-rat conditions fueling intense flames within, other LAFD personnel provided medical attention to the home's sole occupant, a man who was able to escape the inferno with only minor smoke inhalation. Fire Department Paramedics were soon also examining a neighbor man who witnessed the fire, for possible smoke exposure. Fueled by large amounts of combustible storage, the fire took quick hold of and all-but-consumed, the attic and key structural elements of the small wood-frame home, as firefighters confined the blaze to the structure of origin, extinguishing the flames in just 34 minutes. The homeowner and neighbor declined further medical treatment or transportation, and were released at the scene. No other injuries were reported. The American Red Cross was summoned to provide shelter and human needs assistance to the displaced homeowner. The presence, functional status and role of smoke alarms within the home could not be immediately determined. The compact 101 year-old building was not equipped with residential fire sprinklers. Loss from the fire, which destroyed the residence, has been estimated at \$90,000 (\$75,000 structure & \$15,000 contents). The cause of this late night blaze is categorized as "under investigation".

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12/24/2010	2:46 PM	4370 S Hoover St	9	Safe Surrender	46	1	9	2		0	0	Still Being Tabulated	0 hours, 10 min.							
	INC. #	Exposition Park/Coliseum Area								F/F FATALITY	CIV/INJURY		INCIDENT DURATION							
	0768									0	2		1 hour, 14 min.							

NEWBORN GIRL SAFELY SURRENDERED TO FIREFIGHTERS ON CHRISTMAS EVE

On Friday, December 24, 2010 at 2:46 PM, 1 Company of Los Angeles Firefighters, 2 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, under the direction of Captain I. S. Hilton took in a Safe Surrender Of A Newborn Infant at 4370 South Hoover Street in Exposition Park/Coliseum Area.

On the afternoon of Christmas Eve, a 27 year-old female walked up to Fire Station 46 with a small bundle in her arms. As firefighters warmly greeted this woman, she declared she had a newly born baby girl to give as a Safe Surrender. All 106 of LAFD's fire stations, along with local hospitals are Safe Surrender locations. This program is based on a statewide Safe Haven Law, and was developed on regional bases by County Supervisor Don Knabe. It is intended to protect infants from being hurt or killed from abandonment. A parent or legal guardian can hand over an infant, three days old or younger.

Firefighters compassionately took the baby girl into their arms and used a blanket to keep the her warm as they assessed her medically. The child was stated to be only six hours old and appeared to be abused or neglected. Mother denied receiving any medical treatment for herself other than allowing firefighters to take vital signs. Happily neither baby or mother had a medical complaint. Per protocol firefighters filled out the appropriate documentation a provided both mother and infant with an identifying bracelet. Firefighters embraced the child while monitoring her as they transported her to a local hospital. It is standard practice for the baby to be placed in protective custody and for Department of Children and Family Services to provide aid. We are happy to state that our last report was that the infant was very healthy and we are moved that this potentially tragic incident had a pleasant outcome. Firefighters affectionately nicknamed the Christmas Eve baby girl, Noel.