

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

BFC # 10-165

Meeting Date Jan. 18, 2011

12/28/2010 TO 1/3/2011

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
1/1/2011	12:49 PM	19927 Arminta St	3	Structure Fire	104	4	29	2		0	0	\$70,000	0 hours, 19 min.
	INC. #									F/F FATALITY	CIV/INJURY		INCIDENT DURATION
	0891	Northridge								0	0		3 hours, 47 min.

IMPROPERLY DISCARDED FIREPLACE ASHES CAUSE \$70K DAMAGE TO WINNETKA HOME

On Saturday, January 1, 2011 at 12:49 PM, 4 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 2 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 EMS Battalion Captain and 2 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams, a total of 29 Los Angeles Fire Department personnel under the direction of Battalion Chief Chris Kawai, responded to a Structure Fire at 19927 Arminta Street in Winnetka.

Responding to initial reports of a rubbish fire, neighborhood firefighters arrived quickly to find flames from a large trash can had extended to the attic of a one-story single family home. Firefighters swiftly extended ground ladders to the roof of the 1500 square foot residence to perform strategic vertical ventilation with chainsaws, as their colleagues deployed hoselines within the building to halt the spread of flame.

The combined effort of LAFD personnel within and above the structure quickly stemmed the downward and lateral advance of flame, confining the fire to the attic. Simultaneous and well-coordinated efforts to protect and salvage personal belongings further limited the impact of the fast-moving blaze, which was extinguished in just 19 minutes. No injuries were reported.

The need to secure the home's utilities rendered the building temporarily untenable. The man, woman and teenage male residents stated a desire to seek their own accommodations. Loss from the fire was limited to \$70,000 (\$50,000 structure & \$20,000 contents). The cause of this rapidly spreading blaze was determined to be accidental, and is attributed to the improper disposal of fireplace ashes.

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1/1/2011	6:56 PM	8765 S McKinley Av	9	Greater Alarm Structure Fire	65	12	86	3		0	0	\$150,000	0 hours, 23 min.
	INC. #									F/F FATALITY	CIV/INJURY		INCIDENT DURATION
	1310	Watts								0	0		2 hours, 48 min.

WATTS FIRE DESTROYS VAN, GARAGE & DUPLEX UNDER CONSTRUCTION

On Saturday, January 1, 2011 at 6:56 PM, 12 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 3 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 Urban Search and Rescue Unit, 1 Hazardous Materials Team, 2 EMS Battalion Captains, 4 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams and 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, a total of 86 Los Angeles Fire Department personnel under the direction of Battalion Chief Kevin Pearson, responded to a Greater Alarm Structure Fire at 8765 South McKinley Avenue in Watts.

Los Angeles Firefighters arrived quickly to find heavy fire to the rear of and threatening, a 25' x 100' residential duplex under construction. The swift moving flames consumed a van parked within an attached garage, heavily damaging that structure, as fire spread to the unoccupied duplex, which was merely framed within and wrapped in preparation for siding or stucco.

Despite a well coordinated attack that brought flames under control in just 23 minutes, the partially-constructed duplex, as well as the van and garage were destroyed by fire.

There were no injuries reported.

Loss to the van, garage and duplex under construction is estimated at \$150,000. The fire was determined to be a deliberate act, and remains under active investigation by the LAFD Arson/Counter-Terrorism Section.