

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

BFC # 11-055

Meeting Date **May 3, 2011****3/28/2011 TO 4/3/2011**

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
3/31/2011	9:37 AM	902 W 82nd St	8	Injury	57	1	7	1		0	1	Still Being Tabulated	In Progress
	INC. #									F/F FATALITY	CIV/INJURY		
	0361	South Los Angeles								0	0		0 hours, 36 min.

**CHILD FATALLY INJURED IN SOUTH LOS ANGELES**

On Thursday, March 31, 2011 at 9:37 AM, one Company of Los Angeles Firefighters and one LAFD Rescue Ambulance responded to a Injury at 902 West 82nd Street in South Los Angeles.

Firefighters quickly arrived to an apartment complex where they found a male child that was severely injured. The child's injuries may have been caused from a falling object. Firefighters rapidly treated the child's injuries and provided Advanced Life Support while transporting him to a local hospital, sadly he was later pronounced dead. Our thoughts are with his family at this time...

Countless injuries occur each year when children climb, fall against or pull themselves onto "unsecured" furnishings, often in an attempt to access a television or other heavy appliance. Please join the LAFD in preventing these accidents from occurring by reviewing and sharing these life saving tips...

- Furniture should be stable on its own. For added security, anchor large units to the floor or attach them securely to a wall.
- Place your television on a sturdy, low base, and push the TV as far back as possible.
- Place electrical cords out of a child's reach, and teach kids not to play with them.
- Keep remote controls and other attractive items off the TV stand so kids won't be tempted to grab for them and risk knocking the TV over.
- Make sure free-standing ranges and stoves are installed with anti-tip brackets.
- Keep children safe by surveying the homes of caretakers and sharing this important information.

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4/1/2011	4:52 AM	14655 W Leadwell St	6	Structure Fire With Civilian Fatality	81	4	32	3		0	1	\$100,000	0 hours, 17 min.
	INC. #	Panorama City								F/F FATALITY	CIV/INJURY		INCIDENT DURATION
	0186									0	0		In Progress

### HOUSE FIRE IN VAN NUYS CLAIMS ONE LIFE

On Friday, April 1, 2011 at 4:52 AM, 4 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 3 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 3 Arson Unit, 1 EMS Battalion Captain, 1 Battalion Chief Officer Command Team, all under the direction of Battalion Chief Gerry Malais responded to a Structure Fire With Civilian Injury at 14655 West Leadwell Street in Van Nuys.

Firefighters arrived to find smoke billowing out of a 1-story single family dwelling on a corner lot. They performed a strategic attack of the flames from the ground and the roof of this smoke charged structure. A quick, bold and decisive interior search was performed of the 1200 sqft residence, which was described as having packrat like conditions. The bulk of the fire was reported to be in the kitchen area. Firefighters made forcible entry through a steel security front door and located a 79 year-old female inside. The victim was found face up just five feet from the front door, without signs of life. Firefighter/Paramedics earnestly provided CPR and Advanced Life Support at the scene and during transportation to a local hospital. The victim suffered second and third degree burns to over 90% of her body. Despite the aggressive efforts of Firefighters she was later pronounced dead at the hospital. She was described by neighbors as a beloved member of the community.

A total of 30 firefighters were able to fully extinguish the fire in just 17 minutes. In examining the fire's aftermath, there was evidence of one smoke alarm, however its functional status could not be confirmed. There were no window bars to impair the victim's escape, nor was the 62-year old house equipped with residential fire sprinklers. The cause of this early morning blaze is under active investigation by LAFD Arson Investigators. The monetary loss from a fire can not truly be weighed in the wake of the loss of life, however the dollar loss of this incident is estimated at \$100,000.