

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

BFC # 11-069

Meeting Date May 17, 2011

4/25/2011 TO 5/1/2011

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
4/26/2011	9:21 AM	Sepulveda Bl x Nebraska Ave		Physical Rescue	59	4	33	2		0	0	Still Being Tabulated	In Progress
	INC. #		F/F FATALITY							CIV/INJURY	INCIDENT DURATION		
	0314	West Los Angeles	0							0	In Progress		

On Tuesday, April 26, 2011 at 9:21 AM, 4 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 2 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 Heavy Rescue, 1 Urban Search and Rescue Unit, 1 EMS Battalion Captain, 1 Battalion Chief Officer Command Team, under the direction of responded to a Vehic at Sepulveda Bl X Nebraska Ave in West Los Angeles.

Firefighters were called to respond for a vehicle that broke through a parking structure barrier and plummeted to the ground below. Upon arrival a Volkswagen SUV was found upside down and crushed with one person inside. The victim, an elderly female, was extricated and pronounced dead at the scene.

As of this time the cause of this tragic accident is still under investigation.

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4/26/2011	1:52 PM	2825 S Vermont Ave		Structure Fire	15	10	83	5		0	0	Still Being Tabulated	0 hours, 22 min.
	INC. #		F/F FATALITY							CIV/INJURY	INCIDENT DURATION		
	0627	Exposition Park	0							0	In Progress		

On Tuesday, April 26, 2011 at 1:52 PM, 10 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 5 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 2 Arson Units, 1 Urban Search and Rescue Unit, 1 Rehab Unit, 1 Hazardous Materials Team, 3 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 Structure Fire at 2825 S Vermont Ave in Exposition Park.

Firefighters arrives at the scene quickly and found a one story strip mall with heavy smoke showing. The building, comprised of five separate occupancies, had heavy fire in one unit. With the fire quickly spreading firefighters made a quick and bold interior attack coordinated with an aggressive ventilation effort from above. The dividing walls assisted in keeping the flames contained while firefighters worked furiously inside to keep the fire from spreading. As interior hand lines doused the flames ventilation holes were cut above the fire releasing the extreme heat from inside the structure. This well coordinated effort resulted in knocking down the fire in only twenty two minutes.

The blaze resulted in two injuries. A civilian was treated at the scene for smoke inhalation, and a Los Angeles City Firefighter was struck by a bus while working at the incident. He was transported to a local hospital with a shoulder injury. The civilian was treated and released at the scene.

The cause is still under investigation and the dollar loss is still being tabulated.

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4/27/2011	11:02 PM	3518 E 15th St	14	Major Emergency Structure Fire	25	16	116	6		0	0	\$130,000	0 hours, 33 min.
	INC. #												
	1269	South Boyle Heights											
										0	0		INCIDENT DURATION
													9 hours, 58 min.

L.A. FIREFIGHTERS LIMIT DAMAGE TO SOUTH BOYLE HEIGHTS BUSINESS

On Wednesday, April 27, 2011 at 11:02 PM, 16 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 6 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 Arson Unit, 1 Urban Search and Rescue Unit, 1 Hazardous Materials Team, 3 EMS Battalion Captains, 5 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams and 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, a total of 116 Los Angeles Fire Department personnel under the direction of Assistant Chief Ralph Terrazas, responded to a Major Emergency Structure Fire at 3518 East 15th Street in South Boyle Heights.

Los Angeles Firefighters arrived quickly to discover fire through the roof of a 60' x 125' metal-clad two-story commercial building housing a metal polishing and refinishing firm. Several workers within the business when the fire erupted, were able to escape unharmed prior to the Fire Department's arrival.

Firefighters made swift entry to find intense fire in the easternmost portion of the building. Aided by strategic vertical ventilation performed with chainsaws by their colleagues on the roof above, LAFD crews were able to stand their ground against towering flames, eventually driving back the fire and sparing a full 75% of the business from damage. No injuries were reported.

Fire loss to LAX Wheel Refinishing is still being tabulated. The cause of this late night blaze remains under investigation.

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4/29/2011	10:09 PM	12833 W Ventura Bl		Structure Fire	78	13	89	2		0	0	Still Being Tabulated	In Progress
	INC. #												
	1285	Studio City											
										0	0		INCIDENT DURATION
													In Progress

On Friday, April 29, 2011 at 10:09 PM, 13 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 2 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 Urban Search and Rescue Unit, 1 Hazardous Materials Team, 2 EMS Battalion Captains, 4 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams, 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, under the direction of Assistant Chief Jeffery S. Mottram responded to a Structure Fire at 12833 W Ventura Bl in Studio City.

A fire in an exterior wall of a banquet room at the Sportsmen's Lodge presented a challenge for fire companies. Units opened up the wall and made a thorough search of the building, including the attic to insure there was no further involvement. Vertical and horizontal ventilation were performed to assist in the effort. While the fire was contained to the wall it did result in a substantial amount of water in the building. Sprinklers were shut down after it was determined that there was no extension into any other part of the building. The result was a large amount of water inside the building. The banquet room, encompassing approximately three hundred square feet, had about two to three inches of water inside. Units remained onscene to perform overhaul and salvage operations.

The cause and dollar loss are under investigation.