

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

BFC # 11-076

Meeting Date June 7, 2011

5/9/2011 TO 5/15/2011

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
5/9/2011	4:26 PM	6014 Farmdale Av	2	Structure Fire	60	4	27	2		0	0	\$85,000	0 hours, 17 min.
	INC. #	Valley Village								F/F FATALITY	CIV/INJURY		INCIDENT DURATION
	0805									0	0		2 hours, 7 min.

DESPITE EXTREME FIREFIGHTER EFFORT, 2 CANINES PERISH IN FIRE

On Monday, May 9, 2011 at 4:26 PM, 4 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 2 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 EMS Battalion Captain and 1 Battalion Chief Officer Command Team, a total of 27 Los Angeles Fire Department personnel under the direction of Battalion Chief John Drake, responded to a Structure Fire at 6014 Farmdale Avenue in North Hollywood. Firefighters arrived quickly to find heavy smoke showing from a one-story single family home. Forcing entry, they encountered intense fire within the dining area and kitchen. Simultaneous to their assault on the flames, firefighters performed a rapid yet thorough search of the 1,116 square-foot building - in zero visibility conditions, to discover and rescue a pair of lifeless pet dogs from the smoke-charged home. While a relentless fire attack continued - and with no human patients found, teams of Los Angeles Firefighters, including Firefighter/Paramedics, began vigorous attempts at resuscitating the canines using every tool at their disposal, including specialized animal care supplies. Within a few minutes, one of the pets was sadly determined to be beyond medical help, while the other was seen as clinging to life. The latter animal was provided unyielding care for nearly one-half hour by LAFD personnel, who transported the dog in a Fire Department vehicle to a nearby veterinary office. Despite the combined effort of firefighters and a veterinarian, the dog succumbed soon after arrival at the animal hospital. It is believed that both pets died due to smoke exposure. The fire was confined within the two rooms of origin and extinguished in just 17 minutes. No human injuries were reported. The 59 year-old home was not equipped with residential fire sprinklers. Monetary loss from the fire has been estimated at \$85,000 (\$75,000 structure & \$10,000 contents). The cause of this late afternoon blaze is categorized as electrical.

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5/11/2011	8:01 PM	7705 Densmore Ave	6	Greater Alarm Structure Fire	90	10	85	3		0	0	\$100,000	0 hours, 27 min.
	INC. #									F/F FATALITY	CIV/INJURY		INCIDENT DURATION
	1013	Van Nuys								0	0		2 hours, 35 min.

FIREFIGHTERS BATTLE COMMERCIAL BUILDING FIRE IN WEST VAN NUYS

On Wednesday, May 11, 2011 at 8:01 PM, 10 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 3 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 Arson Unit, 3 Urban Search and Rescue Units, 1 Hazardous Materials Team, 2 EMS Battalion Captains, 4 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams, 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, a total of 85 Firefighters all under the direction of Battalion Chief Stephen Ruda responded to a Greater Alarm Structure Fire at 7705 Densmore Avenue in West Van Nuys.

The first arriving Firefighters found a 100' x 100' one-story Commercial building with one unit well involved in flames. An assertive Fire Attack was initiated as flames began burning through the roof. Upon his arrival Chief Ruda performed a rapid size-up and determined that additional Firefighters would be needed to battle the intense blaze. As hand lines were aggressively deployed in an interior attack, a Strip Ventilation technique was performed by roof division companies with chain saws to release hot gases and smoke. With a well coordinated and swift attack, Firefighters began to get a handle on the blaze. Their relentless effort and teamwork contained the flames to only one unit. A knockdown was obtained in 27 minutes before anyone was injured. The cause of the evening fire was determined accidental and started via spontaneous combustion from oily rags left in a plastic trash container. The Dollar loss is estimated at \$100,000 (\$50,000 structure and \$50,000 contents).

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5/12/2011	1:06 PM	10718 Stallion Ranch Rd	2	GREATER ALARM BRUSH FIRE	77	10	60	0		0	0	Still Being Tabulated	0 hours, 53 min.
	INC. #									F/F FATALITY	CIV/INJURY		INCIDENT DURATION
	0605	Sun Valley								0	0		3 hours, 37 min.

FIREFIGHTERS CONFINE BRUSH FIRE NEAR SUN VALLEY TO JUST 3 ACRES

On Thursday, May 12, 2011 at 1:06 PM, 10 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 3 Helicopters, 2 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams, 1 Water Tender, and additional agencies including: LA County Fire Department, Angeles National Forest, Department of Transportation & Department of Water & Power a total of 60 LAFD Firefighters all under the direction of Battalion Chief John Duca responded to a Greater Alarm Brush Fire at 10718 Stallion Ranch Road in the Shadow Hills area of Sun Valley.

Firefighters arrived to find one-half acre of brush burning up hill and quickly requested additional assistance. Ground crews rapidly began to make their way up steep terrain on both sides of the fire to surround and attack the flames. Three water dropping helicopters provided precise water drops, helping Firefighters on the ground in warm and breezy conditions. As the afternoon battle progressed the fire consumed an additional two acres. This area nestled between Hansen Dam Recreation Center and Sunland Boulevard consists of moderate brush, hilly terrain, and is surrounded by large ranch style homes. Due to the decisive measures implemented, the afternoon blaze was swiftly confined to just under three acres. A knockdown was declared in 53 minutes before any homes were threatened and without any one being injured. The cause of the fire was accidental reported to have been started by a welding operation at a perimeter fence.

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5/13/2011	2:57 AM	408 W 132nd St	15	SALVAGE YARD	64	9	56	3		0	0	Still Being Tabulated	0 hours, 55 min.
	INC. #	F/F FATALITY								CIV/INJURY	INCIDENT DURATION		
	0104	0								0	In Progress		

On Friday, May 13, 2011 at 2:57 AM, 9 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 3 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 EMS Battalion Captain, 2 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams, under the direction of Battalion Chief Pearson responded to a Salvage Yard at 408 W 132nd St in South Los Angeles and Compton portion of Los Angeles County Fire Department.

The early morning blaze in a large salvage yard combined the efforts of Los Angeles City and County Fire Departments. Firefighting companies attacked the fire from multiple sides to bring it under control. Two large containers of scrap and wooden pallets put out intense heat and smoke, but with a rapid hose line attack the fire was put under control in less than one hour. This multi agency fire did not result in any injuries and was confined to the scrap yard. No structures were involved and an official knockdown was declared in fifty five minutes. Cause is under investigation.

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5/13/2011	4:34 PM	1148 S Mirasol St	14	Structure Fire With Firefighter Injury	25	8	52	4		1	0	\$350,000	0 hours, 21 min.
	INC. #									F/F FATALITY	CIV/INJURY		INCIDENT DURATION
	0828	South Boyle Heights								0	0		4 hours, 55 min.

LOS ANGELES FIREFIGHTER INJURED AT STRUCTURE FIRE

On Friday, May 13, 2011 at 4:34 PM, 8 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 4 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 Arson Unit, 1 EMS Battalion Captain, 1 Battalion Chief Officer Command Team, a total of 52 Firefighters all under the direction of Battalion Chief Manuel Lafarga responded to a Structure Fire with Firefighter Injury at 1148 South Mirasol Street in the Hobart area of South Boyle Heights.

Firefighters arrived to find a 761 sqft Single Family Dwelling with heavy fire showing, exposing an approximate 500 sqft structure in the rear. Additional resources were immediately requested. Teams of Los Angeles Firefighters made swift forcible entry and extended handlines to do battle with the well entrenched flames, as their colleagues scaled the roof of the 88 year-old wood frame home to perform vertical ventilation. Due to the aggressive attack well coordinated fire-fight, the blaze was fully extinguished in just 21 minutes before any civilians were injured. The residence was equipped with smoke alarm(s), however their functional status and role at the time of the fire could not be immediately determined. A Firefighter was injured when exiting the roof onto a ladder. The ladder may have slipped on a concrete base, where the Firefighter fell approximately eight feet and injured his wrist, neck and back. He was transported to a local hospital in fair condition. Estimated dollar loss totaled \$350,000: main house \$200,000 (\$140,000 structure & \$60,000 contents), back house \$150,000 (\$125,000 structure & \$25,000 contents). The cause of the fire is under active investigation.