

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

BFC # 11-080

Meeting Date June 21, 2011

5/23/2011 TO 5/29/2011

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5/24/2011	12:15 AM	9654 Cozycroft Av	12	Major Emergency Structure Fire	107	16	118	8		1	0	Still Being Tabulated	1 hour, 3 min.
	INC. #									F/F FATALITY	CIV/INJURY		INCIDENT DURATION
	0010	Chatsworth								0	0		In Progress

FIREFIGHTER INJURED BATTLING FLAMES IN CHATSWORTH

On Monday, May 23, 2011 at 12:15 AM, 16 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 8 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 Arson Unit, 1 Urban Search and Rescue Unit, 1 Rehab Unit, 1 Hazardous Materials Team, 1 LAFD Helicopter, 1 EMS Battalion Captain, 3 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams and 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, a total of 118 Los Angeles Fire Department personnel under the direction of Assistant Chief Daryl Arbuthnott, responded to a Major Emergency Structure Fire at 9654 Cozycroft Avenue in Chatsworth. Firefighters arrived quickly to find fire through the roof above a pair of centrally located units within a one-story eight-unit 160' x 300' industrial building. Forcing entry through rolling steel doors of a wholesale gift firm that occupied the two involved units, scores of firefighters worked in unison to swiftly salvage key business records and computer equipment from the office, as their colleagues nearby held advancing flames at bay. The offensive attack on the fire, accompanied by strategic vertical ventilation, continued unabated for more than 20 minutes, until the roof became untenable and portions of the structure began to give way. A skillful transition to defensive operations prevented flames from spreading beyond the units of fire origin, as large hose streams were brought to bear against the inferno for the next forty minutes. The well-coordinated firefighting effort prevented the blaze from causing direct damage to a gymnasium to the south or a metalworking firm to the north. The flames were brought fully under control in just 63 minutes. During the assault on the flames, one Los Angeles Firefighter sustained painful and potentially debilitating 2nd-degree burns to as much as nine-percent of his body, including hands and chest. He was taken in fair condition by LAFD ambulance to West Hills Hospital, home of the Grossman Burn Center, where he was treated in the Emergency Room and released to remain off-duty. No other injuries were reported. Fire loss to Bey-Berk International a timepiece wholesaler, is still being tabulated. The cause of this midnight blaze remains under active investigation.

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5/25/2011	10:41 PM	NB 5 Fwy x Glenoaks Bl	2	TANKER	77	11	74	4		0	0	Still Being Tabulated	2 hours, 19 min.	
	INC. #									F/F FATALITY	CIV/INJURY			INCIDENT DURATION
	1261	Sun Valley								0	0			

FUEL SPILL FROM TANKER CLOSSES GOLDEN STATE FREEWAY

On Wednesday, May 25, 2011 at 10:41 PM, 11 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 4 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 Hazardous Materials Team, 2 LAFD Foam Tenders, 1 LAFD Water Tender, 1 EMS Battalion Captain, 2 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams and 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, a total of 74 Los Angeles Firefighters under the direction of Battalion Chief John Drake, responded to a Traffic Collision with Large Fuel Spill on the northbound Golden State (I-5) Freeway near Glenoaks Boulevard in Sun Valley.

Los Angeles Firefighters arrived quickly to find a semi-truck tanker with twin tank trailer, both laden with gasoline, parked on the right shoulder of the freeway. The trailer was observed leaking large amounts of the volatile motor fuel onto the roadway and across northbound lanes of travel. According to witnesses, the tandem tanker truck was involved in a collision with another vehicle, causing damage to valves beneath the truck's fully-laden 4,800 gallon capacity trailer. First arriving LAFD personnel staged their apparatus upwind and uphill from the parked gasoline transporter. With hundreds of gallons of flammable liquid already spilled, firefighters immediately curtailed traffic along the north- and south-bound lanes of the busy interstate highway to prevent ignition and diminish environmental harm. As law enforcement agencies managed traffic along the miles-long closure that included many on- and off-ramps, transportation officials assisted firefighters who had labored intensely and successfully for nearly an hour, to dike the tide of gasoline before it could enter the storm drain system.

Patrons of a freeway adjacent motel behind a tall sound wall were sheltered in place, as teams of Los Angeles Firefighters stemmed the leaking trailer while applying an absorbent and firefighting foam to ease the cleanup and limit the potential for ignition. No injuries were reported. There were no formal evacuations. Following the Los Angeles Fire Department's successful mitigation of the primary hazard, control of the scene was returned to the California Highway Patrol, State Department of Transportation and County Health Hazardous Materials officials.

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5/27/2011	1:59 AM	10263 Kalua Dr	2	Structure Fire With Civilian Injury	77	4	32	4		0	0	\$100,000	0 hours, 14 min.
	INC. #									F/F FATALITY	CIV/INJURY		INCIDENT DURATION
	0061	Sun Valley								0	3		3 hours, 48 min.

TRIO BURNED ATTEMPTING TO BATTLE RESIDENTIAL BLAZE WITH GARDEN HOSE

On Friday, May 27, 2011 at 1:59 AM, 4 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 4 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 Arson Unit, 1 EMS Battalion Captain and 1 Battalion Chief Officer Command Team, a total of 32 Los Angeles Fire Department personnel under the direction of Battalion Chief Dennis Waters, responded to a Structure Fire with Civilian Injury at 10263 Kalua Drive in Sunland.

Los Angeles Firefighters arrived quickly to find smoke showing from a 2,130 square-foot one-story single family home. As firefighters extended hoselines to do battle with fire, they encountered three adults exiting the residence with serious burns following a senseless effort to battle flames from within the living room with a garden hose. Firefighters promptly rendered care to the injured trio as their colleagues did quick battle with the fire, extinguishing flames in just 14 minutes.

The injured; a man and woman in their early 60's as well as a woman in her early 80's, each sustained painful first- and second-degree burns to their hands, arms and faces with possible respiratory injury from heat and smoke. All three were transported in fair condition to area hospitals by LAFD ambulance. No other injuries were reported.

Fire loss to the 44 year-old non-fire sprinklered home is estimated at \$100,000 (\$75,000 structure & \$25,000 contents). The cause of this early morning blaze remains under investigation.

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5/28/2011	8:47 PM	Dodger Stadium	1	Structure Fire	20	6	42	2		0	0	Still Being Tabulated	0 hours, 20 min.
	INC. #	F/F FATALITY								CIV/INJURY	INCIDENT DURATION		
	1012	0								3	2 hours, 56 min.		

FIREFIGHTERS RAPIDLY EXTINGUISH FLAMES AT DODGER STADIUM

On Saturday, May 28, 2011 at 8:47 PM, 6 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 2 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 Arson Unit, 1 EMS Battalion Captain, 2 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams, 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, 1 Emergency Air Unit all under the direction of Assistant Chief Daryl Arbuthnott responded to a Structure Fire at Dodger Stadium in Echo Park.

Los Angeles Firefighters arrived to find a moderate amount of lazy smoke drifting across the Top Deck of Dodger Stadium. Firefighters swiftly made their way through crowds of baseball fans while additional colleagues entered the Stadium from an aerial ladder truck. A small fire comprised predominately of paper goods was located inside an approximate 20' x 20' storage room, made of cinder block construction. Some fans seated in the Top Deck were calmly moved to another area due to residual smoke, but there was no need for a formal evacuation of the stadium, and play was not stopped. Dodger's staff addressed the public stating "Attention Please: There was a small fire in a confined area that is under control and contained. The Los Angeles Fire Department is onscene and there is no need to evacuate." Due to the prompt response of 42 Los Angeles Firefighters the flames were confined to the area of origin and fully extinguish in just 20 minutes before anyone was injured. Careful preservation was given to protecting Dodger property and gas powered blowers were strategically utilized to direct remaining smoke away from fans. Just after five am on Monday May 30th, Firefighters returned to the same location due to finding a small amount of products that rekindled from the previous incident. The smoldering contents were promptly extinguished. The cause of the fire is under active investigation and the dollar loss is still being tabulated.

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5/29/2011	1:25 AM	1171 E 10th St	9	Greater Alarm Structure Fire	9	14	110	7		1	0	Still Being Tabulated	1 hour, 8 min.
	INC. #									F/F FATALITY	CIV/INJURY		INCIDENT DURATION
	0074									0	3		In Progress

BLAZE INJURES 1 FIREFIGHTER & DAMAGES STRUCTURES DOWNTOWN

On Sunday, May 29, 2011 at 1:25 AM, 14 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 7 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 Arson Unit, 2 Urban Search and Rescue Units, 1 Hazardous Materials Team, 3 EMS Battalion Captains, 4 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams, 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, 1 Emergency Air, 1 Emergency Lighting, 1 Rehab Utility, 1 Rehab Air Tender, DWP and LAPD all under the direction of Assistant Chief Daryl Arbuthnott responded to a Greater Alarm Structure Fire at 1171 East 10th Street in the Wholesale District of downtown Los Angeles.

Firefighters arrived to find a large outside fire exposing the rear of two buildings, a tall warehouse connected by a division wall to a one-story building separated into an approximate half dozen, 50' x 100' individual stores containing party supplies. Firefighters made forcible entry with rotary saws through multiple rolling steel doors into the warehouse to allow Fire Attack teams inside the unoccupied structure. Simultaneously, their colleagues swiftly took to the conventional bridge truss roof to perform vertical ventilation. Firefighters utilized heavy hose streams and ladder pipe operations to pour large amounts of water in the open lots where additional products were intensely burning, however the fire attack remained offensive. Flames also damaged one section of power lines, pole to pole, causing them to fall. The first arriving 110 firefighters were able to extinguish the blaze in one hour and eight minutes before any civilians were injured. One Firefighter assigned to a Truck Company suffered back injury and was transported to a local hospital in fair condition. The dollar loss is still being tabulated and the cause of the early morning blaze is under active investigation.