

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

BFC # 11-108

Meeting Date August 16, 2011 7/4/2011 TO 7/10/2011

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	
7/4/2011	9:32 PM	10619 Andora Av	12	Grass Fire with Civilian Injuries	96	8	55	0		0	0	Still Being Tabulated	0 hours, 43 min.	
	INC. #									F/F FATALITY	CIV/INJURY			
	1348	Chatsworth								0	2			INCIDENT DURATION

ILLEGAL FIREWORKS SUSPECT IN CHATSWORTH BLAZE THAT INJURED TWO

CHATSWORTH - A grass fire on Independence Day in the the northwest San Fernando Valley believed to have seriously injured two persons, may have been sparked by illegal fireworks.

Fifty-five Los Angeles Fire Department personnel - including four LAFD helicopters, were summoned at 9:32 P.M. on Monday, July 4, 2011, to 10619 Andora Avenue in Chatsworth, where residents reported a grass fire at nearby Stoney Point, an iconic landmark and municipal park popular with hikers and revered by climbing enthusiasts.

According to witnesses, a thunderous explosion occurred before fire erupted near the site's massive outcroppings. Arriving quickly by ground and air, Los Angeles Firefighters hiked up steep and winding trails in the darkness to confine the wildfire, as LAFD helicopters flanked the blaze that scorched a half-acre of tinder-dry brush in the 43 minutes it took to extinguish the flames. Despite their exhaustive search of rugged terrain across the 76-acre site nestled between the Simi Hills and Santa Susana Mountains, firefighters were unable to find a man and woman who witnesses say were badly burned in the fire. In seeking the pair's whereabouts, firefighters discovered and took custody of a large cache of fireworks found atop the towering cliffs.

The specific cause of the blaze remains part of an active investigation by Los Angeles Police and Fire Department Investigators. Those with information about the event and injured persons, are asked to call the LAFD Arson/Counter-Terrorism Section at (213) 485-6095

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7/4/2011	10:52 PM	617 W 42nd Pl	9	Eye Injury	46	1	6	1		0	0	Still Being Tabulated	0 hours, 8 min.
	INC. #									F/F FATALITY	CIV/INJURY		INCIDENT DURATION
	1568	Exposition Park/Coliseum Area								0	2		0 hours, 39 min.

SEVERE FIREWORK INJURY PLACES GIRL'S EYESIGHT AT RISK

SOUTH LOS ANGELES - Doctors were striving late Monday to save a Los Angeles girl's eyesight following a horrific injury caused by an illegal firework during a private Independence Day celebration.

The Los Angeles Fire Department was summoned at 10:52 P.M. on Monday, July 4, 2011 to respond to 617 West 42nd Place in South Los Angeles, where they encountered a 12 year-old girl with severe eye damage.

According to witnesses, the girl had been in front of her home using a sparkler - also illegal in Los Angeles, when another person discharged an illegal 'firecracker-like' device near her face, impaling her right eye.

A team of six LAFD crew members worked in unison to stabilize the injury while providing emotional care to the patient and her family, then quickly transported the girl to Children's Hospital Los Angeles, where a team of experts awaited to provide her care.

Los Angeles Police Officers will investigate circumstances of the injury. The personal use of any firework, including so-called "safe and sane" devices has been illegal in the City of Los Angeles since World War II.