

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

BFC # 11-111

Meeting Date August 16, 2011 7/18/2011 TO 7/24/2011

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
7/19/2011	6:11 PM	3355 North Edloft Avenue	14	Flooding	47	6	51	4		0	0	Still Being Tabulated	In Progress
	INC. #									F/F FATALITY	CIV/INJURY		INCIDENT DURATION
	0977	El Sereno								0	1		4 hours, 39 min.

100 FOOT GEYSER IN RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD DISPLACES FAMILY

At 6:11 pm this evening, your Los Angeles Fire Department responded to a reported "hydrant" at the residential intersection of North Edloft Avenue and East Twining Street in the neighborhood of El Sereno. First arriving units were guided to the scene by water being shot approximately 100 feet into the air from a high pressure fire hydrant. The hydrant had been sheared-off by a vehicle, whose driver had apparently lost control. The driver was treated and transported to a local hospital for observation.

Mass amounts of water then began to shower surrounding homes and fill the streets. Access to the hydrant shut-off valve was made difficult to Firefighters not only because they had to endure heavy water, but also due to the large, water-main shut-off valve being located deeper underground than what standard tools on our fire apparatus are capable of accessing. This particular hydrant shut-off valve required specialized tools available only to our partners at the Department of Water & Power (DWP).

As water continued to flow for nearly two hours, approximately 50 Firefighters quickly poured on-scene to assist, along with our specialized Urban Search & Rescue unit and our Heavy Rescue squad. The water flow initially prompted the Incident Commander (IC), Battalion Chief Kevin Pearson, to protect the residents of three homes in the area by sheltering them in place. When it became apparent this would be an extended incident, the IC, under the guidance of Assistant Chief Daryl Arbuthnott, made the decision to evacuate these structures to ensure their safety.

When the hydrant was ultimately shut-down, representatives from the Department of Building & Safety quickly moved in to assess and determined the homes had sustained minimal, structural damage. However, a retaining wall at the rear of one of the structures was severely compromised. As a result, one family was unfortunately displaced for at least that evening. The family was assisted by our friends at the local Red Cross.

We are pleased to report there were no additional injuries to any of the families impacted nor to any of our on-scene personnel.

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

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7/21/2011	8:29 PM	739 N Mariposa Av	13	Civilian Fatality Structure Fire	52	7	47	2		0	1	\$45,000	0 hours, 16 min.
	INC. #									F/F FATALITY	CIV/INJURY		INCIDENT DURATION
	1037	Southeast Hollywood								0	0		3 hours, 16 min.

MAN FOUND DEAD IN HOLLYWOOD HOUSE FIRE

On Thursday, July 21, 2011 at 8:29 PM, 7 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 2 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 3 Arson Units, 1 EMS Battalion Captain, 2 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams, under the direction of Battalion Chief Joseph Castro responded to a Civilian Fatality Structure Fire at 739 North Mariposa Avenue in Southeast Hollywood.

Sadly a man was found deceased tonight inside a residence that was on fire. The Los Angeles Fire Department was called at 8:29 PM on Thursday, July 21, 2011 to 739 North Mariposa Avenue in Hollywood, where they found heavy smoke showing from the second story of a single family dwelling. The first of 44 firefighters initially dispatched to the scene quickly extended hoselines inside the 3,269 square-foot residence, extinguishing the flames in just 16 minutes – only to discover a 69 year-old male. Beyond medical help, and described as having minimal mobility, he was determined dead at the scene. No other injuries were reported. The bulk of the flames were in one room on the second story, which was described as "packrat" like conditions. There were no smoke alarms present within the residence. Monetary loss from the blaze in the 98-year old non-fire sprinklered home is estimated at \$45,000 (\$25,000 structure & \$20,000 contents). A positive identification of the dead man, as well as the precise cause, time and manner of his death, will be determined the Los Angeles County Department of Coroner. The cause of the fire remains the focus of a joint investigation by Los Angeles Fire and Police Department Investigators.

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7/24/2011	11:20 AM	5681 W Washington Bl	10	Traffic Collision	68	4	39	6		0	0	Still Being Tabulated	In Progress
	INC. #	Mid-City								F/F FATALITY	CIV/INJURY		INCIDENT DURATION
	0531									0	7		0 hours, 24 min.

ERRANT LANE CHANGE ON FREEWAY YIELDS 7 SERIOUSLY INJURED

At approximately 11:20 this morning, an automobile carrying seven passengers made a very late attempt to exit the Westbound 10 Freeway at Fairfax Avenue. As the driver cut across several lanes, the reckless auto managed to collide with another on the freeway, before missing the targeted exit altogether. What resulted was a short trip down a vertical embankment, where the passenger vehicle then overturned onto the Washington Boulevard and Fairfax Avenue intersection. In the process, the engine compartment of the overturned auto caught fire. Nearly 40 Firefighters responded to the incident, making quick work of the small auto fire and quickly assessing each of the involved passengers.

It was discovered that one patient (an approximate 2 year-old male) had been ejected from the car. The young passenger, allegedly, had not been secured in a car-seat, as is required by California law. All seven occupants of the vehicle (a small 2-door, passenger auto) were transported by LAFD Rescue Ambulance with various injuries ranging from serious to critical. At the time of the incident, it was not apparent that they, themselves had been securely fastened by seat-belts.

The other involved vehicle on the freeway sustained minor damage and its driver was treated and later released at the scene.

The incident is under active investigation.

DISPATCH UNITS:

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