

Emergency Public Information Center

BFC # 11-145

Meeting Date: October 4, 2011

9/5/2011 TO 9/11/2011

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
9/5/2011	2:22 PM	8576 Vine Valley Dr	2	Brush Fire	77	25	147	2		0	0	Still Being	7 hours, 41 min.
	INC.#									F/F FATALITY	CIV/INJURY	Tabulated	INCIDENT DURATION
	0631	Sun Valley								0	0		9 hours, 28 min.

FIREWORK SPARKED BLAZE SCORCHES TEN ACRES IN SUN VALLEY

SUN VALLEY - Los Angeles area firefighters responding by ground and air were able to protect homes from damage, when a fast moving wildfire scorched nearly ten acres of a Sun Valley hillside on Labor Day. Fire Department investigators suspect the non-injury blaze in the Verdugo Mountains was sparked by children playing illegally with fireworks.

On Monday, September 5, 2011 at 2:22 PM, the Los Angeles Fire Department responded to a reported brush fire near 8576 Vine Valley Drive in Sun Valley. With smoke visible more than six miles distant, allied agencies, including the Los Angeles County Fire Department, Burbank Fire Department and firefighters from the Angeles National Forest, soon joined the battle in an area considered a mutual threat zone.

Two water-dropping LAFD helicopters and an Erickson Air-Crane helitanker on seasonal deployment to the City of Los Angeles, were able to flank the flames with great precision, as ground crews - including 147 Los Angeles Fire Department personnel, worked to stretch hoselines and battle flames across the rolling terrain.

Despite flames being confined within two hours to less ten acres, the tinder-dry brush could not be declared fully extinguished for nearly eight hours, as hand crews worked the entire edge of the fire with hand tools to assure the fire was out.

DISPATCH UNITS:

E89 T89 E24 T60 E60 E260 E298 E98 T98 H0D H0E BC14 BC12 E76 H3 H4 RA90 E7 E90 E77 E81 E86 E102 E39 DC3 EM15 BC10 E239 T39 E275 T75 E91 E41 E278 T78 H733 BP109 WT77 BP44 AR2 RA70 RT59 E10 E11 E63 E39 E88 DC2 BC14



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9/5/2011	4:10 PM	3682 Mandeville Cyn Rd	11	Brush Fire	19	77	422	7		2		Ū	3 hours, 5 min.
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	0785	Brentwood								0	0		67 hours, 50 min.

40 ACRE MANDEVILLE CANYON WILDFIRE

On Monday, September 5, 2011 at 4:10 PM, 77 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 7 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 Arson Unit, 1 Rehab Unit, 5 Helicopters, 4 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams, 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, 1 Helitanker, 2 CL-415 Super Scoopers, along with Bull Dozers, Brush Patrols, Water Tenders all under the direction of Deputy Chief Mario Rueda responded to a Brush Fire at 3682 Mandeville Canyon Road in Brentwood.

BRENTWOOD - More than 200 Los Angeles Fire Department personnel, bolstered with a regional response of firefighters by ground and air, pushed back flames from a Labor Day wildfire before it could damage any homes in the brush covered terrain near Mandeville Canyon west of the Sepulveda Pass. With numerous telephone calls reporting the fire on Monday, September 5, 2011 at 4:10 PM, teams of firefighters responded to the 3600 block of Mandeville Canyon Road where they discovered fast-moving fire in vegetation east of Mandeville Canyon and north of the Mountain Gate Country Club.As dozens of ground crews scrambled through rugged terrain to attack the blaze, a synchronized aerial offense with fixed-wing aircraft and helicopters soon stemmed the fire's advance, holding the fire's impact to forty acres of dense vegetation. Structures were threatened, however due to the swift and aggressive action of firefighters, none were damaged, and no civilians were injured. Two male firefighters, one from LAFD and the other from California Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation Camp Crew 16, suffered heat related injuries & were transported to a local hospital in fair to serious condition. The fire was 100% contained Wednesday afternoon September 7th, however firefighters maintained a heavy presence and kept a close eye on the burn area throughout the four days, ensuring the the volatile vegetation would not reignite, to keep residents safe. The cause of the fire was determined accidental in nature, and was attributed to two young males smoking.



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9/6/2011	10:51 AM	1300 North Alameda Street	15	HAZ MAT	38	7	56	4		0		•	5 hours, 4 min.
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	0466	Wilmington / Harbor City								0	0		5 hours, 4 min.

LARGE-SCALE HAZMAT AVERTED ON RAIL LINES NEAR THE PORT

WILMINGTON - An inbound freight-train from Texas was discovered to be prematurely off-loading one if its "intermodal" railcars, earlier today. The "stable, but flammable liquid" was identified as "Pentanol" and was seen pouring from what was described as a "small crease in its belly," at a rate of approximately 3-5 gallons a minute. The leak was discovered by a passerby, as the train sat idle, awaiting inspection. The cause of the leak was to be investigated by rail authorities.

The incident warranted a full response by the LAFD's Hazardous Materials (HazMat) Squads from the surrounding areas, including Squads 48, 95 and 21 as well as nearly 60 Firefighters. Upon arrival, Battalion Chief Gomez made the swift decision to close the 1300 block of North Alameda Street to through traffic from Pacific Coast Highway to Sepulveda Boulevard, as a precaution. The mostly industrial business area, however, did not require evacuation.

With the Squads in place and now ready for entry, the other elements of the HazMat response, including Decontamination, Fire Suppression, Rescue and a Medical Component, were also deployed. After being able to assess the problem up-close, the experts quickly determined it was a leak that could not be stopped. The Unified Command, with representatives from LACo Health & HazMat, LAPD, DOT and the Union Pacific Railroad, decided it best to bring in private "vacuum trucks" to offload the remaining product. These trucks were requested early, having anticipated the need and thereby reducing the wait time.

When the incident was finally declared static and the hazard abated, nearly 5 hours later, a total of some 4700 gallons of "Pentanol" were offloaded. Despite the hazards involved, including the 90 degree heat beating down on all members suited-up in their specialized equipment, there were no injuries or illnesses reported. More good news was the leak required minimal clean-up and had little environmental impact, as most if the product quickly evaporated.

DISPATCH UNITS:

E38 RA38 RA36 E40 T48 E248 SQ48 E94 EM9 BC6 E36 RA848 HM94 E95

T95 E295 SQ95 E85 FT36 EM6 RT40 RA857 BC13 E88 E49 SQ21 RA15 E85



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9/9/2011	7:54 PM	7327 West Woodrow Wilson Drive	4	Greater Alarm Structure Fire	76	12	80	5		2	-	•	1 hour, 32 min.
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	1131	Hollywood								0	0		1 hour, 32 min.

TOUGH BLAZE IN HOLLYWOOD HILLS HOME INJURES TWO FIREFIGHTERS

Hollywood Hills - Firefighters filled the narrow, windy streets of this quiet Hollywood Hills neighborhood, where they battled intense flames in an attempt to save a large, private residence on the 7300 block of Woodrow Wilson Drive. This 2000 square foot, single story residence, presented several challenges to those on-scene, including the dark, steep hillside on which it was built and the heavy, dense brush that surrounds it.

Additionally, there were some traffic issues, as large fire apparatus attempted to negotiate these hills.

The initial dispatch, at just before 8:00 pm, brought the LAFD's water-dropping helicopters, as this was originally thought to have been a "brush fire." While water-drops were not an option in this residential neighborhood, our air resources did provide very valuable lighting to the incident, in the form of their "Nightsun" lamps. Visibility on the nearly black hillside had only been made worse due to the smokey conditions, and the lamps assisted in the illumination of several other hazards, including an empty, in-ground swimming pool located in the front yard.

After an exhausting battle that lasted nearly one and a half hours, 80 Firefighters officially declared a "knockdown" and the Incident Commander's initial fear of this fire extending into the surrounding brush, was not realized. This was due, in large part, to the strong efforts of all members on-scene. The incident took tremendous coordination, as most companies were forced to park their apparatus down the hill, and then hike back up, in order to go to work. Two LAFD members were sent to local hospitals for observation, after both sustained (at the time of this posting) not yet determined, illnesses/injuries.

The cause of this Friday night blaze remains under active investigation and the dollar loss is still being tabulated.

DISPATCH UNITS:

E76 RA876 E97 RA97 E227 T27 BC5 BC14 E29 E41 E27 E82 E86 E68 H6 H2 H1 DC3 T90 E290 E26 E261 T61 BC18 E3 RA41 EM9 BC11 RA27 RA82 EM14 E11 E215 T15 AR2 RM2 E88