

SIGNIFICANT INCIDENT SUMMARY

Emergency Public Information Center

BFC #11-178

Meeting Date: January 17, 2012

11/21/2011 TO 11/27/2011

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
11/25/2011	9:12 AM	12625 Sherman Wy	2	Traffic Collision w/Entrapment	89	7	64	8		0	-	•	0 hours, 33 min.
	INC.#									F/F FATALITY	CIV/INJURY	Tabulated	INCIDENT DURATION
	0288	North Hollywood								0	6		1 hour, 19 min.

NORTH HOLLYWOOD COLLISION INVOLVING METRO BUS SENDS 3 TO HOSPITAL

NORTH HOLLYWOOD - A three car collision involving a Metro transit bus sent three of six injured persons to the hospital, two with critical injury. The Los Angeles Fire Department was summoned at 9:12 AM on Friday, November 25, 2011 to the 12600 block of Sherman Way in North Hollywood for a collision between a sedan and a bus operated by the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, after which the full-size black sedan - already wedged beneath the bus, was struck forcefully by a red compact hatchback. LAFD Battalion Chief Peter Benesch commanded sixty-four Los Angeles Firefighters, including those assigned to eight LAFD ambulances, in a swift and skilfull effort to simultaneously rescue the two critically injured car drivers, one of whom was badly trapped in the black sedan. Concurrently, LAFD Paramedics evaluated every transit bus occupant, including the uninjured driver. Four bus passengers declared subjective injury or illness, but only one, with a complaint of chest discomfort, was taken to the hospital. The critically injured man driving the red hatchback was quickly transported to the Trauma Center at Providence Holy Cross Medical Center in Mission Hills, where he was soon joined by the ill bus passenger, who was in good condition. Los Angeles Fire Department crews swarmed over the black sedan for nearly a half-hour, briskly deconstructing the vehicle with power tools to free the male driver, whose legs were badly trapped in the wreckage. After being freed, he was rushed by ambulance to the same Trauma Center in critical condition. Sherman Way was temporarily closed to traffic in both directions between Bellaire Avenue and Whitsett Avenue as the Los Angeles Police Department's Valley Traffic Division completed their on-site investigation.

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11/25/2011	2:52 PM	432 W 18th St	9	Blueline vs Auto	10	4	27	2		0	-	•	0 hours, 4 min.
	INC.#									F/F FATALITY	CIV/INJURY	Tabulated	INCIDENT DURATION
	0642	WASHINGTON BOULEVARD								0	9		1 hour, 11 min.
		CORRIDOR											

NINE INJURED WHEN BLUE LINE TRAIN AND CAR TANGLE SOUTH OF DOWNTOWN L.A.

LOS ANGELES - A Long Beach bound Metro Blue Line light rail train collided with a car just south of Downtown Los Angeles today, injuring four persons in the automobile and causing five Blue Line passengers to later seek hospital care.

The Los Angeles Fire Department was called to the collision near Flower Street and 18th Street just north of the Washington Boulevard Corridor at 2:52 PM on Friday, November 25, 2011. Arriving promptly, LAFD crews soon determined the four vehicle occupants had suffered only minor injury.

While preparing to transport the four to a nearby hospital for further evaluation, Paramedics were approached by five riders from aboard the train seeking attention for subjective and sundry medical complaints.

After a further assessment of those persons and others aboard the train, the total of nine injured - all in good condition, were taken by Fire Department ambulance to a trio of area hospitals.

Though personnel from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Transit Services Bureau were summoned to the scene, the collision investigation is being handled by the Los Angeles Police Department and Metropolitan Transportation Authority officials.



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11/26/2011	2:08 AM	2990 N Lowell Av	14	Explosion	16	4	30	3		0	0	J	0 hours, 12 min.
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	0096	Hillside Village/University Hills								0	1		In Progress

MAN CRITICALLY INJURED WHEN EXPLOSION ROCKS EL SERENO NEIGHBORHOOD

EL SERENO - A thunderous explosion rocked an El Sereno neighborhood awake early this morning, damaging a home and sending one man to the hospital with life-threatening injuries.

The Los Angeles Fire Department was dispatched at 2:08 AM on Saturday November 26, 2011 to respond to 2990 Lowell Avenue, where they discovered a one-story home with broken window glass and scattered debris - but no active fire. In searching the significantly damaged 1200 square-foot building for victims, firefighters quickly discovered a 29 year-old man who had sustained painful second- and third-degree burns to more than 35% of his body, including hands, arms, upper torso head and face.

As LAFD Paramedics commenced immediate care for the severely injured man, their colleagues discovered his wife and preteen daughter who had been in another part of the home, and were amazingly uninjured. The badly burned man was taken by Fire Department ambulance to nearby Los Angeles County-USC Medical Center, which houses a specialized burn care facility. Paramedics described him as being in critical condition.

Inspectors from the City of Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety were summoned to evaluate the home's physical integrity, as Police and Fire Department Investigators continued their joint effort to determine the cause of the explosion. No immediate estimate of monetary damage was available.

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