

SIGNIFICANT INCIDENT SUMMARY

BFC #12-012

1/9/2012 TO 1/15/2012

Emergency **P**ublic Information Center

Meeting Date: February 7, 2012

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
1/11/2012	7:44 AM	12425 Burton St	6	Structure Fire With Civilian	89	6	41	3		0		0	0 hours, 21 min.
	INC. #			Injury						F/F FATALITY	CIV/INJURY	Tabulated	INCIDENT DURATION
	0213	North Hollywood								0	1		2 hours, 24 min.

PACK-RAT CONDITIONS FUEL BLAZE IN NORTH HOLLYWOOD HOME

NORTH HOLLYWOOD - A woman sustained minor injury after a stove fire she thought controlled, raced through her densely packed suburban San Fernando Valley home Wednesday morning. Alerted by multiple 9-1-1 calls from passing motorists at 7:44 AM on January 11, 2012, Los Angeles Firefighters arrived quickly at 12425 Burton Street in North Hollywood, where they found a one-story 1,189 square-foot home surrounded by dense vegetation to be well involved with fire. On arrival, firefighters were met by the 84 year-old homeowner, who stated she had been cooking when debris in the kitchen was ignited from the stovetop. After believing she had fully extinguished the burning item, the woman exited the front door of her home for an unspecified purpose and time period. As the woman returned to her residence, she was confronted near the front door by immense heat that singed her hair and caused her to sustain first degree facial burns. She immediately retreated from the home. Teams of firefighters worked in unison within the house and on the roof above in battling fire that roared through the building, fueled by "pack rat" storage of combustible belongings throughout the 59 year-old non-fire sprinklered residence. It took 41 Los Angeles Fire Department personnel just twenty-one minutes to extinguish the blaze. LAFD Firefighter/Paramedics treated and comforted the woman at the scene before transporting her in fair condition by ambulance to Kaiser Panorama City Medical Center. No other injuries were reported. Monetary loss from the fire is still being tabulated. The cause of the early morning blaze is categorized as accidental, and attributed to combustible debris - likely a newspaper - ignited by the stove and incompletely extinguished by the woman.

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1/12/2012	3:14 AM	6531 Sheltondale Av	3	Structure Fire With Civilian	105	5	32	2		0	0	\$180,000	0 hours, 20 min.
	INC. #			Injury						F/F FATALITY	CIV/INJURY		INCIDENT DURATION
	0118	Woodland Hills								0	1		In Progress

ONE MAN BURNED, THREE ESCAPE INJURY IN WEST HILLS HOUSE FIRE

WEST HILLS - One man sustained critical burn injury, and three housemates escaped uninjured, when a fire erupted in a west San Fernando Valley home early Thursday morning.

Reported at 3:14 AM, the blaze brought 32 members of the Los Angeles Fire Department to 6531 Sheltondale Avenue in West Hills, where they discovered a one-story 1,570 square-foot home fully involved with fire. Though two men and two women escaped the burning home, one of the men, age 53, sustained second-degree burns to as much as sixty percent of his body, including his torso, face and airway. In critical condition, he was rushed by LAFD Paramedic Ambulance to the nearest hospital - West Hills Hospital and Medical Center, which is home to the Grossman Burn Center.

The fire was confined to the structure and flames were fully extinguished in just 20 minutes. The American Red Cross was summoned to provide assistance to the three uninjured adults displaced by the fire.

There was no immediate evidence of functional smoke alarms within the home, nor were there any window bars, security doors or obvious non-fire factors to impede the egress of occupants. The 51-year old residence was not equipped with residential fire sprinklers.

Loss from the fire is estimated at \$180,000 (\$120,000 structure & \$60,000 contents). The cause of this early morning blaze remains under active investigation.