

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

BFC # 12-067

Meeting Date: May 1, 2012

4/2/2012 TO 4/8/2012

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
4/3/2012	10:28 AM	9500 North Mason Avenue	12	MAJOR EMERGENCY	107	18	116	5		0	0	\$640,000	0 hours, 29 min.
	INC. #	F/F FATALITY								CIV/INJURY	INCIDENT DURATION		
	0426	Chatsworth								0	0		7 hours, 0 min.

'BIG WATER' SAVES BIG WATER COMPANY IN THE VALLEY

CHATSORTH - A large fire erupted this morning at an Arrowhead Water Distribution Center. More than 100 Firefighters responded and made quick work of the blaze, stopping it short of the company's business offices. No one was injured.

At 10:28 am on April 3, 2012, the Los Angeles Fire Department responded to 9500 North Mason Avenue for a reported "Structure Fire." With smoke immediately visible to all responding fire companies in the San Fernando Valley, first arriving resources noted a portion of the approximate 20,000 square foot facility "well involved with fire."

Based on the potential this large facility presented, the incident quickly escalated to a Major Emergency, with 116 Firefighters on scene. It was the storage area and an attached storage shed, a roughly 150' x 200' extension of the facility, that was burning. Firefighters worked quickly with large hose streams and copious amounts of water to fully-extinguish the blaze in just 29 minutes. The aggressive work prevented any significant damage from occurring to the administrative offices.

While the cause of the fire remains under active investigation, dollar loss estimates were placed at \$140,000. for structure and \$500,000. for contents. There were no injuries reported. Despite today's incident, a spokesperson for Arrowhead Water said that business would remain largely uninterrupted.

Dispatched Units:

E107 RA107 E296 T96 E104 RA104 E70 E28 E273 T73 EM17 BC15 BC17 E8 E103 E106

E18 E287 T87 E275 T75 E84 E293 T93 E290 T90 SQ21 DC3 EM15 BC12 E88 UR88 T89

E289 RA89 BC10 BC9 BC5 BC11 E72 EA1 CM3 CM2 RA73 RA70 EM14 AR2 DT3 DT2

TP2 TP3 LD1 T98 E298 E60



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4/4/2012	8:56 AM	12946 Sunburst St	6	Civilian Fatality Structure Fire	98	4	34	3		0	1	\$20,000	0 hours, 16 min.
	INC. #	F/F FATALITY								CIV/INJURY	INCIDENT DURATION		
	0267	0								1	8 hours, 28 min.		

WOMAN SUCCUMBS WHEN FIRE SWEEPS THROUGH CONVERTED PACOIMA GARAGE

PACOIMA - A woman died and a man sustained injury, when a fast-moving fire swept through a Pacoima garage that had been converted to living quarters. Reported at 8:56 AM on Wednesday April 4, 2012 to the rear of 12946 Sunburst Street in Pacoima, the fire brought 34 members of the Los Angeles Fire Department to battle heavy flames within a one-story 400 square-foot detached garage. As firefighters raced with hoselines to battle the fire, they were met by an adult male resident who sustained second-degree burns to his face and hands in a reported attempt to rescue a woman trapped within the burning building. While attacking intense flames, firefighters discovered the lifeless body of an adult female within the structure. Beyond medical help, she was declared dead at the scene. The burned man was treated for his wounds and offered emotional support by LAFD Paramedics, before being taken by ambulance to a nearby hospital in fair condition. The fire was fully extinguished in just sixteen minutes, and no other injuries were reported. Los Angeles Firefighters found it essential to note the lack of any smoke alarm within the makeshift residential structure, which was also fitted with window security bars deemed "non-compliant" with the City's quick-release safety standard. There were no obvious non-fire factors to impair the woman's egress from the dwelling, which was not equipped with residential fire sprinklers. A positive identification of the deceased woman, as well as the precise cause, time and manner of her death will be determined by the Los Angeles County Department of Coroner. A formal determination of the structure's compliance with residential building codes will be a matter for the City's Department of Building & Safety. Monetary loss from the fire has been estimated at \$20,000 (\$15,000 structure & \$5,000 contents), while the cause of the blaze remains under active investigation.

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4/7/2012	11:09 PM	WB 134 FY X GOLDEN STATE FY	4	Tanker Fire	56	21	130	2		0	0	Still Being Tabulated	1 hour, 10 min.
	INC. #	F/F FATALITY								CIV/INJURY	INCIDENT DURATION		
	1278	0								0	8 hours, 2 min.		

CAR STRIKES GASOLINE TANKER, LEADING TO LOS ANGELES FREEWAY INFERNO

LOS ANGELES - The collision of a sedan and gasoline tanker led to a spectacular blaze on the Ventura Freeway near Glendale late Saturday night, that snarled traffic for hours but thankfully caused no injury. The crash and fire on the westbound lanes of the 134 Freeway transition to the southbound Golden State (I-5) Freeway, was reported to the Los Angeles Fire Department on Saturday, April 7, 2012 at 11:09 PM, bringing the rapid response of more than 150 firefighters from the LAFD as well automatic aid from the Burbank, Glendale and Bob Hope Airport Fire Departments. Firefighters arrived quickly to find a semi-truck tanker with a twin tank trailer, carrying a capacity load of 9,000 gallons of gasoline, to be fully enveloped in fire, after being struck by a compact sedan. Despite the inferno and a long trail of flames, both drivers were able to flee their vehicles without injury. With thousands of gallons of flammable fuel already spilled and ablaze, first arriving firefighters carefully staged their apparatus and command post uphill and upwind, as they attacked a wall of flame more than 20 feet tall. Local law enforcement agencies and the California Highway Patrol quickly curtailed traffic on and seeking to enter the busy freeway interchange, aiding the effort to prevent injury and environmental harm. Firefighters labored for 70 minutes to fully extinguish the flames and dike the flow of as much as 3,000 gallons of unburned gasoline, to prevent it from igniting or entering storm drains. No injuries were reported, and there were no evacuations. Following the Fire Department's mitigation of primary hazards, control of the scene was returned jointly to the California Highway Patrol, County of Los Angeles Health Hazardous Materials Division and the California Department of Transportation, with the latter agency to perform a detailed physical assessment of the overpass for possible fire related damage.