

## SIGNIFICANT INCIDENT SUMMARY

Emergency Public Information Center

BFC # 12-072

Meeting Date: May 15, 2012

4/16/2012 TO 4/22/2012

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
4/21/2012	12:22 PM	857 S Norton Av	10	Greater Alarm Structure Fire	29	10	65	3		0	0	\$320,000	0 hours, 34 min.
	INC.#									F/F FATALITY	CIV/INJURY		INCIDENT DURATION
	0581	Wilshire Center								0	0		In Progress

## LAFD EXTINGUISHES STUBBORN ATTIC FIRE IN GREATER WILSHIRE

On Saturday, April 21, 2012 at 12:30 PM, 10 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 3 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 Rehab Unit, 1 EMS Battalion Captain, 2 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams, 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, Department Water & Power, Department of Transportation, 1 Emergency Air under the direction of Battalion Chief Chris Logan responded to a Greater Alarm Structure Fire at 857 S Norton Avenue in Greater Wilshire.

Firefighters responded to fight a fire in a one-story residence with an converted attic. The stubborn attic fire was extinguished before anyone was injured. The occupants of the home called 9-1-1, just before 12:30 PM. Firefighters rapidly arrived to find smoke showing from the roof of a 1,641 square-foot residence. Truck teams quickly made their way up ladders and cut five ventilation holes in the shake-shingle roof covered with "comp", releasing smoke and fire. Additional firefighters aggressively advanced hose-lines inside but were immediately met with an additional challenge of compartmentalization of the occupancy, increasing the difficulty for firefighters to reach the seat of the well entrenched fire. The Incident Commander ordered additional fire companies to assist. Shortly thereafter flames could be seen through the roof, and a portion of the roof caved in on the attic of the 92 year-old house. A total of 65 firefighters, under the command of Battalion Chief Chris Logan, extinguished the blaze in 34 minutes. The Department of Water & Power assisted with wires down "pole to house", and the Department of Transportation assisted with traffic. Two occupants were home at the start of the fire and one was evaluated for slight smoke inhalation, however did not require transport to a hospital.

Relocation assistance was offered but was not necessary, per the owners. The dollar loss is estimated at \$320,000 (\$300,000 structure and \$20,000 contents). The cause of this Greater Alarm fire was a roofer with a torch. Dispatched Units: E61 E226 E26 T26 RA826 RA26 E13 E261 T61 EM11 BC11 BC18 E52 RA29 T29 E229 E29 E15 E220 T20 DC2 EA1 RA909 RP88



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4/22/2012	2:01 AM	1025 S Maple Av		Major Emergency Structure	9	23	170	11		1	-		1 hour, 41 min.
	INC.#			Fire						F/F FATALITY	CIV/INJURY	Tabulated	INCIDENT DURATION
	0106	Fashion District								0	0		In Progress

## FIREFIGHTER INJURED IN EARLY MORNING DOWNTOWN L.A. BLAZE

On Sunday, April 22, 2012 at 2:01 AM, 23 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 11 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 2 Arson Units, 2 Urban Search and Rescue Units, 2 Rehab Units, 1 Hazardous Materials Team, 3 EMS Battalion Captains, 5 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams, 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, 1 Emergency Lighting, 1 Emergency Air, Department of Transportation Units, 2 Urban Search and Rescue Units, 2 Rehab Units, 1 Hazardous Materials Team, 3 EMS Battalion Captains, 5 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams, 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, 1 Emergency Lighting, 1 Emergency Air, Department of Transportation Units, 2 Urban Search and Rescue Units, 2 Rehab Units, 1 Hazardous Materials Team, 3 EMS Battalion Captains, 5 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams, 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, 1 Emergency Lighting, 1 Emergency Air, Department of Transportation Units, 2 Rehab Units, 2 Rehab Units, 1 Hazardous Materials Team, 3 EMS Battalion Captains, 5 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams, 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, 1 Emergency Lighting, 1 Emergency Air, Department of Transportation Units, 2 Rehab Units, 2 Rehab Units, 2 Rehab Units, 3 Rehab Units, 4 Rehab Units, 5 Rehab Units, 6 Rehab Units, 7 Rehab Units, 7 Rehab Units, 8 Rehab Units, 7 Rehab Units, 8 Rehab Units, 8 Rehab Units, 9 Rehab Units,

DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES - One Los Angeles Fire Captain was injured while battling an early morning blaze in a large commercial building in downtown Los Angeles, on April 22nd, 2012. Scores of firefighters were forced into a defensive attack to extinguish the flames.

Firefighters quickly arrived to 1025 Maple Avenue to find a large 50' x 100' commercial building attaching four units, with black smoke pouring from the roof.

Additional resources requested by the Incident Commander surrounded the structure, forced entry from the front while attacking from Santee Alley in the rear. Truck teams laddered the building, and aggressively cut holes on the lightweight panelized roof.

As the well entrenched fire rapidly spread, conditions worsened. Approximately 45 minutes into the firefight, an "emergency traffic" radio transmission instructed firefighters to attack defensively with large hose streams. It was deemed unsafe for firefighters inside and the roof was described as "spongy", for those standing on it.

A total of four businesses, containing clothing and shoes, were damaged, however the bulk of the fire was on the south side of two units. Fortunately, a division wall separated the other two units, minimizing damage to the north side of the concrete tilt-up structure.

Approximately 150 firefighters, under the command of Battalion Chief Chris Logan, extinguished the blaze in one hour and 41 minutes.

The cause of this early morning fire is under active investigation and the dollar loss is still being tabulated.

A Fire Captain suffered a significant avulsion to the arm and was transported to a local hospital in fair condition. No other injuries were reported.

Dispatched Units: E9 T9 RA209 E10 RA810 E3 T3 E203 SQ21 EM11 BC1 BC11 E15 RA809 E221 T21 E11 DC2 BC13 E210 T10 E17 E4 E211 T11 EM2 UR3 E27 T5 E205 UR88 BC5 RA803 E229 T29 AR1 E13 E14 F202 T2 FA1 RA860 RT83 F2 F25 F201 T1 F220 T20 RA10 RA17 RA4 FM9 FL83 RA9 RA3 BC11 RA848 RT40 AR7