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5/10/2012	3:34 PM	1265 N Benedict Cyn Dr	0	Trench Rescue	71	13	101	6		0	1	Still Being Tabulated	In Progress
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	0773	Bel Air Estates/Holmby Hills								0	0		

MAN DIES WHEN TRENCH COLLAPSES IN BEVERLY HILLS

BEVERLY HILLS - Despite the rapid response of Los Angeles and Beverly Hills Firefighters to a residential construction site in Benedict Canyon, a worker died Thursday after becoming entombed beneath tons of soil when the trench he was in collapsed.

The 9-1-1 call from coworkers came to the Los Angeles Fire Department at 3:34 PM on Thursday, May 10, 2012, bringing the swift and coordinated response of scores of rescuers to 1265 Benedict Canyon Drive at the border of the two cities.

Though the unwitnessed collapse of the backyard excavation may have happened as many as twenty minutes prior to being discovered, Los Angeles and Beverly Hills Firefighters worked side-by-side with vigor and focus to stabilize the scene and effect rescue, as the Los Angeles Fire Department's municipal Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) units rushed to the scene.

After many minutes of skilfull teamwork attempting to expose the buried man, his situation was deemed incompatible with life, and a sullen transition was made to recovery operations that would continue into the next day. It was at this time that a survey of the address determined the incident to be within Beverly Hills city limits.

In full support of yet subordinate to the Beverly Hills Fire and Police Departments, the LAFD assigned dozens of personnel, including USAR specialists, who labored throughout the night to assure the safe and dignified recovery of the man's remains from the reportedly eight foot deep trench.

A positive identification of the deceased man, to include the cause, time and manner of his death will be determined by the Coroner's office. Questions regarding the presence, need or use of safety equipment and approved worksite procedures remain within the purview of Cal/OSHA Investigators.

Further information regarding the incident - including the considerable efforts of BHFD responders, must be obtained from Beverly Hills authorities, who maintain command of such personnel and jurisdictional authority of the incident location.



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5/11/2012	12:20 PM	223 Carroll Canal	11	Flooding	63	10	56	1		0	0	Still Being Tabulated	1 hour, 40 min.
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	0526	Venice								0	0		4 hours, 55 min.

BROKEN WATER MAIN FLOODS STREETS OF VENICE CANAL DISTRICT

VENICE- A water main break near the historic canal district, threatened several residential blocks with severe water damage today, before fire and water officials were able to stabilize the incident. No one was injured.

Just after 1:00 pm on Friday, May 11, 2012, the Los Angeles Fire Department was dispatched to the 200 block of Carroll Canal for a reported "Flooding". They were met by representatives from the Department of Water and Power (DWP), who were already working diligently to shut-down a broken 6 inch water main. This particular water main was less than 20 years-old, having been installed in 1993.

With rising waters now running down the middle of the street, additional resources were called to assist with first, diverting the water and then, the de-watering operations that would ultimately ensue. 55 Firefighters, under the command of Battalion Chief Michael Bowman, worked together to prevent thousands of gallons of water from damaging the 200, 300 and 400 blocks between Carroll Canal and South Venice Boulevard.

For nearly two hours, the LAFD continued de-watering operations, utilizing various technical appliances. DWP successfully shut down the main, water levels stabilized and then finally began to retreat. As a precaution, electrical power to the immediate area was also temporarily shut.

While dozens of occupancies were spared, there were two structures that unfortunately did sustain "significant damage". Dollar loss estimates were not yet available. No injuries were reported and no residents were displaced.

The cause of the break is being actively investigated by DWP. Additionally, clean-up work continues by DWP, as do their efforts to safely restore both utilities to the affected area.

Dispatched Units:

- E67 E205 T5 E62 E292 T92 BC4 E63 T63 E263 E269 E5 E295
- T95 E235 T35 DC1 E237 T37 BC9 DP1 HE1 HE2 RA909