

# SIGNIFICANT INCIDENT SUMMARY

BFC #12-140

8/20/2012 TO 8/26/2012

Emergency Public Information Center

Meeting Date: September 20, 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
8/22/2012	8:25 PM	12000 W Magnolia Bl	2	Multi Patient Traffic Collision	60	6	55	8		0		Still Being	In Progress
	INC. #									F/F FATALITY	CIV/INJURY	Tabulated	INCIDENT DURATION
	1116	Valley Village								0	6		1 hour, 55 min.

#### TWO DIE TRYING TO ASSIST VICTIMS OF VALLEY VILLAGE TRAFFIC COLLISION

On Wednesday, August 22, 2012 at 8:25 PM, 6 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 8 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 3 EMS Battalion Captains, 2 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams, 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, DWP, & LAPD, all under the direction of Battalion Chief Daniel Mccarty responded to a Multi Patient Traffic Collision at 12000 W Magnolia BI in Valley Village.

VALLEY VILLAGE - Two women who tried to help victims of an auto accident in Valley Village were electrocuted, and six others were injured, after a vehicle struck a fire hydrant and a light standard.

An adult male, the single occupant and driver of a white SUV, sheared off a fire hydrant and light standard just before 8:30 p.m. in the 12000 block of Magnolia Boulevard, near Ben Avenue.

Los Angeles Firefighters arrived to find the SUV stopped on the lawn of a residence. A fire hydrant approximately 10 feet behind it, was shooting water into the sky. The water quickly began to pool. Underneath the vehicle was an old fashioned concrete light standard, leaving behind electrical wires sticking out of the ground. The wires were disguised by darkness, running water, and the commotion of a growing crowd.

Neighbors were startled after hearing the crash and came running out their homes to help. They were met by other concerned citizens whom stopped their cars. Sadly, two of these well intentioned people, stepped into water that was unknowingly energized and were killed. Others followed suit, and were injured.

Fortunately, as firefighters rushed to help the motionless victims on the ground, their keen sense of safety along with warning of bystanders, stopped them stepping into the energized water, and becoming victims themselves. Rather, they quickly utilized rubber gauntlet gloves and a long pike pole to safely remove the victims, then rendered aggressive medical aid. Additional firefighters were immediately requested, and a total of 55, all under the command of Battalion Chief Daniel McCarty, assisted in securing the area, shutting down the water flow, and treating the remaining patients.

Also, the Department of Water and Power helped shutting down the electrical and water problems, and LAPD's Valley Traffic Division investigated the crash.

A total of eight individuals, ranging from 19 to 57 years-old were injured. Sadly, and despite assiduous treatment by Firefighter/Paramedic's, two were later pronounced dead at an area hospital. Six others suffered minor injuries, one of which declined transport to a hospital. All but the driver were electrically shocked.

This tragic accident, in some ways can serve as a warning. Many people, with nothing but the best intentions, were injured and killed while trying to save others. This reminds all who want to help at the scene of an emergency to stay aware of their surroundings and if there is any question as to safety, please wait for trained rescuers to arrive.



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8/23/2012	4:03 AM	11616 Sheldon St	6	Major Emergency Fire	77	18	120	5		1		9	9 hours, 57 min.
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	0134	Sun Valley								0	0		11 hours, 17 min.

#### LAFD BATTLES STUBBORN FLAMES IN MASSIVE CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS PILE

SUN VALLEY - More than 120 Los Angeles Firefighters labored in rotating teams for more than 11 hours on Thursday, to fully extinguish a stubborn recycling yard blaze in Sun Valley that sent one firefighter to the hospital.

The Los Angeles Fire Department was summoned at 4:03AM on August 23, 2012 to respond to the Waste Management recycling facility at 11606 Sheldon Street in Sun Valley, where they discovered a deep-seated blaze in a massive "football field sized" construction debris pile being processed for recycling.

Through the initial assistance of an on-site tractor operator, later supplemented by a pair of LAFD operated bulldozers, firefighters spread and doused the pile with water and firefighting foam, containing the blaze in less than five hours and fully extinguishing the flames by 2:00PM.

With smoke hanging low in the sky, and dozens of fire apparatus and fire hose strung along Sheldon Street, the industrial thoroughfare was closed for nine hours, as LAFD crews completed their battle against seemingly implacable flames.

At the height of the battle, one LAFD Firefighter sustained a significant hand laceration and could not continue duty. He was taken to an area hospital for first care, where he was treated and released.

No other injuries were reported. The cause of the fire is categorized as under investigation.

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8/25/2012	11:55 AM	10725 N San Fernando Rd	7	Aircraft Crash	98	8	59	3		0		Ū	0 hours, 20 min.
	INC. #									F/F FATALITY	CIV/INJURY	Tabulated	INCIDENT DURATION
	0535	San Fernando								0	2		6 hours, 5 min.

### LOS ANGELES FIREFIGHTERS HELP TWO INJURED IN PACOIMA PLANE CRASH

On Saturday, August 25, 2012 at 11:55 AM, 8 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 3 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 Urban Search and Rescue Unit, 1 EMS Battalion Captain, 3 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams, 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, all under the direction of Battalion Chief Randy Beaty responded to a Aircraft Crash at 10725 San Fernando Road in San Fernando.

PACOIMA - A small airplane crash near Whiteman Airport on Saturday afternoon, injured two persons aboard, one seriously.

In response to several 9-1-1 calls just before noon on August 25, 2012, the Los Angeles Fire Department responded to 10725 San Fernando Road in Pacoima, where they discovered a small, fixed wing, single-engine plane with significant front end damage. The two-seater airplane was nestled between two businesses on a block wall and was impaled by a wrought iron fence. The air craft's 65 horsepower engine was completely separated from the fuselage.

Civilians first on scene helped remove one occupant from the plane, and Fire Department personnel quickly aided with removal of the second man, believed to be the pilot.

There was approximately five gallons of fuel in the craft, some of which spilled, however it did not catch fire.

In addition to the fence, two vehicles and an awning of a nearby building were damaged. Fortunately, no one on the ground was injured.

Approximately 25 firefighters, under the command of Battalion Chief Randy Beaty, stopped the fuel leak, stabilized the plane, and provided rapid medical treatment. Two approximate 65 year-old males were injured and transported to a local hospital, one in Serious and one in Fair conditon.

The cause of the crash is undetermined at this time, both the FAA and National Transportation Safety Board were notified for a formal investigation.

Dispatched Units: E298 T98 RA98 E60 E275 T75 RA75 E91 HR56 EM14 BC12 UR88 E7 RA7 E287 T87 FT100 DC3 E88 SQ21 BC15 BC14 UR88 EM14

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