

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

BFC #12-189

Meeting Date: November 20, 2012

**10/22/2012 TO 10/28/2012**

INCIDENT DATE	INC. TIME	ADDRESS	COUNCIL	INCIDENT TYPE	F.S.	FIRE COMPANIES	TOTAL F/FS	TOTAL R.A.S	OUTSIDE AGENCIES	F/F INJURIES	CIV. FATALITY	DOLLAR LOSS	TIME TO CONTROL
10/23/2012	7:57 AM	7673 W Hollywood Bl	4	MULTI-PATIENT Traffic Collision with Entrapment	41	5	66	15		0	0	Still Being Tabulated	0 hours, 23 min.
	INC. #	F/F FATALITY								CIV/INJURY	INCIDENT DURATION		
	0249	0								38	3 hours, 27 min.		

**HOLLYWOOD BOULEVARD BUS COLLISION SENDS 35 TO HOSPITAL**

HOLLYWOOD - A transit bus sideswiped a driverless dump truck before colliding with a sedan on Hollywood Boulevard Tuesday morning, sending thirty-five people to the hospital. The Los Angeles Fire Department was summoned at 7:57 AM on October 23, 2012 to 7673 Hollywood Boulevard in Hollywood. Firefighters arrived quickly to discover three vehicles involved in a dramatic collision. According to witnesses, a Metro bus traveling westbound on Hollywood Boulevard had attempted to avoid but sideswiped a driverless dump truck that rolled suddenly into its path at Stanley Avenue. Following the evasive maneuver, the bus collided with an eastbound sedan, badly trapping the driver of that vehicle when it became partially wedged beneath the front of the bus. Teams of Los Angeles Firefighters, including personnel assigned to the LAFD Urban Search & Rescue and Heavy Rescue units, disentangled the trapped driver from her auto, while their colleagues performed a systematic triage of the remaining 37 persons involved in the collision. The woman was removed from the crumpled remains of her silver sedan in less than twenty minutes. Having suffered a fractured left leg and other unspecified injuries, she was transported by LAFD Paramedics to a nearby trauma center in serious condition. The woman's preteen daughter, who had been riding properly restrained in the rear seat of her vehicle, was able to exit the car unscathed prior to the Fire Department's arrival. In fair condition, she was taken to a nearby pediatric hospital by LAFD ambulance. Also shaken but suffering minimal injury was the bus driver, who along with 32 of her passengers stated a desire for hospital evaluation. The 33 from aboard the bus, as well as the automobile driver and her daughter accounted for the 35 total taken to eight regional hospitals by LAFD ambulance for further assessment and care. Three bus passengers declined treatment or transportation, and were released at the scene.

No other injuries were reported. The collision remains under formal investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department and Metropolitan Transportation Authority officials.

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10/26/2012	5:28 PM	6600 N Owensmouth Av	3	Multi Patient Traffic Collision	72	5	38	5		0	0	Still Being Tabulated	0 hours, 12 min.
	INC. #									F/F FATALITY	CIV/INJURY		INCIDENT DURATION
	0957	Winnetka								0	3		0 hours, 52 min.

**LAFD TREAT 3 INJURED AFTER CAR CRASHES INTO TARGET STORE**

On Friday, October 26, 2012 at 5:28 PM, 5 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 5 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 EMS Battalion Captain, 1 Battalion Chief Officer Command Team, Building & Safety, & LAPD Topanga Division, all under the direction of Battalion Chief Joseph Foley responded to a Multi Patient Traffic Collision at 6600 N Owensmouth Avenue in Canoga Park.

CANOGA PARK - A vehicle crashed into a Target store in Canoga Park October 26, 2012, injuring three people, one critically. The crash was just before 5:30 p.m. at 6600 Owensmouth Avenue in the Westfield Topanga shopping center. An approximate 70 year-old woman driving a dark-colored sedan down a parking ramp continued through a three way stop toward the rear of the department store. The car crashed into the building, narrowly squeezing through closed double doors, with about a foot of clearance on either side. The vehicle barreled about 50 feet inside the electronic section of the department store before coming to a stop. Three people, including the driver, were injured in the crash and transported to three different area hospitals. A 56-year-old man suffered a hip injury and a 29-year-old woman suffered critical head trauma. The driver suffered moderate injuries. Over 30 Los Angeles Firefighters secured the area, rapidly treated and transported the injured, then remained on scene for hours to remove the vehicle from the store, with LAPD assistance. The Department of Building & Safety further assessed the integrity of the structure and LAPD Topanga Division investigated what exactly caused this vehicle to crash into the store.



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10/28/2012	8:46 AM	20 Anchorage St	11	Structure Fire	63	6	39	2		0	0	\$40,000	0 hours, 12 min.
	INC. #	F/F FATALITY								CIV/INJURY	INCIDENT DURATION		
	0435	0								1	1 hour, 30 min.		

### INOPERATIVE SMOKE ALARMS FORCE VENICE WOMAN TO LEAP FROM BURNING HOME

VENICE - Firefighters surmise the lack of functional smoke alarms may have forced a Venice woman to jump to safety from the second floor of her burning home Sunday morning. The Los Angeles Fire Department was summoned at 8:46 AM on October 28, 2012, bringing the swift response of thirty-nine firefighters to a burning two-story home at 20 Anchorage Street in Venice. LAFD crews arrived quickly to discover four off-duty colleagues using a garden hose to hold the spread of flames, while they rendered aid to the home's sole occupant. The woman suffered moderate injury to her ankles when she leapt from a second-floor balcony to escape the blaze filling both floors of her home with thick, hot smoke. First arriving firefighters extended hoselines within the home to make an aggressive and well-coordinated interior attack on the flames, holding the fire to the first floor living room and extinguishing the flames in just 12 minutes. Los Angeles Firefighters later determined that smoke alarms in the home were not functional, delaying a critical warning that prevented the woman from knowing of the fire in its early stages, when she could have likely made quick and simple escape without injury. Responders agree that without such warning, the fire could have taken her life. The injured woman was taken to an area hospital by LAFD ambulance in fair condition, and no other injuries were reported. Five adults displaced by the fire, were referred to the American Red Cross for temporary placement assistance. Loss from the blaze was limited to \$40,000 (\$25,000 structure & \$15,000 contents). The cause of the fire is attributed to an electrical malfunction in a living room wall outlet, that led to the ignition of adjacent upholstered furnishings.

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10/28/2012	12:49 PM	12242 Branford St	7	Fire	98	11	72	1		0	0	Still Being Tabulated	1 hour, 11 min.
	INC. #	F/F FATALITY								CIV/INJURY	INCIDENT DURATION		
	0688	0								0	3 hours, 45 min.		

### LAFD BATTLES DEBRIS FIRE IN SUN VALLEY JUNKYARD

SUN VALLEY - A stubborn junkyard fire that included used tires, sent a thick plume of smoke above the northeast San Fernando Valley on Sunday afternoon.

The Los Angeles Fire Department was notified of the blaze at 12:49 PM on October 28, 2012 with vague descriptions of the location.

Following the plume of smoke, firefighters quickly arrived at 12242 Branford Street in Sun Valley, to discover the remnants of several vehicles ablaze, with flames spreading to scattered debris that included a large pile of tires and at least two 55-gallon drums of a then-unknown waste.

It took the combined effort of 72 LAFD personnel little more than an hour to fully extinguish the flames. LAFD Hazardous Materials experts subsequently determined the drums contained only used motor oil. Focused effort by responders prevented any off-site contamination.

No injuries were reported, and no monetary loss was tabulated. The cause of the fire was attributed to worker carelessness with a torch.