

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

BFC #12-205

Meeting Date: December 18, 2012

11/26/2012 TO 12/2/2012

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
11/28/2012	12:48 PM	9205 Dorrington Av	6	Structure Fire	7	7	46	4		3	0	\$100,000	0 hours, 16 min.
	INC. #	F/F FATALITY								CIV/INJURY	INCIDENT DURATION		
	0518	Panorama City								0	0		3 hours, 59 min.

FAST MOVING ARLETA BLAZE DISPLACES SEVEN, INJURES FIREFIGHTERS

ARLETA - A fast-moving house fire sparked by the careless use of a barbecue, displaced seven residents and sent three Los Angeles Firefighters to the hospital on Wednesday afternoon. The Los Angeles Fire Department was summoned at 12:48 PM on November 28, 2012 to 9205 Dorrington Avenue in Arleta, where firefighters discovered fire to the rear of the one-story home. Intense flames, which consumed an 8' x 15' fabric canopy stretched on a tall metal frame abutting the residence, had extended into the building via the eaves prior to the LAFD's arrival. During the skirmish with flames, one firefighter fell as many as nine feet through fire-weakened eaves at the southwest edge of the home, squarely striking a colleague on the ground and grazing another standing nearby before landing on a ragged pile of household debris. The three men sustained injuries that ranged from painful to potentially debilitating, yet were considered non-life threatening. The trio were taken to an area hospital where at least one was expected to remain for observation. LAFD crews were able to reunite two small dogs with the homeowner as they battled the flames, which were extinguished in just 16 minutes, but not before causing \$100,000 (\$70,000 structure & \$30,000 contents) damage to the home, which was not equipped with fire sprinklers. No other injuries were reported. Monetary loss from the fire - which rendered the home untenable, was estimated at \$100,000 (\$70,000 structure & \$30,000 contents). The American Red Cross made arrangements to temporarily house three adults and four children displaced by the blaze. The cause of the fire is considered accidental, and attributed to careless handling of ignited barbecue charcoal.

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11/29/2012	9:15 PM	18471 W Ventura Bl	3	Greater Alarm Structure Fire	93	15	109	8		0	0	Still Being Tabulated	0 hours, 36 min.
	INC. #	F/F FATALITY								CIV/INJURY	INCIDENT DURATION		
	1281	0								0	In Progress		

LAFD HALTS FAST MOVING FIRE IN ENCINO COMMERCIAL BUILDING

On Thursday, November 29, 2012 at 9:15 PM, 15 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 8 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 Arson Unit, 1 Urban Search and Rescue Unit, 1 Hazardous Materials Team, 3 EMS Battalion Captains, 2 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams, 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, under the direction of Battalion Chief Joseph Foley responded to a Greater Alarm Structure Fire at 18471 W Ventura Blvd.

ENCINO - Aggressive work by Los Angeles Firefighters brought a blaze in a one-story commercial building to a grinding halt on Thursday evening. No one was injured.

Just after 9:00 pm on November 29, 2012, Firefighters arrived to 18471 Ventura Boulevard (originally reported as 5400 Reseda Avenue) to find thick black smoke billowing out of a cellular phone store, threatening a connected furniture store to the west.

A bold attack ensued against the flames. Firefighters strategically fought from the rear of the 27 year-old building, making their way from the "uninvolved to the involved", careful not to push the flames into undamaged areas of the shop. Simultaneously, colleagues laddered the structure and began vertical ventilation with chainsaws to open up the lightweight open web steel joist roof, allowing for heat, smoke, and gasses to escape.

Intense flames quickly spread through the entire attic of the 70' x 25' building, resulting in a 30' portion of the roof to begin sagging. Additional firefighters were immediately requested.

Determining no one was trapped inside the 6400 square-foot store, and considering "risk vs gain", complied with the fact that the flames were well entrenched, a defensive attack began approximately 15 minutes into the firefight.

Soon thereafter, firefighters began getting a good handle on the fire. In just an additional ten to fifteen minutes there were no longer any visible flames, just defeated white smoke remained.

During and after the battle, firefighters also concentrated their efforts into salvage work to protect the neighboring furniture store from damage. A division wall between the two businesses did its job, and assisted in stopping spread of flames.

Approximately 100 firefighters, under the command of Battalion Chief Joseph Foley, declared a knockdown in 36 minutes.

The cause remains under active investigation by LAFD's Arson Section. The majority of damage was to the cellular phone store and the dollar loss is being tabulated.

Dispatched Units: E293 E93 T93 RA93 E83 RA83 E273 T73 E100 EM17 BC17 BC15 E84 E87 E90 E105 DC3 E305 T105 E290 T90 E239 T39 SQ21 EM15 BC14 E288 T88 E88 UR88 RA88 RA889 BC10 RA73 RA100 RA104 EM14 E39 EA1 RT83 RA860 AR2