

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

BFC #12-211

Meeting Date: January 15, 2013

12/3/2012 TO 12/9/2012

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
12/4/2012	5:19 PM	8300 S Georgetown Av	11	Structure Fire	5	4	27	2		0	0	\$210000	0 hours, 15 min.
	INC. #	F/F FATALITY								CIV/INJURY	INCIDENT DURATION		
	0910	0								0	2 hours, 53 min.		

FIREFIGHTERS RESCUE DOG FROM BURNING WESTCHESTER HOME

WESTCHESTER - A pet dog trapped in a burning home was rescued and resuscitated by Los Angeles Firefighters on Tuesday evening. The Los Angeles Fire Department was summoned at 5:19 PM on December 4, 2012 to 8300 South Georgetown Avenue in Westchester. LAFD crews arrived quickly to find a one-story home fully involved with fire. Forcing entry to battle flames, firefighters braved intense heat within the 1,552 square-foot residence, that was filled from floor-to-ceiling with thick, blinding smoke. Systematically searching the building on their hands-and-knees as colleagues used hoselines to push back flames, firefighters found a non-breathing pet dog and swiftly pulled her from the smoke charged structure into the waiting arms of LAFD Paramedics, who labored passionately to resuscitate the seemingly lifeless soot-covered pet. Administering oxygen with manual stimulation, the team of veteran Fire Department rescuers were able to restore breathing and consciousness to the 8 year-old mixed breed dog - to the great relief of her owner as she arrived at the scene. Twenty-seven firefighters under the command of Battalion Chief Michael Bowman were able to extinguish the flames in just fifteen minutes, and no human or other animal injuries were reported. Determining the smoke-exposed canine to be in need of continuing care, LAFD personnel assisted the owner in bringing her companion animal to the Advanced Veterinary Care Center in Lawndale, where she is expected to survive. The accidental fire, caused by a wall furnace, led to \$210,000 (\$200,000 structure and \$10,000 contents) damage to the 62 year-old home, which was not equipped with fire sprinklers.

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12/8/2012	3:05 AM	10817 Sherman Way	2	Major Emergency Structure Fire	89	19	128	4		0	0	Still Being Tabulated	1 hour, 20 min.
	INC. #	F/F FATALITY								CIV/INJURY	INCIDENT DURATION		
	0168	0								0	7 hours, 30 min.		

125 LOS ANGELES FIREFIGHTERS BATTLE SUN VALLEY COMMERCIAL BUILDING BLAZE

On Saturday, December 8, 2012 at 3:05 AM, 19 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 4 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 Arson Unit, 1 Urban Search and Rescue Unit, 1 Rehab Unit, 1 Hazardous Materials Team, 2 EMS Battalion Captains, 5 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams, 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, under the direction of Battalion Chief Randy Beaty responded to a Major Emergency Structure Fire at 10817 Sherman Way.

SUN VALLEY - A hit-and-run driver struck a power pole in Sun Valley, causing a power surge inside a business, creating a fire that heavily damaged a commercial building Saturday morning.

At 3:05 a.m. on December 8th, 2012, Los Angeles Firefighters responded to what was originally reported as a transformer problem at 10817 Sherman Way, across the street from Bob Hope Airport. As firefighters arrived on scene, a security guard assisted them inside a large single-story concrete commercial building which was heavily charged with smoke. Additional firefighters were rapidly requested.

An aggressive attack ensued as firefighters surrounded the unoccupied building. Hoselines were brought inside the 8,400 square-foot structure and firefighters above performed louvered vertical ventilation on the lightweight panelized roof, assisting in preventing fire spread.

Due to well entrenched flames and the threat of heavy air conditioning units falling through the weakening roof on firefighters inside, a defensive attack was ordered. Firefighters got out of the roughly 150' x 100' building and poured on water from the perimeter. However, quick progress was made and an offensive attack was once again made.

A Knockdown of the Major Emergency Structure Fire was obtained by approximately 125 firefighters, under the direction of Battalion Chief Randy Beaty, in one hour and 20 minutes. Due to the hard work of firefighters, the blaze was contained to the building of origin, sparing adjacent businesses from damage. A fire wall assisted in preventing the spread of flames. No one was injured.

"It was a difficult fire in that the mezzanine area was hard to get to, we had to bring ladders into the inside of the structure, and actually put water down on top of the fire," said Assistant Chief Andy Fox with the Los Angeles Fire Department.

The business which occupied one quarter of a long subdivided building was Wet Design, which makes elaborate fountains and attractions. Their famous work can be found in front of the Bellagio Hotel in Las Vegas and The Grove in Los Angeles, among other projects throughout the world.

Intense flames destroyed a 75 'x 100' portion of the roof, along with equipment and company records. The dollar loss is being tabulated, preliminary estimations are over a million dollars.

Dispatched Units: E89 E289 T89 RA89 RA889 E77 E260 E60 T60 EM14 BC14 BC12 E81 E102 E24 E7 E239 E39 T39 E298 T98 E278 T78 E274 T74 DC3 SQ21 EM11 BC5 T88 E288 E88 UR88 RA88 BC10 E86 RA77 EA1 AR2 E98 E87 BC11

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12/8/2012	1:15 PM	23062 W Baltar St	12	Structure Fire	106	7	49	3		0	1	Still Being Tabulated	0 hours, 20 min.
	INC. #	F/F FATALITY								CIV./INJURY	INCIDENT DURATION		
	0662	0								0	In Progress		
		West Hills/ Chatsworth Lake/ Canoga Park											

CAUSE DETERMINED IN FATAL WEST HILLS HOUSE FIRE

On Saturday, December 8, 2012 at 1:15 PM, 7 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 3 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 3 Arson Units, 1 EMS Battalion Captain, 2 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams, under the direction of Battalion Chief Joseph Foley responded to a Structure Fire at 23062 W Baltar Street.

WEST HILLS - Los Angeles Firefighters found an adult male without vital signs of life in his bedroom while extinguishing a house fire Saturday afternoon.

Just after 1:00 PM on December 8, 2012, LAFD arrived at 23062 Baltar St to find a single-story residence with fire showing. Firefighters quickly suited up and kicked down the front door which was surrounded with flames. Inside, there was heavy fire to the left, particularly in the kitchen and living room, and thick black smoke to the right.

During a systematic Search & Rescue operation of the 1,625 square-foot home, firefighters discovered an approximate 50 year-old male laying prone in a bed within the burning structure. He was immediately pulled out and a team of Firefighter / Paramedics aggressively provided CPR, Advanced Life Support, and rapidly transported him code-3 to a local hospital. After further treatment by hospital staff, he was sadly beyond help and pronounced dead. No other injuries were reported.

A well coordinated effort by 46 Los Angeles Firefighters, under the command of Battalion Chief Joseph Foley, extinguished the blaze in just 20 minutes, confining it to the structure of origin.

The home was fitted with smoke alarms, however their functional status was not able to be determined due to extensive fire damage. There were no security doors, window security bars or obvious non-fire factors to impede the man's egress. The 50-year old dwelling was not equipped with residential fire sprinklers.

A positive identification of the deceased man to include his age, as well as the cause, time and manner of his death, will be determined by the Los Angeles County Department of Coroner.

Estimated monetary loss from the fire is \$150,000 (\$100,000 structure & \$50,000 contents).

Dispatched Units: E105 T105 E305 E72 RA872 RA96 EM17 BC17 E84 E104 RA105 E106 E296 T96 AR2 AR11 AR7 AR23

LAFD Senior Arson Investigator David Liske stated the cause of the afternoon blaze was from a, "discarded or misplaced cigarette".