

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

BFC #13-006

Meeting Date: February 5, 2013

1/7/2013 TO 1/13/2013

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
1/10/2013	9:00 AM	3136 E Malabar St	14	Structure Fire With Civilian Injury	2	8	60	4		0	0	Still Being Tabulated	0 hours, 21 min.
	INC. #	F/F FATALITY								CIV/INJURY	INCIDENT DURATION		
	0357	Boyle Heights								0	2		5 hours, 28 min.

ELDERLY COUPLE STRUGGLE TO SURVIVE BOYLE HEIGHTS HOUSE FIRE

BOYLE HEIGHTS - Despite a valiant rescue effort by Good Samaritans, and the quick response of Los Angeles Firefighters, an elderly man and woman were hospitalized in grave condition Thursday morning, after an accidental fire swept through their home. The Los Angeles Fire Department was summoned at 9:00 AM on January 10, 2013 to 3136 East Malabar Street, where they found a 1,400 square foot one-story home fully involved with fire. A pair of men, who had just taken their children to adjacent Malabar Elementary School, ran to the scene and forced entry to the rear of the home, kicking a door to begin rescue of a non-breathing 70 year-old woman. The LAFD arrived to complete the effort and provide advanced medical care for the lifeless resident. Despite oppressive fire conditions fed by variable wind, firefighters relentlessly searched the burning building to find and rescue the woman's non-breathing 90 year-old spouse. He was instantly provided care by a separate team of LAFD Paramedics, and the two were soon transported in 'grave' condition to nearby hospitals. Sixty Los Angeles Firefighters under the command of Battalion Chief Phillip Fligel, prevented the fire from spreading to adjacent homes or the nearby school. They fully extinguished the flames in just 21 minutes. Two male firefighters who suffered smoke exposure because of suddenly shifting winds, were medically evaluated at the scene, before being returned to duty. No other injuries were reported. A post-fire investigation found no evidence of functional smoke alarms within the home, and further determined that window security bars were not equipped with mandated emergency escape quick release systems. A front door security screen was found to be secured inappropriately with a padlock, and myriad electrical hazards, including overloaded circuits, improperly used extension cords and portable space heaters were found throughout the 107 year-old wood frame home, which was not equipped with residential fire sprinklers.

Monetary loss from the fire - which destroyed the home, is still being tabulated. Following a detailed examination of the scene, LAFD Investigators resolutely determined there were no suspicious circumstances. The specific cause of the fire remains undetermined.