

## SIGNIFICANT INCIDENT SUMMARY

Emergency Public Information Center

BFC #13-024

Meeting Date: February 19, 2013

1/28/2013 TO 2/3/2013

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
1/30/2013	12:42 AM	4477 Wilshire Blvd	4	Greater Alarm Structure Fire	29	12	90	2		0	0	\$unk	0 hours, 41 min.
	INC.#									F/F FATALITY	CIV/INJURY		INCIDENT DURATION
	0034	Wilshire Center								0	0		In Progress

# LOS ANGELES FIREFIGHTERS HALT FLAMES IN WILSHIRE CONDOMINIUM COMPLEX

On Wednesday, January 30, 2013 at 0:42 AM, 12 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 2 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 2 Urban Search and Rescue Units, 1 Rehab Unit, 1 Hazardous Materials Team, 2 EMS Battalion Captains, 4 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams, 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, under the direction of Battalion Chief J. Castro responded to a Greater Alarm Structure Fire at 4477 Wilshire Blvd in Wilshire Center.

GREATER WILSHIRE - Los Angeles Firefighters quickly extinguished a fire on the roof and in the attic of a large condominium complex, before anyone was injured.

The Los Angeles Fire Department was summoned at 12:42 AM on January 30, 2013, to 4477 Wilshire Blvd where they found three-story condominium residences over parking with smoke showing.

LAFD crews, arriving in less than four minutes, commenced an aggressive fire attack with hose-lines while their colleagues performed vertical ventilation with chainsaws on the roof. Simultaneously a rapid search of the 33 year-old building ensued, ensuring all occupants were out of harms way.

A total of 90 firefighters, under the command of Battalion Chief J. Castro, extinguished the flames in 41 minutes.

The fire started in an elevator room on the roof and quickly spread through the attic. Three units on the third occupied floor suffered fire and water damage, and a several units below suffered water damage. Once the flames were out, firefighters concentrated efforts on carefully removing residual water from affected units and protecting the occupants property.

No injuries were reported.

There did not appear to be any suspicious circumstances causing the Greater Alarm Structure Fire. Monetary loss is still being tabulated.

Dispatched Units: E229 E29 T29 RA29 RA829 E61 T61 E261 E27 EM11 BC5 BC11 E68 E226 T26 E227 T27 DC1 SQ21 BC18 E211 T11 E94 EM1 E3 T5 E205 UR5 UR58 BC1



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1/31/2013	12:34 AM	1232 S La Cienega Bl	5	Greater Alarm Structure Fire	58	16	117	6		0		•	0 hours, 57 min.
	INC.#									F/F FATALITY	CIV/INJURY	Tabulated	INCIDENT DURATION
	0019	Pico - Robertson								0	0		In Progress

#### LAFD BATTLES STUBBORN FIRE IN VACANT WESTSIDE OFFICE

CARTHAY - A stubborn fire in vacant office space above a westside dry cleaner, brought more than a hundred firefighters to battle flames in the two story building early Thursday, in what proved to be a greater alarm blaze. The Los Angeles Fire Department was summoned at 12:34 AM on January 31, 2013, to 1232 South La Cienega Boulevard, where they arrived quickly to discover heavy fire in vacant upstairs office space. Though the bulk of fire was soon extinguished, LAFD crews labored intensely with chainsaws and hoselines for nearly an hour, to gain access and fully extinguish natural gas-fed flames in deeply recessed floor and wall spaces. The well-coordinated effort confined the fire to the upstairs portion of the two-story 6,900 square foot building, which was not equipped with fire sprinklers. The judicious use of water, combined with extensive salvage and protection efforts by many of the 117 Fire Department responders, severely limited damage to Fame Cleaners. The flames were fully extinguished in just 57 minutes, and no injuries were reported. Loss from the fire is still being tabulated. The cause of the early morning blaze remains under active investigation.

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2/3/2013	7:09 PM	853 S Central Ave	14	Greater Alarm Structure Fire	9	12	93	4		0			0 hours, 18 min.
	INC.#									F/F FATALITY	CIV/INJURY	Tabulated	INCIDENT DURATION
	1086	Fashion District								0	0		3 hours, 2 min.

#### L.A. FIREFIGHTERS BATTLE FIRE IN DOWNTOWN PARTY SUPPLY STORE

LOS ANGELES - More than ninety Los Angeles Firefighters battled a Greater Alarm Structure Fire in an open air market, in the Produce District of downtown Los Angeles.

On Sunday, February 03, 2013 at 7:09 PM, firefighters were called to 853 South Central Avenue. The LAFD arrived quickly to find a 20' x 30' two story concrete, commercial building with fire through the roof.

Fire companies made a quick and aggressive interior attack with large diameter hose lines, while colleagues preformed vertical ventilation. The rapid and vigorous fire attack limited the blaze to the involved party supply store and prevented the spread of fire to adjacent buildings. A total of 93 firefighters, under the command of Battalion Chief Greg Gibson, fully extinguished the flames in just 18 minutes. Firefighters remained on scene for over 3 hours to perform a thorough overhaul and salvage contents of the building. There were no injuries.

Loss from the fire was limited to \$50,000 (\$35,000 structure & \$15,000 contents). Though the blaze was determined to have started outside and spread into the building, the cause of the fire remains under investigation by the LAFD Arson/Counter-Terrorism Section.