



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
3/22/2013	7:18 AM	10215 S Central Ave	8	Structure Fire	65	13	99	4		0	0	\$220,000.00	0 hours, 26 min.
	INC. #									F/F FATALITY	CIV/INJURY		INCIDENT DURATION
	0249	Watts								0	0		2 hours, 56 min.

SWIFT ACTIONS BY L.A. FIREFIGHTERS SAVE CONTENTS OF FURNITURE STORE

Watts- Nearly 100 Los Angeles Firefighters battled a Greater Alarm structure Fire at a commercial building in south Los Angeles.

On Friday, March 22, 2013 at 7:18 am, firefighters were called to 10215 South Central Avenue. The LAFD arrived quickly to find heavy smoke coming from a 50' by 80' commercial building.

Fire companies made a rapid interior fire attack with hose-lines. Simultaneously, firefighters from Truck Companies performed vertical ventilation on the arch truss roof. An aggressive attack on the blaze confined and limited the fire to a 2 room mezzanine tenement. Quick thinking and rapid salvage operations saved the contents of the main building doing business as Brothers Leal Furniture and Cabinetry.

Thanks to prefire planning and diligent training, first arriving fire companies were familiar with the building lay out and specific hazards. Although this building was a 1 story commercial there was an interior second story mezzanine. The building was vacant at the time of the blaze. During the firefight adjacent buildings in the small strip mall were threatened, though none were damaged.

Firefighters under the command of Battalion Chief Gene Bednarchik worked seamlessly with Los Angeles County fire companies to extinguish the flames in just 26 minutes. Firefighters remained on scene for nearly 3 hours to perform a thorough overhaul and salvage. There were no injuries reported.

The Department of Building and Safety deemed the mezzanine units uninhabitable and ordered removal of contents and evacuation from the furniture store. Loss from the fire was estimated at \$220,000 (\$210,000 structure & 10,000 contents). The cause of the fire was determined to be electrical in nature.