

SIGNIFICANT INCIDENT SUMMARY

BFC #13-068

4/29/2013 TO 5/5/2013

Emergency Public Information Center

Meeting Date: May 21, 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
5/4/2013	12:02 AM	4008 Sumac Dr	4	Greater Alarm Structure Fire	99	13	100	5		2		\$260,000	1 hour, 19 min.
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TWO LOS ANGELES FIREFIGHTERS INJURED IN SHERMAN OAKS BLAZE

On Saturday, May 4, 2013 at 12:02 AM, 13 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 5 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 3 Arson Units, 2 Urban Search and Rescue Units, 2 EMS Battalion Captains, 5 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams, 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, under the direction of Assistant Chief Andrew Fox responded to a Greater Alarm Structure Fire With Firefighter Injuries at 4008 Sumac Drive.

SHERMAN OAKS - Two firefighters suffered burns this morning battling a Greater Alarm Structure Fire at a three-story hillside home in Sherman Oaks on May 4, 2013.

Los Angeles Firefighters quickly made their way up a narrow, winding road to 4008 Sumac Drive, off Beverly Glen Boulevard, at 12:02 a.m. Arriving firefighters found at least one room ablaze in the unoccupied house, which had two stories below ground level. An aggressive attack ensued and additional resources were immediately requested.

First arriving firefighters attacked the ground level flames and quickly realized intense flames were burning beneath them as well. Conditions inside the structure rapidly deteriorated. All three floors quickly became unstable due to extensive fire load. One Fire Captain was forced to call "Emergency Traffic" due to difficulty exiting the massive structure. He safely exited. Shortly thereafter firefighters were ordered out of the structure and forced to fight the flames defensively from the exterior. Ultimately all three floors of the home were charred with extensive fire damage.

One hundred firefighters, under the command of Assistant Chief Andrew Fox, took just over one hour to fully extinguish the blaze.

Two firefighters were injured and transported to local hospitals. One Fire Captain in serious but stable condition and one Firefighter in fair but stable condition, both due to burns. No civilians were injured.

Several arson investigators remained on scene for hours carefully combing through debris. The cause of this early morning blaze remains under active investigation by the LAFD Arson Section.

This incident reminded many firefighters of the recent past tragic fire at a hillside home on 1546 N. Viewsite Dr. in Hollywood Hills where sadly LAFD Firefighter Glen Allen passed away.

The estimated dollar loss is \$260,000 dollars (\$180,000 structure & \$80,000 contents).

Dispatched Units: E99 E33 RA99 T88 E288 RA88 EM14 BC10 BC714 E81 E10 DC3 E278 T78 E108 BC9 E293 T93 UR88 RA78 E481 E109 RA83 T39 EM9 EM17 T27 E227 UR27 BC5 RA827 AR2 EA1 E37 RT83 CM3 AR11 AR9 CM2 SU2 T90 E290