

SIGNIFICANT INCIDENT SUMMARY

BFC #13-081

Meeting Date: July 9, 2013

6/10/2013 TO 6/16/2013

Emergency Public Information Center

| 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 |
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| 6/10/2013 | 6:07 AM | 1183 N Vermont Av | | Major Emergency Structure | 35 | 19 | 138 | 5 | | 0 | | ŭ | 0 hours, 55 min. |
| [| INC.# | | | Fire | | | | | | F/F FATALITY | CIV/INJURY | Tabulated | INCIDENT DURATION |
| | 0219 | Los Feliz | | | | | | | | 0 | 0 | | 5 hours, 45 min. |

FIREFIGHTERS RESCUE SCORES OF ANIMALS FROM HOLLYWOOD PET STORE FIRE

EAST HOLLYWOOD - A fast-moving fire at dawn Monday in a pet store, led to the dramatic rescue by firefighters of more than a hundred animals, before the intense blaze was brought under control. The Los Angeles Fire Department was summoned at 6:07 AM on June 10, 2013 to 1183 North Vermont Avenue, where they discovered heavy smoke showing from the roof of a one-story 120' x 110' L-shaped shopping center. Forcing entry into well-secured businesses - including the heavily smoke charged Kim's Pets and Fish, teams of firefighters began the swift rescue of imperiled animals from pens, cages and aquariums as flames raged overhead. LAFD personnel swiftly took to the roof of what proved to be two interconnected buildings, to commence a short-lived effort at vertical ventilation, before the roof proved untenable and collapsed into the premises below. As firefighters made a decisive stand against flames deep within ornamental framework that connected the two buildings, their colleagues continued to push back fire with hose lines inside the burning pet store, supporting the ongoing removal of birds, mice, hamsters, rabbits, guinea pigs, fish, reptiles and 25 puppies - all of which were rescued unscathed. The relentless effort of 138 Los Angeles Firefighters under the command of Assistant Chief Andrew Fox, brought the stubborn flames under control in just 55 minutes. Though no human injuries were reported, smoke and structural collapse led to the demise of several birds, fish and reptiles who proved beyond LAFD help. During final fire extinguishment, the discovery of several turtles trapped deep within debris buoyed the spirits of firefighters, who soon formed a human chain to crawl beneath tons of unstable and smoldering rubbish to safely rescue the reclusive reptiles prior to the application of firefighting foam, which would have led to their demise. Monetary loss from the blaze, which heavily damaged the southwest portion of one non-fire sprinklered building, was still being tabulated late Monday. Los Angeles Fire Department Investigators determined the fire, which originated in the attic above the pet store, to be accidental in nature.

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| 6/16/2013 | 1:36 AM | 8002 S San Pedro St | 9 | Civilian Fatality Structure Fire | 33 | 5 | 35 | 2 | | 0 | | | 0 hours, 13 min. |
| | INC.# | | | | | | | | | F/F FATALITY | CIV/INJURY | Tabulated | INCIDENT DURATION |
| | 0081 | South Los Angeles | | | | | | | | 0 | 0 | | In Progress |

FIRE IN SOUTH L.A. AUTO REPAIR BUSINESS CLAIMS LIFE

SOUTH LOS ANGELES - A fire in an automotive repair firm proved deadly to a man early Sunday morning, when he was unable to escape his makeshift living space inside the business, as flames fed on the dense storage within. The Los Angeles Fire Department was summoned at 1:36 AM on June 16, 2013 by a 9-1-1 call from a passerby who noted smoke pouring from the 45' x 20' one-story building at 8002 South San Pedro Street. LAFD crews arrived quickly to find fire showing from the well-secured 900 square foot building. Forcing entry through metal security doors to battle flames fed by pack-rat conditions amid thick floor-to-ceiling smoke, firefighters promptly encountered the body of a man just inside the front doorway. The pulseless and non-breathing adult male was swiftly carried from the burning building by firefighters, who soon determined he was beyond medical help, and declared him dead at the scene. It took 30 Los Angeles Firefighters under the command of Battalion Chief Anthony Matthews, just thirteen minutes to fully extinguish the flames. No other injuries were reported. The commercial building, within which a small area had been converted to living space, contained excessive storage and was not equipped with smoke alarms or fire sprinklers. The front security door included a double-cylinder (key required on both sides) deadbolt lock, which is not locally permitted in residential settings. A positive identification of the dead man, as well as the specific cause, time and manner of his death, will be determined the Los Angeles County Department of Coroner. Monetary loss from the fire is still being tabulated, while the cause of the blaze remains under active investigation.