

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

BFC #13-083

Meeting Date: July 23, 2013

7/1/2013 TO 7/7/2013

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
7/1/2013	5:09 PM	9415 Telfair Av	6	Major Emergency Structure Fire	77	23	161	7		0	0	\$2,500,000	1 hour, 52 min.
	INC. #	F/F FATALITY								CIV/INJURY	INCIDENT DURATION		
	1050	Sun Valley								0	0		17 hours, 27 min.

MASSIVE BLAZE CAUSES \$2.5M DAMAGE TO SUN VALLEY FURNITURE FIRM

SUN VALLEY - A massive blaze Monday evening in a northeast San Fernando Valley industrial enclave put scores of Los Angeles Firefighters to the test, as the inferno combined with high outdoor temperature and humidity to make an overtly oppressive nearly two hour battle. The Los Angeles Fire Department was summoned by a passerby who called 9-1-1 at 5:09 PM on July 1, 2013 to report smoke showing from a large one-story industrial building at 9415 Telfair Avenue. Arriving quickly, LAFD crews discovered increasingly heavy smoke from the 200' x 75' structure of cinder-block construction, that was well secured and unoccupied at the end of the business day. As teams of firefighters took to the roof, their colleagues extended large diameter hose lines to each side of the building and used power saws to force their way through rolling steel doors in an attempt to gain access to the seat of increasingly intense flames that fed on material and remnants of furniture manufacturing, as well as chemicals and cardboard used in furniture finishing and shipping. With ambient temperature of 95°F, relative humidity of at least 23% and variable winds up to 9 miles per hour, the conditions were difficult for the 161 LAFD personnel assigned to the incident. A sudden yet predictable failure of the lightweight roof allowed flames and smoke to tower in the sky, as Assistant Chief Trevor Richmond coordinated a smooth and safe transition to defensive tactics, bringing large hose streams to bear on the flames from ground crews and several aerial ladders at the periphery of the building. The flames were confined to the building of fire origin, and extinguished in 1 hour and 52 minutes. LAFD crews spent an additional 15.5 hours on-site performing salvage and overhaul at the business, which was heavily damaged in the conflagration. Though several firefighters were assessed and treated at scene to combat the effect of dehydration throughout the firefight and recovery operation, none required ambulance transport to the hospital. Fire loss to Kalfon Crafts Corporation, a maker of furniture & cabinetry, has been estimated at \$2,500,000 (\$1,000,000 structure and \$1,500,000 contents). The cause of this early evening blaze remains under investigation by the Los Angeles Fire Department.

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7/6/2013	6:51 PM	13723 Sproule Ave	7	Structure Fire With Civilian Injury	91	6	45	4		0	0	\$125,000	0 hours, 17 min.
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	1015	Sylmar								0	4		5 hours, 36 min.

FOUR INJURED, ONE GRAVELY WHEN FIRE ERUPTS IN SYLMAR HOME

SYLMAR - The Los Angeles Fire Department was called just before 7:00 PM on July 6, 2013 to 13723 Sproule Avenue. Upon arrival, the LAFD found a one story house involved in fire. The blaze was rapidly extinguished by 45 firefighters in just 17 minutes, under the command of Battalion Chief Dennis Waters. Sadly the occupants of the room where the fire ignited sustained significant burns. A total of four male patients ranging in age from 17 to 35 were transported to area hospitals. One patient was transported in grave condition, two in serious, and one with non-life threatening injuries. Dollar loss was tabulated at \$125,000 (\$100,000 structure and \$25,000 contents). The cause the fire is under a joint investigation by the Los Angeles Fire Department Arson/Counter-Terrorism Section and the Los Angeles Police Department.