

SIGNIFICANT INCIDENT SUMMARY

BFC #13-115

9/2/2013 TO 9/8/2013

Emergency Public Information Center

Meeting Date: October 1, 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
9/7/2013	7:53 PM	5219 Calatrana Dr		Major Emergency Structure	84	22	147	5		0	-	Ũ	1 hour, 25 min.
	INC. #			Fire						F/F FATALITY	CIV/INJURY	Tabulated	INCIDENT DURATION
	1266	Woodland Hills								0	0		In Progress

INTENSE FIRE LEADS TO COLLAPSE OF WOODLAND HILLS HOME

WOODLAND HILLS - On Saturday September 7, 2013 just before 8:00 PM, Los Angeles Firefighters rapidly made their way up narrow roads to 5219 Calatrana Drive. Arriving firefighters found heavy fire engulfing a three story hillside home and threatening nearby structures and brush. Fire companies made an aggressive interior fire attack as water dropping helicopters surrounded and extinguished burning vegetation. 30 minutes into the firefight a coordination exit was ordered in anticipation of building collapse. 147 firefighters under the command of Assistant Chief Andrew Fox continued exterior operations until extinguishment in one hour and 25 minutes. Fast action by firefighters protected nearby structures and the blaze was confined to the 2,604 square foot, tri-level home. Three adult occupants, who were not present at the time of the blaze, were displaced from the residence, which was completely destroyed. During the firefight, limited access and egress, low water pressure, and high ambient temperatures proved challenging for firefighters. The topography of the area presented concerns with water flow to surrounding structures and salvage efforts minimized damage. Fire companies remained on scene throughout the night monitoring flare ups from smoldering materials beneath the collapsed walls. One Firefighter sustained non life threatening injuries, he was assessed at the scene and returned to work. Dollar loss is still being tabulated and expected to be in excess of one million dollars. The cause of the fire remains under active investigation by the LAFD Arson Section.

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