

## SIGNIFICANT INCIDENT SUMMARY

Emergency Public Information Center

BFC #13-119

Meeting Date: October 1, 2013

9/9/2013 TO 9/15/2013

| 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                   |
|---------------|-----------|--------------------|---------|------------------------------|------|----------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|
| 9/14/2013     | 11:18 AM  | 10642 W Arminta St | 2       | Greater Alarm Structure Fire | 77   | 14             | 96          | 3           |                  | 0               | 0               | \$500,000   | 0 hours, 36 min.                  |
|               | INC.#     | Sun Valley         |         |                              |      |                |             |             |                  | F/F FATALITY  0 | CIV/INJURY<br>1 |             | INCIDENT DURATION 4 hours, 3 min. |

## FIRE AT SUN VALLEY BUSINESS SENDS ELDERLY OWNER TO THE HOSPITAL

SUN VALLEY - On Saturday September 14, 2013, Los Angeles Firefighters battled a blaze in a commercial building that seriously injured the business owner.

At 11:18 AM, The Los Angeles Fire Department responded to 10642 West Arminta Street. Firefighters arrived to find heavy smoke and fire coming from a 50' by 150' single story commercial building. Within minutes of the firefight explosives were heard. Fire companies made a coordinated retreat and a defensive fire attack ensued. Nearly 100 firefighters, under the command of Battalion Chief Robert Takeshita fully extinguished the flames in just 36 minutes.

The 80 year old business owner sustained burn injuries and was transported to an area hospital in serious condition. The owner of Hollywood Engineering, had been at this location for over 40 years, where reloading equipment for ammunition was fabricated.

The blaze was confined to the building of fire origin and deemed unsafe by then Department of Building and Safety. Because of the close proximity the owners residence was also red tagged. The American Red Cross assisted with temporary placement for 3 adults, and 2 dogs.

Monetary loss from the fire was estimated at \$500,000 (\$250,000 structure & \$250,000 contents). Los Angeles Fire Department Arson Investigators determined the cause to be electrical in nature.

Dispatched Units: E77 E89 T89 E289 RA89 RA89 E60 T60 E260 BC12 BC10 E81 E239 T39 E86 E298 E98 T98 DC3 EM15 BC14 T88 E288 UR88 E27 UR27 BC5 E88 RA88 E227 T27 AR1 AR2