

SIGNIFICANT INCIDENT SUMMARY

BFC #13-123

9/16/2013 TO 9/22/2013

Emergency **P**ublic Information Center

Meeting Date: October 15, 2013

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9/18/2013	4:48 PM	2701 E Anaheim St	15	Greater Alarm Fire	38	12	69	1		0	0	\$450,000	1 hour, 1 minute
	INC. #									F/F FATALITY	CIV/INJURY		INCIDENT DURATION
	0870	Wilmington / Harbor City								0	0		4 hours, 30 min.

WILMINGTON SALVAGE YARD BLAZE SCORCHES 105 AUTOS

WILMINGTON - An hour-long blaze in an automotive recycling yard torched more than a hundred vehicles Wednesday afternoon. Los Angeles Firefighters were summoned at 4:48 PM on September 18, 2013 to multiple reports of vehicles burning at Apple Auto Dismantling, 2701 East Anaheim Street in Wilmington. Noting a large, black plume of smoke, the first due fire crews immediately requested additional personnel to respond. Entering the large salvage yard, Fire Department crews found 15 to 20 cars already engulfed. The intense fire soon spread in the 150' by 200' area of tightly packed autos, requiring copious amounts of water and firefighting foam to douse the flames. Nearly 70 firefighters under the command of LAFD Assistant Chief Ralph Terrazas were able to fully extinguish the blaze in just one hour. There were no injuries. The fire was confined to the yard, damaging 105 autos. Fire loss was estimated at \$450,000. The cause of the blaze was listed as under investigation.

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9/21/2013	1:06 PM	8718 Parthenia Pl	6	Structure Fire	7	7	44	3		2	0	\$90,000	0 hours, 17 min.
	INC. #									F/F FATALITY	CIV/INJURY		INCIDENT DURATION
	0584	Panorama City								0	0		4 hours, 8 min.

TWO FIREFIGHTERS INJURED, FAMILY DISPLACED IN NORTH HILLS APARTMENT FIRE

NORTH HILLS - Two Los Angeles Firefighters were injured and a family of three displaced, when fire engulfed an apartment Saturday afternoon.

The Los Angeles Fire Department was summoned at 1:06 PM on September 21, 2013 to 8718 Parthenia Place in North Hills. Firefighters arrived swiftly at the 5,864 square-foot two-story garden-style building, to find one second floor apartment heavily involved with fire. With reports of people trapped in the inferno, an aggressive and well-coordinated attack on the fire quickly ensued.

Two Firefighters Injured, Family Displaced by North Hills Blaze © Photo by Greg Doyle, click to view more... While their colleagues battled the flames, LAFD Paramedics examined five neighbors who had tried accessing the smoke-charged apartment in a belief that occupants were trapped. Thankfully, the involved apartment had been equipped with properly installed and maintained smoke alarms, which alerted occupants and neighbors to escape in a timely manner.

The three occupants of the burning unit were without physical harm, and the five neighbors who acted in good will required no immediate care for their brief exposure to smoke. It took 44 firefighters under the command of Battalion Chief Curt Klafta, just 17 minutes to fully extinguish the flames, which were confined to the apartment of fire origin.

Two Firefighters Injured, Family Displaced by North Hills Blaze © Photo by Greg Doyle, click to view more... During fire attack, two firefighters were injured. One suffered first- and second-degree burns to his hands, ears, forehead and right knee. The other required treatment for smoke inhalation. Both men were transported to hospitals by Fire Department ambulance for what were considered non-life threatening injuries.

No other persons were injured. The woman and her two teenage sons displaced by the fire were provided on-site assistance with temporary living needs by American Red Cross Disaster Action Team volunteers.

LAFD crews spent an additional four hours at the scene mopping up the blaze while providing personal care and emotional support to residents of the eleven unit complex. Despite a lack of residential fire sprinklers, loss to the 57 year-old building was limited to \$90,000 (\$60,000 structure & \$30,000 contents). The blaze is considered electrical in nature, attributed to a window mounted air conditioner.

Dispatched Units: E290 T90 RA90 E81 RA81 E275 T75 EM14 BC12 E98 E7 RA7 E287 T87 T87 E287 E275 T75 AR2 BC12

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