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10/8/2013	9:27 AM	1001 E 27th St	9	Major Emergency Structure Fire	14	26	189	12		2	0	\$Total Loss	3 hours, 45 min.
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	0352	South Los Angeles/Newton								0	0		15 hours, 47 min.

FIREFIGHTERS INJURED WHILE BATTLING SOUTH LA CHURCH BLAZE

SOUTH LOS ANGELES - The Los Angeles Fire Department battled flames that ripped through a 19th century wooden church on Tuesday October 8th, 2013. A firefighter was trapped in the burning rubble when significant portions of the Crouch Memorial Church collapsed during a Major Emergency Structure Fire.

Firefighters were summoned at 9:27 AM to 1001 E 27th Street in South L.A. where they found a large two-story church with fire blowing out of the attic. Firefighters assumed an immediate aggressive attack with hose-lines inside the dark, hot interior and up to the second floor. Within fifteen minutes into the battle, a loud crash was heard outside as portions of the attic and second floor suddenly fell. A firefighter on the second story rode the floor down as it dropped to the first story. He was trapped in heavy burning debris and had to utilize his emergency air canister to breathe.

"I got fire all around me... I got fire all around me." - Chilling radio traffic from the trapped firefighter inside the inferno.

Several critical objectives were rapidly met by Battalion Chief Fligel:

- Activate Emergency Traffic on the radio alerting firefighters to the current conditions.
- Determine the exact location of the trapped firefighter within the nearly 7,000 sq-ft structure.
- Deploy a RIC (Rapid Intervention Company) Team to extricate him.
- Ensure no others are unaccounted for by obtaining the location of each firefighter on scene.
- Safely transition from an offensive interior fight to a defensive exterior fight.

Then a sense of relief...

"We have the firefighter... we are taking him out the front door." - Radio transmission.

Shortly thereafter the trapped firefighter was carried down the church steps to safety.

Over 150 firefighters, under the command of Deputy Chief Mario Rueda, fully extinguished the flames in three hours and 45 minutes. Over the next several hours, firefighters carefully salvaged items from the sanctuary and supported the investigation.

LAFD Arson/Counter-Terrorism Section Investigators were soon on scene, and in accordance with protocol, activated the regional "House of Worship Arson Task Force", bringing specialists from the Los Angeles Police Department, Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), as well as the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to join the active LAFD investigation in determining the cause.

The historic church suffered grave damage and is considered a total loss monetarily.

A total of three firefighters were evaluated for injuries. The trapped firefighter was immediately transported to a local hospital where he will remain overnight, and is expected to be released the following day. The second firefighter was involved in the rescue and accompanied his colleague to the hospital. He was briefly evaluated and did not require treatment. Hours into the battle, a third firefighter suffered a possible electric shock while on an Ariel Ladder Truck that was pouring water into the structure. He was transported to a local hospital where he was treated and released. All firefighters are in stable condition.



Dispatched Units: E14 E210 T10 RA10 E9 T9 RA9 E21 SQ21 EM11 BC11 BC1 E15 E221 T21 E215 T15 DC1 BC13 E46 E203 T3 EM18 E3 UR3 RA3 RA803 T5 E205 UR88 BC5 E17 RA814 RA21 RA15 EM13 EA2 AR1 E226 T26 E211 T11 E33 E11 EM9 RM2 RA46 RA246 E66 AR17 RT59 EA1 AR7 CM2 CM1 AR11 RA10 EM9 RA17 T33 E233 E11 T94 E294 E63 E98 SU2 BC13 EM13 AR17 T66 E266 E26 RA29

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10/9/2013	9:59 PM	4100 W Jefferson Bl	10	Major Emergency Structure Fire	94	18	121	3		0	0	Still Being Tabulated	0 hours, 54 min.
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	1381	Baldwin Hills/Crenshaw								0	0		In Progress

FIREFIGHTERS ESCAPE HARM WHEN WEST ADAMS BUILDING COLLAPSES

WEST ADAMS - Firefighters attempting to save a recently renovated Los Angeles business from flames escaped harm late Wednesday evening, when the roof of the building suddenly collapsed - just nine minutes after the fire was reported. The Los Angeles Fire Department was summoned at 9:59 PM on October 9, 2013 to 4100 West Jefferson Boulevard in the West Adams area, where firefighters arrived quickly to find flames through the roof of a one-story 50' x 50' building with a 20' addition to the rear. Forcing entry into south side of the well-secured structure charged with heat and smoke, six firefighters took a brief moment for situational awareness prior to entry. Despite the clamor of a what would soon become a "Major Emergency" blaze, their experienced ears noted sounds of structural compromise - and they stood their ground - seconds prior to collapse of the building's roof in an area where they would have been standing. A well-coordinated transition to defensive operations ensued as all personnel were accounted for and assured to be unharmed. Heavy streams were used to push back flames that briefly towered in the sky, as 121 LAFD personnel under the command of Battalion Chief Surgey Tomlinson held the fire in check. The blaze was skillfully confined to the non-fire sprinklered building of fire origin, and fully extinguished in just 54 minutes. No injuries were reported. Fire loss to the vacant building, zoned for light manufacturing and being prepared for lease, is still being tabulated. The cause of the blaze remains under active investigation.