

## SIGNIFICANT INCIDENT SUMMARY

Emergency Public Information Center

BFC #14-007

Meeting Date: January 21, 2014

12/30/2013 TO 1/5/2014

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
1/1/2014	10:33 AM	1513 Mirasol St	14	Greater Alarm Structure Fire	25	14	103	5		0	0	\$1.4 million	0 hours, 53 min.
	INC.#									F/F FATALITY	CIV/INJURY		INCIDENT DURATION
	0678	South Boyle Heights								0	0		In Progress

### LOS ANGELES FIREFIGHTERS EXTINGUISH NEW YEARS DAY GREATER ALARM FIRE IN

On Wednesday, January 1, 2014 at 10:33 AM, 14 Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 5 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 2 Arson Units, 2 Urban Search and Rescue Units, 3 EMS Battalion Captains, 4 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams, 1 Division Chief Officer Command Team, Emergency Air, Bull Dozer Tractors all under the direction of Battalion Chief Fligiel responded to a Greater Alarm Structure Fire at 1513 Mirasol St.

BOYLE HEIGHTS - On New Years day a nearby Fire Engine spotted a large fire in an industrial area that required over 100 firefighters to extinguish.

Just after 10:30 A.M. on January 1st, 2014, Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) Engine 17 having recently completed a previous incident, keenly investigated a nearby plume of smoke. They arrived to 1513 Marisol Street, an industrial area in South Boyle Heights, to find a fire in a 300' x 150' corrugated metal commercial building, that was being held in check by sprinklers. The flames spread to an adjacent large pile of merchandise stacked 12' tall on pallets in an outside yard. The business was Ideal Brands, specializing in manufacturing and distribution of personal hygiene and incontinence products such as adult diapers.

Firefighters quickly forced entry into the grounds of the outside yard and inside the structure to begin an aggressive fire attack while requesting additional firefighters. Truck Companies laddered the roof of the building and performed vertical ventilation with chainsaws to remove the intense heat and smoke. The battle remained an offensive firefight.

A total of 103 LAFD firefighters along with the assistance from neighboring Vernon and LA County firefighters, all under the command of LAFD Battalion Chief Fligiel, fully extinguished the flames in 53 minutes. No one was injured.

Firefighters remained on scene for many hours salvaging and overhauling contents, even bringing in LAFD bulldozers to assist sifting contents while firefighters sprayed water and Class A foam to fully extinguish the smoldering material.

The cause of the fire is undetermined, however it does not appear to be suspicious in nature. The estimated dollar loss \$1.4 million (\$750,000 structure & \$650,000 contents).

Dispatched Units: Pending Incident Archive not working.



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1/2/2014	7:57 PM	11029 Sutter Av	7	Greater Alarm Fire	98	15	111	5		0		\$1,305,000	1 hour, 24 min.
	INC.#									F/F FATALITY	CIV/INJURY		INCIDENT DURATION
	1243	San Fernando								0	0		17 hours, 59 min.

### LAFD SPARES TRIO OF OFFICE BUILDINGS AT PACOIMA LUMBER YARD FIRE

PACOIMA: A greater alarm fire in a lumber yard lit the skies of the northeast San Fernando Valley Thursday evening, before the effort of more than 100 Los Angeles Firefighters tamed the flames without injury, sparing a trio of office buildings from damage. The Los Angeles Fire Department was summoned at 7:57 PM on January 2, 2014 to 11029 Sutter Avenue in Pacoima, where crews arrived quickly to find intense fire in a large volume of outside lumber storage between two woodworking firms. Firefighters immediately commenced defensive operations, swiftly deploying large diameter hand lines and ladder pipes from aerial ladder trucks to keep the fire in check. The crews dutifully held the fierce blaze, protecting offices of SB Lumber, HB Redwood Moulding Manufacturing and Choice Drilling from significant damage, as efforts were made to neutralize the danger of high voltage power lines that had haphazardly fallen due to flame. The adjacent Metrolink commuter rail line was temporarily shut down, as additional LAFD personnel and equipment were brought to bear against the inferno. It took the incessant effort of 111 Los Angeles Firefighters under the command of Battalion Chief Jack Wise, less than ninety minutes to control the bulk of flames. Those and additional crews - including the LAFD Tractor Unit, labored for nearly 17 additional hours to fully extinguish tons of smoldering lumber and abate hazards, including a 70 foot silo filled with combustible sawdust. No injuries were reported. Loss from the conflagration was limited to \$1,305,000 (\$300,000 structure and \$1,005,000 contents - including lumber stock and one vehicle). The cause of the blaze remains under investigation.

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1/3/2014	10:58 AM	719 N Heliotrope Dr	13	Explosion	52	8	59	3		0	0	\$85000	In Progress
	INC.#									F/F FATALITY	CIV/INJURY		INCIDENT DURATION
	0532	Southeast Hollywood								0	1		6 hours, 7 min.

# APARTMENT EXPLOSION IN EAST HOLLYWOOD INJURES MAN, DISPLACES 18

EAST HOLLYWOOD - An explosion that damaged a three-story apartment building late Friday morning sent one man to the hospital and displaced eighteen of his neighbors. The Los Angeles Fire Department was summoned at 10:58 AM on January 3, 2014 to 719 North Heliotrope Drive in East Hollywood, where firefighters arrived quickly to find obvious explosion damage to the front of the building. Battalion Chief Joseph Klein coordinated the combined efforts of 57 LAFD personnel, who performed a thorough search of the two dozen apartment units on three floors while simultaneously battling a stubborn fire in one second floor unit fed by a natural gas line that had been compromised. Despite flames extending into walls, the fire was fully extinguished in just 26 minutes. One resident from a unit above the explosion and fire was taken by LAFD ambulance to an area hospital in fair condition for medical complaints following smoke exposure. No other persons were injured. An LAFD Urban Search and Rescue team shored the damaged exterior wall with lumber, pending the arrival of Inspectors from the City's Department of Building and Safety, who were to formally examine the building. With explosion damage requiring utilities throughout the building to be secured, eighteen residents were referred to the American Red Cross for temporary shelter and assistance. Monetary loss from the incident, which significantly damaged one or more apartments in the 90 year old building, is estimated to be at least \$85,000 (\$75,000 structure & \$10,000 contents). Though a flaming natural gas supply line was discovered in the damaged and burning apartment, the specific cause of the explosion and fire remains under active investigation by Los Angeles Fire Department Investigators and officials from the Southern California Gas Company.

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