



LAFD Incident Update

Douglas Barry, Fire Chief

*****MEDIA ADVISORY*****

Griffith Park I.C. Date/Time 5/9/07 7:00 AM

COMMAND POST:

"Assisting Agencies" consisting of Los Angeles City Fire (LAFD), Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), LA City Park Rangers, LA County Fire Dept (LACoFD), CDF, Glendale FD, Santa Fe Springs FD, Monterey Park FD, Monrovia FD, San Marino FD, Arcadia FD, Downey FD, Compton FD, LA Gen Svcs PD, LA DWP, DOT, Air craft from LAFD, LACoFD and Federal Government.

The Unified Command managed **2** Branches and **8** Divisions. EOC activated.

CP LOCATION:

Parking Lot of Greek Theater (Vermont Ave)

TIME OF ALARM: 1:20 PM, Tues 5/8/07

INC# 648

LOCATION: Initial Dispatch to: Intersection of Vermont and Hillhurst

BRUSH TYPE/INCIDENT TYPE: Medium to heavy grass & brush. Steep/rugged terrain

CONDITIONS ON ARRIVAL: Initial report
7 acres, 10 mph wind/topography driven.

CURRENT CONDITIONS/CONTAINMENT:

Tonight - low humidity (<10%)
40% contained

TOTAL ACRES BURNED TO DATE: 600+ acres

WEATHER CONDITIONS:

Tomorrow – Temp 90 degrees, humidity <5%, winds 10 mph out of EAST

PROPERTY LOSS:

1 SFD damaged \$30,000; wood shake roof

REPORTED INJURIES: Firefighters

- None
- 1 civilian with 2nd & 3rd degree burns.

AIR OPERATIONS:

4 Fixed Wing Aircraft from Federal Government

4 LAFD Helo

5 LACoFD Helo

LAFD RESOURCES:

76 Fire Companies

9 Command Teams

7 RA's

TOTAL FIREFIGHTING PERSONNEL:

300+ LAFD

30 Fire Co's Mutual Aid

5 Camp Crews

Approx 600 Total

100+ LAPD officers

EVACUATIONS:

** "ORDER TO EVACUATE": (You Leave You Stay Out)

- LA Zoo
- Gene Autry Museum
- Golf Course
- Boys Camp
- Los Feliz area East of Vermont, North of Cromwell and West of Dundee Pl.
- 150 homes

**** "WARNING TO EVACUATE": (Voluntary)**

- Nearby residents are encouraged to prepare for evacuation, monitor news radio and obey the verbal orders of uniformed public safety personnel in their neighborhood.

**** "CANCELLED EVACUATION ORDERS": (Areas Open to Residents only with ID)
AT 0600 hrs ALL AREAS WILL BE REHOUSED EXCEPT FOR THE
FOLLOWING AREAS:**

- CADMAN ROAD
- SHANNON ROAD
- PRESTWICK DRIVE
- FARMOUTH DRIVE
- DUNDEE DRIVE
- DUNDEE PLACE

THERE IS NO PROJECTED TIME FOR REHOUSING ON THE ABOVE STREETS.

EVACUATION SHELTERS:

- Marshall High School @ St. George St. & Tracy St.

ROAD CLOSURES:

- FREEWAY OFF RAMPS INCLUDE:
 - 5 FWY. - LOS FELIZ NORTH AND SOUTH OFF RAMPS
 - ZOO DRIVE CLOSED

HARD CLOSURES

- 1) NORTHBOUND WESTERN AVE. AT FRANKLIN AVE. (SOFT CLOSURE – RESIDENTS OK)
- 2) EAST BOUND LOS FELIZ BL. AT EDGEMONT ST. (SOFT CLOSURE – RESIDENTS OK)
- 3) EAST BOUND LOS FELIZ BL. AT VERMONT AVE.- **2 T.O. ASSIGNED**
(DETOUR EAST BOUND TRAFFIC SOUTH BOUND ON VERMONT AVE.)
- 4) WEST BOUND LOS FELIZ BL. AT VERMONT AVE. - **2 T.O. ASSIGNED**
(DETOUR DOWNTOWN LA TRAFFIC LEFT ON RIVERSIDE DR., TO FLETCHERDR. TO SUNSET BL. TO 101 FREEWAY)
- 5) WEST BOUND LOS FELIZ BL. AT COMMONWEALTH AVE. (SOFT CLOSURE – RESIDENTS OK)
- 6) WEST BOUND LOS FELIZ BL. AT VERMONT AVE. (DETOUR LEFT ONTO VERMONT AVE.)

- 7) COMMONWEALTH AVE. AT FRANKLIN AVE. (SOFT CLOSURE – RESIDENTS OK)
- 8) LOS FELIZ BL. AT HILLHURST AVE. - **2 T.O. ASSIGNED**
- 9) NORTH BOUND HILLHURST AVE. AT FRANKLIN AVE. - **2 T.O. ASSIGNED** (SOFT CLOSURE – RESIDENTS OK)
- 10) NORTHBOUND VERMONT AVE. AT FRANKLIN AVE. - **2 T.O. ASSIGNED** (SOFT CLOSURE – RESIDENTS OK)
- 11) NORTHBOUND BERENDO ST. AT FRANKLIN AVE. – **HARD CLOSURE**
- 12) NORTHBOUND CATALINA ST. AT FRANKLIN AVE. – **HARD CLOSURE**
- 13) NORTHBOUND EDGEMONT ST. AT FRANKLIN AVE. – **HARD CLOSURE**
- 14) NORTHBOUND KENMORE AVE. AT FRANKLIN AVE.– **HARD CLOSURE**
- 15) MULLHOLLAND HWY. AT CANYON LAKE – **HARD CLOSURE**

LOS FELIZ CLOSURES

- 1) FERN DELL DR. NORTH BOUND AT LOS FELIZ BL.
- 2) HOBART BL. NORTH BOUND AT LOS FELIZ BL.
- 3) WINONA BL. NORTH BOUND AT LOS FELIZ BL.
- 4) NOTTINGHAM AVE. NORTH BOUND AT LOS FELIZ BL.
- 5) CHISLEHURST PL. NORTH BOUND AT LOS FELIZ BL.
- 6) EDGEMONT ST. NORTH BOUND AT LOS FELIZ BL.
- 7) CATALINA ST. NORTH BOUND AT LOS FELIZ BL.
- 8) BERENDO ST. NORTH BOUND AT LOS FELIZ BL.
- 9) HILLHURST AVE. NORTH BOUND AT LOS FELIZ BL.
- 10) COMMONWEALTH AVE. NORTH BOUND AT LOS FELIZ BL.
- 11) OBSERVATORY AVE. NORTH BOUND AT LOS FELIZ BL.

NELLA VISTA AVE. NORTH BOUND AT LOS FELIZ BL.

12) RICHLAND AVE. NORTH BOUND AT LOS FELIZ BL.

13) WAYNE AVE. NORTH BOUND AT LOS FELIZ BL.

14) LOWRY RD. NORTH BOUND AT LOS FELIZ BL.

15) GRIFFITH PARK BL. NORTH BOUND AT LOS FELIZ BL.

16) HUXLEY ST. NORTH BOUND AT LOS FELIZ BL.

17) LAMBETH ST. NORTH BOUND AT LOS FELIZ BL.

18) RIVERSIDE DR. NORTH BOUND AT LOS FELIZ BL.

SMALLER ANIMALS:

- Animal services at Evacuation Center (Marshall High School)

*****KEY MESSAGE*****

Although it's rare to have this kind of hot weather this early in the fire season, the danger of wildfires is ever present. We are asking for the public's cooperation in helping us to minimize the fire danger. There are things that can be done to accomplish this goal. Please maintain a 200 ft brush brush clearance from homes & structures, have a family evacuation plan with both primary and secondary escape routes, obey all no parking signs on Red Flag Days, limit use of campfires and be careful when handling combustible materials. Together we can accomplish our mutual goal of protecting ourselves and our loved ones from wildfires.

*****SUMMARY*****

On Tuesday May 8, 2007 at approximately 1:20 PM, a brush fire broke out near the Roosevelt Golf Course in the Griffith Park area of Los Angeles. Arriving companies reported a 7 acre wind/topography driven fire in the steep and rugged hills of the park. The fire moved quickly through medium to heavy dry grass and brush. The fire quickly moving southeast and threatened home in the Los Feliz area of Los Angeles. Quick and aggressive structure protection by firefighters saved homes.

CAUSE: UNDER INVESTIGATION

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