

BULLETIN

NO.: 22-007
DATE: January 20, 2022
TO: All Personnel
FROM: Robert Logan, Deputy Fire Chief, Employee Services
SUBJECT: Blue Sheet - LACFD – Tarapaca Incident – Firefighter fatality

On January 6, 2022, at 0201 hours, a Los Angeles County Fire Department firefighter operating inside a one-story residential structure succumbed to his injuries at the hospital.

- **Refer to SDFD Operations Manual**
 - **SI 10 Section 04 Safety Communications**

Any questions should be directed through the chain of command.

Don't hesitate to contact the Health and Safety Office at SDFDHealth&Safety@san Diego.gov with comments or areas of improvement. For all other questions, contact HSO/Battalion Chief David Picone at 619.533.4466 or dpicone@san Diego.gov



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BLUE SHEET

County of Los Angeles Fire Department (LAC)

Preliminary Summary Report of Serious Injuries, Illnesses, Accidents and Near-Miss Incidents



TARAPACA INCIDENT – FIREFIGHTER LINE OF DUTY DEATH DURING INTERIOR STRUCTURE FIREFIGHTING OPERATIONS

30751 Tarapaca Rd, Rancho Palos Verdes

January 6, 2022

This Preliminary Summary Report is intended as an aid in accident prevention, and to provide factual information from the first 24 hours of the accident review. To that end, it is published and distributed within a short time frame. Information contained within may be subject to revision as further investigation is conducted, and other reports and documents are received.

Lookout

Communications

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SUMMARY

A firefighter operating inside a one-story residential structure activated a radio “E-Trigger” to identify an immediate need for assistance. The Rapid Intervention Crew (RIC) entered, located, and removed the firefighter from the structure. The firefighter was cardiopulmonary arrest and received rapid advanced life support treatment and was transported to a level one trauma center. The firefighter succumbed to his injuries at the hospital.

NARRATIVE

On January 6, 2022, at 0201 hours, the Los Angeles Communications Center (LACC) dispatched a first alarm structure fire assignment to a single-family dwelling. At 0244 hours, the Incident Commander notified LACC of a firefighter emergency. The RIC searched for and removed the downed firefighter and paramedics initiated immediate advanced life support treatment. The firefighter was then transported to the nearest level one trauma center.

At 0400 hours, the Interim Fire Chief assembled the Department’s Serious Incident Review Team (SIRT). The team is working collaboratively with the Los Angeles County Fire Department Arson Unit and the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department to develop a detailed investigative report.

IMMEDIATE CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

No immediate corrective actions have been identified in the first 24-hour operational period.