

INCIDENT REPORT

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Fire Department: Garden Grove Fire Department
Incident Number: G1404010
Exposure Number: 00
Multi-Agency IC#: 14041273 A1410815 01404089 00113273
Incident Date: 05/01/14
Dispatch Time: 18:56:45
Arrival Time: 19:01:29
Controlled Time: 20:33:00
Ending Time: 22:31:55
First-In Company: GE2
District: G2117
Incident Type: Natural vegetation fire, other
Mutual Aid: None
Method of Alarm: E911
Type of Weather:
Air Temperature: 92
Address, CSZ: 8961 TRACY AV
Census Tract:
Fire Haz Sev Zone: Medium

RESOURCES & CASUALTIES

Actions Taken 1: Extinguishment by fire service personnel
Actions Taken 2: Salvage & overhaul
Actions Taken 3: Investigate
#Apparatus Resp Engine: 0
#Apparatus Resp Trk: 1
#Apparatus Resp Med: 0
#Apparatus Resp Oth: 9
Fire Svs Injury: 0
Fire Svs Fatal: 0
Non-FS Injury: 0
Non-FS Fatal: 0

PROPERTY & STUDIES

Property Losses: \$4,000
Content Losses: \$0
Property Value:
Contents Value:
Insurance Co:
Building Ins:
Mixed Prop Use:
Property Use: 1 or 2 family dwelling
Detector

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Hazmat Rel: None
Critical Inc:
Special Studies:

COMMENTS

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FIRE - Tree Fire with Multiple Exposures

See related Exposure Reports G1404010-01 through G1404010-04

OVERVIEW

Tree Fire - in the backyard, behind a detached garage at 8962 Joyzelle Dr.

Exposure Fire 1 - 8962 Joyzelle Dr. - Detached garage destroyed and house sustained damage from direct flame impingement & firefighting efforts.

Exposure Fire 2 - 8971 Tracy Ave. Residence sustained heavy fire damage to family room at rear of house.

Exposure Fire 3 - 11341 Magnolia St. - patio furnishings in backyard were destroyed along with a fence removed for access.

Exposure Fire 4 - 11381 Homeway Dr. - pine needles on rooftop ignited.

NARRATIVE

Responded as a single engine response to the area of 8961 Tracy on a reported tree & fence fire. Upon arrival, GE2 observed trees burning along a fence line separating residences on Tracy & Joyzelle. GE2 proceeded north on Magnolia past Tracy to assess the scope of the incident & determine the best access. It was determined that the residence at 8962 Joyzelle offered the best access & was the actual address of origin.

GE2 committed to this location, went into the attack mode & deployed two hand lines to the rear yard. The flames quickly & substantially grew in size & intensity, igniting all trees spanning the width of the lot and allowing direct flame impingement on a detached garage at 8962 Joyzelle and outdoor patio furnishings at 11341 Magnolia.

Several bystanders were yelling that occupants were still inside threatened structures and that downwind trees in the park across Magnolia were beginning to ignite. GE2 confirmed that evacuations had taken place and requested the balance of a working structure fire assignment with two additional engines to handle downwind spot fires. GGPD was requested for crowd & traffic control. GE2 established Tracy IC and requested that the

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second due engine respond to Tracy to assess structures to the south. GE5 arrived on scene & reported a working fire at 8971 Tracy & went into the attack mode.

GB1 arrived on scene & assumed Tracy IC, reassigning GE2 to Joyzelle Division. GE2 along with AE11, CE46, AT3 & CB1 handled Joyzelle Division with the remainder of the units handling Tracy Division. Tracy IC requested a second alarm. CB1 received a report of a roof fire downwind at 11381 Homeway. That incident was handled by AB2, GE7 & GE3 and determined to be pine needles burning on the rooftop.

During firefighting activities, power lines at 8962 Joyzelle had sustained direct flame contact & fell to the ground. The area was cleared and a safety announcement was made. GE2 personnel continued to fight a difficult to access detached garage fire, using caution around the downed power lines.

Edison was requested, responded & disconnected power, affecting residences along both Tracy & Joyzelle. Tracy IC requested the Red Cross. Residents in the area were advised that power would be out until the following day. They were asked about their sheltering needs and were offered Red Cross services.

GT1 & GE5 overhauled the fire at 8971 Tracy, GE2 & AE11 overhauled 8962 Joyzelle and CE46 handled the patio contents at 11341 Magnolia.

Investigator Jacobs and I conducted a cause & origin investigation. The origin of the fire was the tree behind the detached garage at 8962 Joyzelle. The cause of the fire remains undetermined after investigation.

A property release from was explained, understood & signed by the occupant at 8962 Joyzelle, and then the property was released back to the occupant with cautionary statements understood. 8971 Tracy was left with GT1.

Capt. Niblo