



Garden Grove Fire Department
 Station: **G05**
 Shifts Or Platoon: **B**

Location: 8891 CHAPMAN AVE GARDEN GROVE CA 92841	Incident Type: 111 - Building fire
Lat/Long: N 33° 47' 19.39" W 117° 58' 37.94"	FDID: 30035 Incident #: 2018-811294 Exposure ID: 34700881 Exposure #: 0 Incident Date: 09/22/2018 Dispatch Run #: F182650295
Location Type: 1 - Street address Map Page: 798B4	

Report Completed by:	Gabbard , James	ID: 1664	Date: 09/24/2018
Report Reviewed by:	Truhill , Justin P	ID: 1279	Date: 09/25/2018
Report Printed by:	Guardi, Lisa	ID: 4433	Date: 11/15/2018 Time: 10:10

Structure Type: Enclosed building	Property Use: 419 - 1 or 2 family dwelling
Automatic Extinguishment System Present: <input type="checkbox"/>	Detectors Present: <input type="checkbox"/> Cause of Ignition: Cause undetermined after investigation
Aid Given or Received: Automatic aid received	Primary action taken: 11 - Extinguishment by fire service personnel
Additional actions: 12 - Salvage & overhaul , 86 - Investigate	
Losses	Pre-Incident Values
Property: \$350,000.00	Property: \$350,000.00
Contents: \$50,000.00	Contents: \$50,000.00
Total: \$400,000.00	Total: \$400,000.00
Civilian Injuries: 0	Fire Service Injuries: 0
Civilian Fatalities: 1	Fire Service Fatalities: 0
Total Casualties: 1	Total Fire Service Casualties: 0
Total # of apparatus on call: 9	Total # of personnel on call: 22

Narrative from dispatch:

[09/23/18 01:33:14 M042] GB1 SC Removed
 [09/23/18 01:30:28 M017] GB1 UNITS REMAINING OS WILL BE AT THE LOC TFN
 [09/23/18 01:30:07 M042] GB1 DISSOLVING IC
 [09/23/18 00:19:17 M035] GB1 REQ GE7 FOR INVESTIGATOR, C2
 [09/22/18 23:36:13 M042] PER OI1, COMMITTED TO OR6, UNABLE TO
 [09/22/18 23:23:15 M035] EDISON REQ, ORDER #29-96625, WCB W/ ETA
 [09/22/18 23:18:49 M035] GB1 REQ EDISON
 [09/22/18 23:09:09 M035] GB1 CANCEL REQ FOR DOG
 [09/22/18 23:05:13 M080] STA 18 IS NOT AVAILABLE FOR CADAVER DOG, REQ WE ATTEMPT LACO
 [09/22/18 23:02:32 M042] STATION 18 HAS NO CADAVER DOG
 [09/22/18 22:56:32 M042] GB1 LACO UNABLE TO HANDLE, WCB IF ABLE
 [09/22/18 22:51:50 M042] GDIV2 PIO
 [09/22/18 22:39:43 KOPS] OCFA HAS CLOSED CALL 18-104840
 [09/22/18 22:28:53 M035] LACO FIRE COORDINATOR HAS A CADAVER DOG, WCB W/ ETA
 [09/22/18 22:21:13 M035] AUSAR2 OS W/7
 [09/22/18 22:14:53 M035] GT1 SOLID ROOF ON B SIDE, POTENTIAL FOR FIRE, OPENING ROOF
 [09/22/18 22:06:23 M042] LACO CHECKING FOR CADAVER DOG
 [09/22/18 22:05:59 M035] GB1 NEED 2ND INVESTIGATOR, GI'S NOT AVAILABLE, AND USAR
 [09/22/18 22:04:38 M042] PER OCFA, NO CADAVER DOG
 [09/22/18 22:02:06 M042] GB1 FATALITY, REQ CADAVER DOG FOR SEARCH OF 2ND BODY
 [09/22/18 21:59:01 M035] GB1 STRUCTURAL INSTABILITY ON C SIDE, NO CREWS WORKING INTERIOR
 [09/22/18 21:55:27 M049] GI3 ADV MADE CONTACT W/ GB1
 [09/22/18 21:53:13 M049] NO ANSWER ON PHONE CALL TO GI3, PAGED
 [09/22/18 21:51:22 M035] GB1 REQ GI3, HAVE HIM CALL GB1 PERSONAL CELL
 [09/22/18 21:09:38 M035] AE4 FIRE IN WINDOW ON C SIDE
 [09/22/18 21:02:09 M035] T5446 UCI
 [09/22/18 20:50:42 M035] T5446 UCI
 [09/22/18 20:50:38 M035] GB1 AMB ENRT UCI
 [09/22/18 20:41:26 M042] CARE NTFD C3 FOR T5446
 [09/22/18 20:40:47 M035] GB1 CANCEL CE64, OS UNIT WILL HANDLE
 [09/22/18 20:40:36 M035] GB1 FIRE KNOCKDOWN, PRIMARY ALL CLEAR
 [09/22/18 20:40:04 M035] INCIDENT CLOCK STOPPED: 20:40:04

[09/22/18 20:39:57 M035] GE5 PRIMARY ALL CLEAR
 [09/22/18 20:38:44 M035] GB1 REQ MEDIC AND AMB C3
 [09/22/18 20:31:31 M035] INCIDENT CLOCK ACKED: 20:31:31
 [09/22/18 20:31:24 KOPS] INCIDENT CLOCK ELAPSED: 20:31:24
 [09/22/18 20:28:38 M035] AE4 NO LONGER EXPOSURE THREATS, SMOKE FROM EAVES ON C SIDE
 [09/22/18 20:26:54 M035] GE2 RIC
 [09/22/18 20:17:16 M035] GB1 PD HANDLED ELDERLY FEMALE AT 8931 CHAPMAN
 [09/22/18 20:16:31 M035] INCIDENT CLOCK ACKED: 20:16:31
 [09/22/18 20:16:25 KOPS] INCIDENT CLOCK ELAPSED: 20:16:25
 [09/22/18 20:14:59 M035] GB1 REQ GE6 TO PICK UP LIGHT AIR
 [09/22/18 20:13:37 M035] GB1 REQ LIGHT AIR
 [09/22/18 20:11:14 M035] AE4 D SIDE GOOD, WATER ON B SIDE
 [09/22/18 20:10:48 M035] CT64 VENTILLATION GROUP
 [09/22/18 20:09:06 M035] GT1 HEAVY FIRE ON B SIDE
 [09/22/18 20:08:35 M035] AB2 SAFETY
 [09/22/18 20:08:01 M035] GE5 ACCOUNTABILITY FOR CREW, CM46 AND CE46 ALSO
 [09/22/18 20:07:23 M035] CT64 OS W/4
 [09/22/18 20:02:42 M035] AE4 EXPOSURE ON B SIDE
 [09/22/18 20:02:36 M035] GM1 EXPOSURE
 [09/22/18 20:02:26 M035] GM1 OS W/2
 [09/22/18 20:02:05 M035] GT1 UTILITIES OFF
 [09/22/18 20:01:31 M035] INCIDENT CLOCK ACKED: 20:01:31
 [09/22/18 20:01:25 KOPS] INCIDENT CLOCK ELAPSED: 20:01:25
 [09/22/18 20:01:17 M035] GE5 WORKING ON PRIMARY, HEAVY FIRE TO REAR
 [09/22/18 20:00:52 M035] AE4 EXPOSURE GROUP
 [09/22/18 19:58:03 M049] AT6 UNAVAILABLE, MECH
 [09/22/18 19:57:06 M035] GE2 OS W/4
 [09/22/18 19:56:32 M058] GGPD REQUESTED FOR TRAFFIC
 [09/22/18 19:55:48 M035] CE46 FIRE ATTACK
 [09/22/18 19:55:09 M035] GT1 VENTILLATION
 [09/22/18 19:54:47 M035] GB1 CHAPMAN IC
 [09/22/18 19:54:37 M042] GT1 LIGHTFORCE
 [09/22/18 19:54:37 M042] GM1 LIGHTFORCE
 [09/22/18 19:54:32 M035] GT1 OS W/3
 [09/22/18 19:54:18 M035] AE4 OS W/ 4
 [09/22/18 19:54:12 M035] GE5 REQ PD TO SHUT DOWN CHAPMAN BETWEEN MAG AND MACNAB
 [09/22/18 19:54:03 M042] Situation Updated: 167 (STRUCTURE FIRE-WORKING)
 [09/22/18 19:53:24 M035] GE5 FIRE ATTACK
 [09/22/18 19:53:07 M035] GE5 OS W/4, SINGLE STORY HOUSE, FIRE ATTACK, FIRE THROUGH ROOF, WORKING FIRE
 [09/22/18 19:48:10 M072] DUPE CALLS 295 296
 [09/22/18 19:46:55 KOPS] CALL TRANSFER TO OCFA SUCCEEDED
 [09/22/18 19:46:25 M035] INCIDENT CLOCK STARTED: 19:46:25 FOR 15 MINUTES

NARRATIVE (2)

Narrative Title: STRUCTURE FIRE

Narrative Author: Pardoen, Brent

Narrative Date: 09/23/2018 19:48:49

Narrative Apparatus ID: GE7

Narrative:

GE7 DROPPED OFF FF/PM BURROUGHS AS AN INVESTIGATOR AND TOOK FF/ PM THORSON FROM GE6 AS A FF/PM TO GO BACK IN SERVICE.

CAPTAIN PARDOEN

NARRATIVE (3)**Narrative Title:** Fire**Narrative Author:** Nguyen, Thanh**Narrative Date:** 09/24/2018 09:13:45**Narrative Apparatus ID:** GE5**Narrative:**

GE5 arrived on scene, and reported fire showing through the roof of a single story house.

GE5 passed command, and requested a working structure assignment and GGPD to shut down Chapman Avenue in the area. GE5 pulled a preconnected handline, and initiated fire attack with a search for victims. GE5 encountered a large volume of fire past the front room and appeared to extend towards the rear of the house. GE5 was assisted by CM46 with an additional line.

GE5 was assigned fire attack by command. GE5 requested an additional crew to assist with a search of the building. During firefighting effort, a room on the bravo side flashed and began to extend towards the front room. GE5 requested an accountability report, and all personnel were accounted for.

GE5 and CM46 went into rehab, and CE46 assumed fire attack. GE5 captain was transported to UCIMC by ambulance for evaluation, and later released. GE5 remained on scene, and continued firefighting effort and assisted with fire investigation. An adult male and female were found after the fire was knocked down.

Captain Nguyen

NARRATIVE (4)**Narrative Title:** Fire**Narrative Author:** Truhill, Justin**Narrative Date:** 09/24/2018 09:24:55**Narrative Apparatus ID:** GB1**Narrative:**

Responded to structure fire at the given address. Arrived on scene, assumed Chapman IC and located the ICP. Fire was upgraded to a working assignment. All assignments were made based on the conditions and feedback from crews. Arson investigator was dispatched (Weiss) to start investigation. 2 victims were located inside the residence, and found to be fatalities. Investigator Weiss was the liason between GGPD, and the Coroners office for the investigation. Please see ICS 201 form for detailed assignments. Captain Nguyen (GE5) transported to UCI via Care ambulance with FF/PM Thorson escorting. See EPCR for details.

NARRATIVE (5)**Narrative Title:** FIRE**Narrative Author:** Weiss, Mark**Narrative Date:** 09/24/2018 09:54:23**Narrative Apparatus ID:** GE6**Narrative:**

GE6 PERFORMED LIGHT AIR DUTIES AS ASSIGNED BY COMMAND.

NARRATIVE (6)**Narrative Title:** FIRE**Narrative Author:** Weiss, Mark**Narrative Date:** 09/24/2018 09:54:50**Narrative Apparatus ID:** GLA1**Narrative:**

GE6 PERFORMED LIGHT AIR DUTIES AS ASSIGNED BY COMMAND.

NARRATIVE (7)**Narrative Title:** STRUCTURE FIRE**Narrative Author:** Weiss, Mark**Narrative Date:** 09/24/2018 09:58:57**Narrative Apparatus ID:** GI2**Narrative:**

GI2 IS ASSIGNED TO INVESTIGATE THE CAUSE AND ORIGIN OF THE STRUCTURE FIRE LOCATED AT 8891 CHAPMAN AVE. THE CAUSE IS UNDER INVESTIGATION PENDING RESULTS FROM THE OC SHERIFF-CORONERS OFFICE ALONG WITH OTHER FACTORS THAT ARE BEING INVESTIGATED. A FINAL REPORT WILL BE AVAILABLE ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2018.

NARRATIVE (8)**Narrative Title:** FIRE**Narrative Author:** White, Jonathan**Narrative Date:** 09/24/2018 10:59:32**Narrative Apparatus ID:** GM1**Narrative:**

Grove medic 1 arrived on scene and was assigned to fire attack on division delta with engine 46, reassigned to interior fire attack with engine 5, reassigned to light force with truck for ventilation.

NARRATIVE (9)**Narrative Title:** n/a**Narrative Author:** Whittaker, Paul**Narrative Date:** 09/24/2018 12:06:51**Narrative Apparatus ID:** GDIV2**Narrative:**

GDIV2 ARRIVED ON SCENE AND COORDINATED OBJECTIVES AND RESOURCE NEEDS WITH COMMAND AND ASSUMED PIO.

NARRATIVE (10)**Narrative Title:** Structure Fire**Narrative Author:** Abrahamson, Randy**Narrative Date:** 09/24/2018 16:28:49**Narrative Apparatus ID:** GE2**Narrative:**

Responded to single family residence fire. Assigned RIC team and set up for rescue needs. Assisted crews with bottle changeout and breaking down hose.

NARRATIVE (11)**Narrative Title:** Fire**Narrative Author:** Gabbard, James**Narrative Date:** 09/24/2018 20:28:16**Narrative Apparatus ID:** GT1**Narrative:**

GT1 responded to a reported structure fire. Upon arrive GT1 was assigned Vent grp form GB1. GT1 performed vertical ventilation. GT1 crew was split to handle utilities and horizontal vent. GT1 was assigned CT64. CT64 performed vertical vent over the alpha side of the structure. GT1 was assigned to search the structure for a second victim. A female victim was found in a room on the floor next to a mattress. GT1 was then assigned overhaul of the structure. Structural instability was found and all crews were notified. Area was flagged off.

APPARATUS			
Unit	GB1	Unit	GDIV2
Type:	Chief officer car	Type:	Chief officer car
Use:	Suppression	Use:	Suppression
Response Mode:	()	Response Mode:	()
# of People	1	# of People	1
Alarm	09 /22/2018 19:45:22	Alarm	09 /22/2018 19:45:22
Dispatched	09 /22/2018 19:46:51	Dispatched	09 /22/2018 20:44:00
Enroute	09 /22/2018 19:48:30	Enroute	09 /22/2018 20:45:00
Arrived	09 /22/2018 19:54:51	Arrived	09 /22/2018 21:30:00
Cancelled	-- /-- /-- -- : -- : --	Cancelled	-- /-- /-- -- : -- : --
Cleared Scene	09 /23/2018 03:38:11	Cleared Scene	09 /23/2018 03:30:00
In Quarters	09 /23/2018 03:38:11	In Quarters	-- /-- /-- -- : -- : --
In Service	09 /23/2018 03:38:11	In Service	-- /-- /-- -- : -- : --
Unit	GE2	Unit	GE5
Type:	Engine	Type:	Engine
Use:	Suppression	Use:	Suppression
Response Mode:	()	Response Mode:	()
# of People	4	# of People	4
Alarm	09 /22/2018 19:45:22	Alarm	09 /22/2018 19:45:22
Dispatched	09 /22/2018 19:51:28	Dispatched	09 /22/2018 19:46:51
Enroute	09 /22/2018 19:51:28	Enroute	09 /22/2018 19:47:26
Arrived	09 /22/2018 19:56:31	Arrived	09 /22/2018 19:52:31
Cancelled	-- /-- /-- -- : -- : --	Cancelled	-- /-- /-- -- : -- : --
Cleared Scene	09 /22/2018 23:06:08	Cleared Scene	09 /23/2018 02:06:24
In Quarters	-- /-- /-- -- : -- : --	In Quarters	09 /23/2018 02:06:24
In Service	09 /22/2018 23:06:08	In Service	09 /23/2018 02:06:24
Unit	GE6	Unit	GE7
Type:	Engine	Type:	Engine
Use:	Suppression	Use:	Suppression
Response Mode:	()	Response Mode:	Lights and Sirens
# of People	3	# of People	3
Alarm	09 /22/2018 19:45:22	Alarm	09 /22/2018 19:45:22
Dispatched	09 /22/2018 20:14:36	Dispatched	09 /23/2018 00:18:52
Enroute	09 /22/2018 20:15:57	Enroute	09 /23/2018 00:19:58
Arrived	09 /22/2018 20:27:07	Arrived	09 /23/2018 00:27:31
Cancelled	-- /-- /-- -- : -- : --	Cancelled	-- /-- /-- -- : -- : --
Cleared Scene	09 /23/2018 04:33:54	Cleared Scene	09 /23/2018 00:59:09
In Quarters	09 /23/2018 04:33:54	In Quarters	09 /23/2018 00:59:09
In Service	09 /23/2018 04:33:54	In Service	09 /23/2018 00:59:09
Unit	GLA1	Unit	GM1
Type:	Light and air unit	Type:	ALS unit
Use:	Suppression	Use:	EMS
Response Mode:	()	Response Mode:	()
# of People	1	# of People	2
Alarm	09 /22/2018 19:45:22	Alarm	09 /22/2018 19:45:22
Dispatched	09 /22/2018 20:13:52	Dispatched	09 /22/2018 19:53:40
Enroute	09 /22/2018 20:15:58	Enroute	09 /22/2018 19:53:40
Arrived	09 /22/2018 20:27:07	Arrived	09 /22/2018 20:02:23
Cancelled	-- /-- /-- -- : -- : --	Cancelled	-- /-- /-- -- : -- : --
Cleared Scene	09 /23/2018 04:39:23	Cleared Scene	09 /23/2018 01:02:42
In Quarters	09 /23/2018 04:39:23	In Quarters	09 /23/2018 01:02:42
In Service	09 /23/2018 04:39:23	In Service	09 /23/2018 01:02:42
Unit	GT1		
Type:	Truck or aerial		
Use:	Suppression		
Response Mode:	()		
# of People	3		
Alarm	09 /22/2018 19:45:22		
Dispatched	09 /22/2018 19:46:51		
Enroute	09 /22/2018 19:47:53		
Arrived	09 /22/2018 19:57:01		
Cancelled	-- /-- /-- -- : -- : --		
Cleared Scene	09 /23/2018 02:20:48		
In Quarters	09 /23/2018 04:38:37		
In Service	09 /23/2018 02:20:48		
Number Of People not on apparatus: 0			

FIRE			
Acres Burned	None or Less Than One	Acres Burn From Wildland Form	False
Area Of Fire Origin	Function areas, other	Heat Source	Undetermined
Item First Ignited	Undetermined	Fire Is Confined To Object Of Origin	
Type Of Material	Undetermined	Cause Of Ignition	Cause undetermined after investigation
Factor Contributing To Ignition	Undetermined		
Human Factors Contributing	None		

STRUCTURE FIRE			
Structure Type	Enclosed building	Building Status	In normal use
# Of Stories At Above Grade	1	# Of Stories Below Grade	0
Square Feet	2500	Length	
Width		Floor Of Origin	1
Fire Spread	Confined to building of origin		
Minor Damage	0	Significant Damage	0
Heavy Damage	0	Extreme Damage	0

ARSON		
Agency Name	Agency Address	Agency Phone
	8891 Chapman Avenue	

CIVILIAN CASUALTIES 1					
Gender	Name	Age	Date Of Birth	Race	Ethnicity Hispanic
Male		0			
Affiliation		Date Of Injury		Time Of Injury	
		09 /22/2018		19 :45:	
Severity		Cause Of Injury			
Death					
Human Factors					
Contributing Factors 1		Contributing Factors 2		Contributing Factors 3	

PEOPLE -- PERSON 1			
Telephone Number	7146002657	Involvement	Caller
Name	AT&T MOBILITY 800 635 684	Date of Birth	
Address	12211 MAGNOLIA ST GARDEN GROVE, CA 92841-		

CUSTOM FIELDS FORM	
What happened?	We provided fire and rescue service
Was this patient homeless?	Not applicable
Fire Incident - What happened?	We assisted on scene fire investigator

PERSONNEL ON CALL			
Name	Personnel Rank	Role(s)	Apparatus
Abrahamson, Randy D			GE2
Bell, Bradley D	Engineer		GE7
Burroughs, Myles A	Firefighter / Paramedic		GE7
Clermont, Yves G			GT1
Gabbard, James			GT1
Jacobs, Michael			GE5
Justus, Jaycen			GE2
Lerario, Nicholas A			GE5
Mellem, Travis M			GE2
Nguyen, Thanh			GE5
Page, Anthony J			GE5
Palomo, Eric M			GE2
Pardoen, Brent C	Captain		GE7
Roach, Andrew			GM1
Thorson, Eric			GE6
Truhill, Justin P			GB1
Valderrama, Mario G			GT1
Weiss, Mark S			GE6
White, Jonathan			GM1
Whittaker, Paul	Division Chief - Fire Marshal		GDIV2
Wingert, Jr., Joseph A			GE6

Member Making Report (Captain James Gabbard): _____

Incident Reviewer (Battalion Chief Justin P Truhill): _____

**Garden Grove Fire Department
Summary Origin and Cause Report**

Accidental
8891 Chapman Ave., Garden Grove
9/22/2018 2014 hours
GGFD Incident G1811294

NOTIFICATION AND RESPONSE

At 2014 hrs. on 9/22/2018, I was dispatched to a structure fire at 8891 Chapman Ave. in Garden Grove. I arrived at approximately 2035 hrs. on Grove Engine 6 as Grove Investigator 2 and was assigned to investigate the cause and origin of the structure fire by Incident Commander Truhill.

SCENE DESCRIPTION

Upon arrival at 8891 Chapman Ave. in Garden Grove, I was briefed as to the operations that had and were taking place within the structure. The structure was still actively burning with suppression activities ongoing. I personally walked around the entire perimeter of the structure to note entry/exit points and fire effects within them along with noting fire effects on windows. I took notice of what doors and windows were either in-tact or not. There were no lights on in or around the structures exterior.

During the exterior examination of the property, two vehicles were located in the rear yard. GGPD performed a search based on the license plate numbers on the vehicles. One of the vehicles had what appeared to be a green colored ash tray within in the center cup holder (photo #0944-0945). Another vehicle located to the front of the residence, parked on Chapman Ave. was registered to Dorothy Mitchell, the homeowner of 8891 Chapman Ave., the location of the structure fire. There was a small ash tray in the rear of the vehicle on the floor board with a partially smoke cigarette or thin cigar within it.

After visualizing the entire scene, I spoke with IC Truhill and was told that there was an "all clear" on both the primary and secondary searches, yielding no victims. This was at approximately 2115 hrs. As fire suppression efforts were successful, I was able to enter the front door of the structure and begin to take photographs of the front door area and fire effects within the front room. While conversing with IC Truhill in the front room area, we located a body. The area was immediately cordoned off, not allowing any persons to enter the area, with the exception of two paramedics who were summoned to assess the fire victim (photo #902). The victim was confirmed deceased by the paramedics.

I personally notified the Garden Grove PD officers on scene. I immediately proceeded to speak to the next door neighbor to the east. Without providing any details, questions were asked as to who "normally" resides at the residence located at 8891 Chapman Ave. The female resident advised me that there was an elderly female who lived within the residence and an "older" man

who frequents the residence to care for the elderly female. The information was given to IC Truhill and an immediate secondary search was initiated. At approximately 2315 hrs. a second fire victim was located in a bedroom on the west side of the property (photo #924, 928-929). I notified on scene GPD officers at the time the second victim was located. The area the second victim was located in was cordoned off to restrict any persons from entering the room.

At approximately 2345 hrs. Fire/Arson Investigator Mark Dunn from Anaheim Fire and Rescue Department arrived on scene as requested. Investigator Dunn was to assist with the fire investigation. I briefed Investigator Dunn as to my findings thus far.

I requested Level 1 Fire Investigator Burroughs to assist and briefed him upon his arrival on scene. I was to lead the investigation with the assistance of Investigators Dunn and Burroughs.

A large portion of the rear of the residence was inaccessible due to severe fire damage and structural instability. Anaheim Fire and Rescue Department USAR team had deemed the area to "unstable" to shore up, rendering the area too dangerous to occupy.

After examining and photographing the structure, it was determined to be an accidental fire. It was then requested that GPD notify the Orange County Coroner's office to respond.

SUMMARY ORIGIN AND CAUSE

This fire's area of origin was determined to have been located in a large room located at the rear of the residence. This fire's more specific area of origin was identified as being along the north wall of the family room, approximately in the middle of the wall from east to west.

This fire is ruled accidental and the exact cause is undetermined. I am unable to rule out an unspecified failure with the home's electrical wiring and /or electronics in the immediate area of the origin of the fire. I am also unable to rule out the improper disposal of smoking material based on earlier finding of smoking material within vehicles associated with the property.

INTERVIEWS

During a telephone interview with a person named Russel Preston (562-328-8151) I was informed of his eyewitness account of the early stages of the fire. Mr. Preston called Metro Net dispatch center on September 24 and asked to speak with someone regarding the fire located on Chapman Ave. on September 22, 2018. Mr. Preston informed me that he came out of the Stater Brothers grocery store at approximately 1935 hrs. and saw smoke coming from the rear of a house across the street from where he was standing. He immediately crossed over Chapman Ave. and ran to the residence. He called 911 while doing so. He stated that he went to the front of the house and kicked in the front door and began yelling assistance to anyone inside while looking around for any persons. He stated that he encountered smoke, but it was towards the ceiling and not hot. He then proceeded down the east side of the property in an attempt to locate any persons. While on the east side of the property, he stated that all doors and windows were intact. After finding no persons, he began to proceed back to the front of the residence and at that point, he heard windows breaking and noticed a large amount of fire in the middle of the rear area of the residence. He stated that he never saw any lights on within the residence during the time he was

there. When asked, Mr. Preston could not recall if he had left the front door open or shut it when he left to check the east side of the property for any persons.

The deceased male's brother, Larry Mitchell (714-862-3668) was contacted by me to ask if there was a firearm and/or ammunition within the residence at the time of the fire. Mr. Mitchell stated there was not and that his mother, a resident of the house located at 8891 Chapman Ave. did not own one. Mr. Larry Mitchell then handed the same phone to Barbara Severance, the common law wife of Harold Mitchell. At 1651 hrs. on September 24, 2018, Ms. Severance notified me that there was a firearm and one box of ammunition located in the rear bedroom of the residence. She did not know the caliber of either the gun or ammunition.

AUTOPSY FINDINGS

Please contact the Orange County Sheriff's Department, coroner's division for details. The DR # for the male victim is 18-04301 DB. The DR # for the female victim is 18-04302 DB.

CONCLUSION

Based upon the fire scene examination, witness statements, fire and smoke patterns, it is the conclusion of this fire investigator that the fire originated in the rear family room area and is accidental in nature. This fires exact cause is undetermined.

STATUS

This investigation is closed.

Fire Investigator Weiss
Garden Grove Fire Department