

This Afternoon's Two Alarms / Landmark Drive

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Two alarms at [2413 Landmark Drive](#). Engine 14 arriving at a two-story, brick-and-frame apartment building with 10,168 square-feet. Built 1972. Smoke showing, and visible from Western Boulevard!. Quickly upgraded to major working fire, with ~~fire in two apartments~~ one unit fully involved and fire extending up the building. Interior attack with Engine 14 with first line, and Engine 8 with second line. Car 10 as incident command at his vehicle on Landmark Drive. Battalion 3 as operations command in rear of building. Medical monitoring and rehab in parking lot on other side of Landmark Drive. One hydrant utilized, also on other side of Landmark Drive. Road closed by police.

Dispatched ~~about 1:50 p.m.~~ at 1:52 p.m. Controlled in ~~about 25 minutes~~ at 2:27 p.m. Two units rendered uninhabitable, with five people displaced. No injuries. Cause determined as unattended cooking. Will double-check those times, and other details. Working from memory of scanner traffic, plus what was observed. First alarm: E14, E8, E9, E5, L3, R3, B4, C10, C20, C40, A1. Second alarm: E17, E6, E11, L7, R2, B2, B4, C1, C2, C5. Medical: EMS 121, EMS 4, EMS 11, EMS 55, D3, M9_, T1. Coverage: E13 and others. "A" shift. [See preliminary photos by Legeros](#). More later, plus photos from Lee.



As per CAD comments Working Fire: 13:56 Major Working Fire: 13:59 Controled: 14:27

Marcus - 11/21/10 - 20:38

The Medic car was 94

Kevin - 11/22/10 - 08:55

1) major working? lets get real.

2) Lots of smoke, a million units including two ladder companies and no vertical ventilation? I thought RFD was working on ladder ops, it vertical venting not included in that as it is with every other ladder company in the United States?

MMQB - 11/22/10 - 19:01

Yea, what dictates a major working fire anyway?

10-4 ;) - 11/22/10 - 21:15

MMQB – I assume you are either a troll or have zero experience. My guess is you have both credentials. But if you want to open a discussion

on the matter please explain how you would like to vertically ventilate a first floor apartment? Also, I personally believe the MWF upgrade was a good call and was likely made based on the fact that the first-arriving officer couldn't see the involved apartment from the street and had to walk a good bit off the road to make the discovery of heavy smoke conditions and the POTENTIAL. We get paid to respond to calls. That's why we are here; to respond to calls. If units are not needed they can be cleared. Heaven forbid someone get's pulled from watching Access Hollywood.

RescueRanger - 11/22/10 - 22:52

RR, he's a troll, it's obvious. The crews did an awesome job, with the first arriving rescue and truck performing aggressive searches on all floors. I'm not going to waste my time responding to the idiot who thinks opening the roof of a two story apartment complex when the majority of fire is on the first floor is a priority. Good job A-platoon. If the idiot was in the ladder ops classes, he'd/she'd know that the rescue and ladder did exactly how we've been training!!! Plus, to hold a fire at this complex to two units is damn fine work....

Yes, a lot of us hate the "major working fire" verbiage. However, it's changing, hopefully around April, to the "norm" of 2nd alarm, 3rd alarm, etc. If you pull up and all companies are going to work, it's time to pull a second alarm. Once again, good job on getting additional resources there early on....

Silver - 11/23/10 - 01:03

Oh, and by the way, I love my A.H., mainly for Lara Spencer; eigh-chihuahua!!!

Silver - 11/23/10 - 01:04

The fire was controlled by E14 alone and when riding three. Just two great guys doing some aggressive work on a hose line. Here's a "rolling synopsis:" First due officer (E14A Lt. acting) upgraded to the MFW for the exact reasons that RR stated. They advanced a hose line to Div 1 for attack. R3 advanced the 2nd line to Div 2 (placement) and performed a primary search. E8 (riding three) laid 150' of 5" into E14 - then proceeded to Div 2 for extension. R3 and L3 rotated the primary and secondary searches in Div 1 and Div 2. L3 had a "spot" even though placement was in the ONLY available parking area (due to apartment complex layout). The 2nd alarm resources were demobilized accordingly by the IC as the incident de-escalated. It was pretty much a bread-n-butter operation that went very well. Hey, all aside, ...if one truly understands and is accustomed to fighting apartment fires, they will understand why the additional resources were requested with the MWF upgrade. I for one am looking forward to the changes (sequential alarms).

A.C. Rich - 11/23/10 - 23:14

Thanks for the run down Cap'. It'll be really nice if we could ever get that 2nd truck on the dispatch!!

Silver - 11/23/10 - 23:46

I agree pal! I believe the EFD program will probably make some of these changes by virtue of the "system" (where occupancy type = alarm resources).

A.C. Rich - 11/24/10 - 01:10

EFD Program?

Jake T. - 11/24/10 - 05:38

Can't wait!!!

EFD is a program for "the fire side", equivalent to the EMD program for our Medic friends used by the Comm. Center to determine incident type(s) and appropriate levels of response.

Silver - 11/24/10 - 07:59

We've still got some purchasing paperwork to complete, but the money has been set aside from our 9-1-1 fund so we will be able to put this in place without any fiscal impact on our user agencies. Intial meetings with the City and County are underway, and we hope to roll this out by mid year once the software installation and training are complete. There are also some other good things going on. Hopefully I'll be able to share them soon.

If you want to sneak ar peak at the product, surf to: <http://medicalpriority.com/flash/fire/fi..>

Until then, have a Happy Thanksgiving and stay safe!

RWECC - 11/24/10 - 16:32

Indeed !!!!! Happy Thanksgiving too everyone!!

A.C. Rich - 11/24/10 - 17:14

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