



Collapsed Building, Koreatown

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Sunday, Jan. 18, nine Companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, seven LAFD Rescue Ambulances, one Heavy Rescue, one Arson Unit, two Urban Search and Rescue Units, one Hazardous Materials Team, three EMS Battalion Captains, three Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams, one Division Chief Officer Command Team, and Emergency Lighting 3 responded to a reported collapsed structure at 1625 S. Westmoreland Ave. in the Koreatown area.

The first arriving firefighters found a 30-by-25-foot section of a two-story fourplex had collapsed at the front of the building. Firefighters were alerted by residents that three people were trapped within the rubble, and natural gas was leaking. As firefighters sifted through the rubble, two of the occupants self extricated while the third needed minimal assistance. Other Firefighters were deployed to shut down disrupted utilities, lessening the hazard to all at the scene. A Building and Safety Inspector condemned the extensively damaged structure.

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