



# Dallas Fire-Rescue News Release



RELEASE DATE		TIME	PUBLIC INFORMATION CONTACTS	
September 30, 2004		08:00 A.M.	Capt. Jesse Garcia or Lt. Joel Lavender <a href="mailto:Jdgarc@mail.ci.dallas.tx.us">Jdgarc@mail.ci.dallas.tx.us</a>	
ADDRESS		OCCUPANCY TYPE	Ph# 214-670-7949 Fax# 214-670-0669 Pager 214-670-4115 Pin # 9885	
6500 Cockrell Hill Rd.		Multi-Family		
STRUCTURAL LOSS	CONTENTS LOSS	CIVILIANS INJURED	CIVILIAN FATALITIES	
\$85,000	\$35,000	9	1	
TOTAL FIREFIGHTERS	FIREFIGHTER INJURIES	FIREFIGHTER FATALITIES	TOTAL HEAVY FIRE APPARATUS	
40	0	0	10	
TOTAL RESCUE AMBULANCES	TIME TO CONTROL INCIDENT			
4	1 hr.	0	0	0
ALARMS		INCIDENT CAUSE		
1 <sup>st</sup> alarm: 03:07 a.m.; 2 <sup>nd</sup> alarm: 03:20 a.m.; Out Taps: 04:11 a.m.		Child with a heat source		

## INCIDENT DESCRIPTION

### Early Morning Fire Kills Child, Injures Several Others

An early morning fire at the Arborstone Apartments in Oak Cliff claimed the life of small child and severely injured another. Dallas Fire-Rescue crews arrived on the scene and discovered fire coming out of both the first and second floor of the apartment building along with heavy smoke conditions. Crews were quickly overrun with victims as they worked feverishly to get all the residents out of the building. Crews also had the difficult task of restraining family members in order to keep them from going back inside to search for the children.

A 3-year old child was pronounced dead on the scene and a 5-year old child was transported with burn injuries to Parkland Hospital. The father of the child was also transported to Parkland Hospital with several lacerations and smoke inhalation. At least 7 others were treated and released on the scene with various injuries.

Fire Investigators will be on the scene throughout the day searching for the cause of the fire. Investigators doubt that the apartment units were equipped with working smoke detectors.

**\*\*10-29 – Fire investigators have concluded that children playing with fire led to the deadly blaze at the Arborstone Apartments. The fire has been classified as accidental.**