

## MTA Aids Victims of Deadly Hollywood Hotel Fire

(Aug. 16, 2001) The MTA came to the aid of the displaced residents of a Hollywood hotel heavily damaged by an early morning fire. Two women were killed in the blaze and two children were hospitalized.



PHOTO: KNX Newsradio Online

At least six people were hurt, including the children – ages 3 and 5 – and three firefighters, KNX Radio reported. One woman was killed in a fall after she handed her two children to a firefighter. Another victim was found dead in her apartment.

The Bus Operations Center dispatched two buses – one from Division 7 and one from Division 3 – to assist the residents.

The Division 7 bus, driven by Operator Paul Magallanes, transported 21 people to the Lemon Grove Recreation Center. The Division 3 bus, driven by Operator Harris Johnson, remained at the scene and provided shelter for the residents.

Coordinating the MTA's response from BOCC, under the direction of Senior TOS David Castillo, were controllers Brenda Moore, Juan Soto and Cynthia Saucedo. In the field, Tiger Team members Joe Uresti, Kenny Jones, Houston Campbell, Harvey Brown and Ephraim Abate rerouted buses around the fire scene.

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