



PRELIMINARY REPORT ON THE GAS EXPLOSION AT OPIC PLAZA BESIDES SHERATON HOTEL, MOBOLAJI BANK ANTHONY, IKEJA

INTRODUCTION

The agency's Tiger team received a distress call via the control room at 10:57 pm on the 17th of June, 2021 and immediately activated LASEMA response plan together with its technical partners, Omarlink Integrated services.

CAUSE:

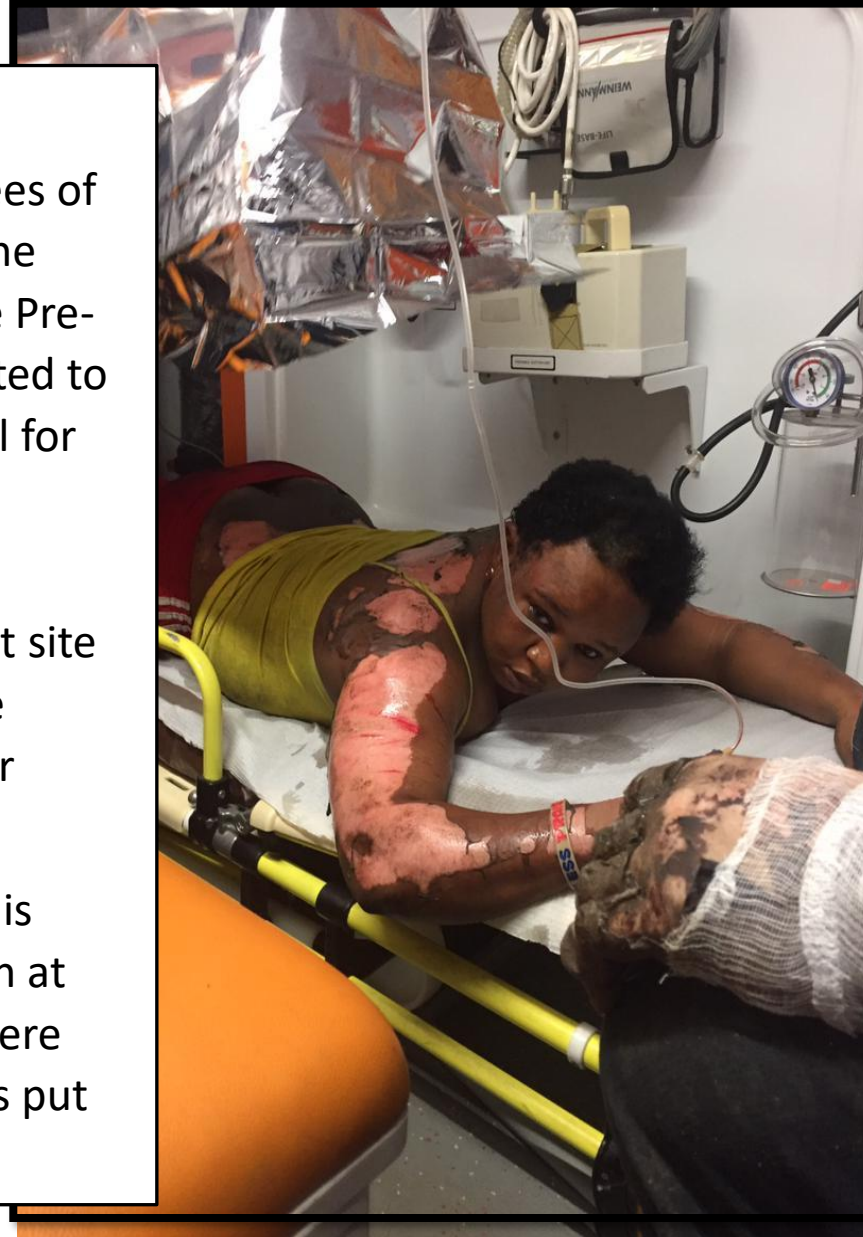
On arrival at the scene of the incident, it was discovered that a Gas tanker 13.5 Tons LPG truck in motion was leaking its content and as a result of wind action; the whole area of OPIC Structure was engulfed with fire. Close investigation further revealed that the LPG gas was ignited by the exposed fire from the kitchen of the New Chinese restaurant which followed the trail of the LPG gas resulting the combustion of the gas tanker outside the compound. The inferno of explosion resulted in several damages to the OPIC Plaza building structure.

CASUALTY/ FATALITIES:

Thirteen casualties with various degrees of burns were recorded at the scene of the incident, they were attended to by the Pre-hospital care unit of LRU and transported to LASUTH and Gbagada General Hospital for further treatment.

Unfortunately three adult males were further discovered dead at the incident site early hours of today, their bodies were bagged and handed over to SEHMU for transport to the morgue.

Also, two victims died early hour of this morning while under medical attention at LASUTH. Hence a total of 5 fatalities were recorded as at the time this report was put together.



ACTION TAKEN

- The agency's Tiger team rescued victims that had sustained burns injuries and handed over to the LRU Paramedics.
- The agency's team and other responders evacuated other occupants of the building to a safe place.
- The agency's team in conjunction with the LRU Fire and LASG Fire Service Men ensured that the fire was curtailed from spreading into nearby buildings and completely extinguished the inferno.
- Crowd and traffic control were managed with the help of NPF, LASTMA and FRSC.
- The mortalities were bagged and handed over to SEHMU.
- The recovery of the burnt gas truck was done with the aid of the agency's fork lift (Goliath) and Flat body truck.
- - The building was cordoned off as a disaster zone and prepared for further investigations.





DISASTER LOSSES

The building (Opic Plaza) was damaged by the inferno. We recorded twenty four (24) vehicles that were burnt.



RESPONDERS

The agency's Tiger team, Eagle team, Bravo team, LRU Fire team, LASG Fire Service team, LASTMA, NEMA, NPF and FRSC were present at the scene.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- All tanker trucks conveying volatile gases should ensure their trucks are road worthy before embarking on a journey.
- All commercial buildings should develop an Emergency Response Plan (ERP) and Fire Preventive Plan (FPP) in case of an emergency.
- In case of an emergency the Lagos State Emergency toll free line 112/767 should be activated.

