



REVELATION PERTH INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL



Burn

Director: Tom Putnam, Breanna Sanchez

Year: 2012

Country: USA

Duration: 86 min

Website: <http://www.detroitfirefilm.org>

From the opening scenes which follow a squad of fire-fighters from Engine Company 50 charging into a blazing building, accompanied by some fine, fine Detroit rock and roll you know you're in for a rare documentary treat. *Burn* tells the story of the fire-fighters of the economically deprived city that has all but been written off by many. While Detroit is rich in history now whole streets are empty and it is one of the most infamous cities for arsonists. Los Angeles has a population of 4 million and 11 structure fires per day, Detroit has 713,000 residents and 30 structure fires per day.

Burn presents a rare view of a world where abandoned buildings blaze, fire engines break down, and budget cuts are biting hard. The fire-fighters haven't had a raise in a decade and the engines need repairs. What emerges are utterly absorbing tales of heroism, survival against the odds and the daily grind of one of the toughest jobs in America, all filmed with a genuine love for the subjects and the city they save on a daily basis.

Essential viewing, *Burn* offers a warning of what can happen to cities facing a changing economy, but it also celebrates those people who, against all odds, fight for their communities and believe in making a difference.

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