

Large Vehicle Fire

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Incident Number: 13-002636

Information Contact: Battalion Chief Douglas Miser

Incident Type: Large Vehicle Fire

Date/Time of Incident: January 13, 9:28 AM

Incident Location: Seaborg Avenue – Olivas Park Drive

Cause: Engine Malfunction

Injuries: None reported

Number of Personnel: 13

Fire Equipment: 2 Medic Engines, 1 Truck Company, 1 Battalion Chief

Agencies Involved: Ventura City Fire Dept, Ventura Police

Damage Estimate: \$10,000

Fire Protection Systems Present: Not Applicable

A 34' Pace Arrow Motor home erupted in flames this morning across from the Buena Ventura Golf Course, filling the sky with a column of smoke that could be seen from 5 miles away.

The fire broke out as the owner was attempting to repair the vehicle. During the engine work, fuel sprayed out of the engine compartment into the interior of the motor home and simultaneously ignited. The two occupants attempting the repair scrambled out of the vehicle and the entire cabin of the motor home was fully engulfed in flames within 45 seconds. The owner and friend narrowly escaped with a minor inhalation exposure.

Firefighters arrived on scene and extinguished the fire utilizing a foam-water mix. Crews cut through the vehicle with large power saws, while others used ladders and specialized equipment to fully extinguish the fire concealed in confined spaces throughout the vehicle.

Ventura Police blocked traffic and coordinated salvage operations. The charred remains of the vehicle were towed to Harrison's Recycling facility under the watch of a fire engine.







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