

# FIRE DEPARTMENT

## MEDIA RELEASE

**Date:** June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017

**Incident Number:** 17-0045227

**Incident Commander:** Kris McDonald, Battalion Chief

**Incident Type:** Vegetation & Homeless Debris Fire

**Date/Time of Incident:** June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017, 13:07 hours

**Incident Location:** NB Highway 33 @ Shell Road, Ventura, CA

**Cause:** Under investigation

**Injuries:** None Reported

**Units Committed:** 4 Engine Companies, 2 Chief Officers, 1 Fire Investigator, 1 Water Tender, 1 Hand Crew

**Total Fire Personnel:** 29

**Agencies Involved:** Ventura City Fire Dept, Ventura County Fire Dept, Cal Fire, California Highway Patrol, Cal Trans

**Narrative:** Ventura City Fire units responded, along with units from Ventura County Fire and Cal Fire, to multiple reports of a vegetation fire along the right shoulder of the NB 33 highway near Shell Road. The first arriving companies reported approximately ¼ acre of brush, trees, and debris involved with fire, adjacent to a homeless encampment, with heavy smoke blowing across all lanes of traffic creating a significant hazard to both passing vehicles and fire personnel. CHP and Cal Trans were requested to shut down the highway while fire personnel used hand tools and hose lines to contain, extinguish, and thoroughly overhaul the fire, taking approximately 90 minutes to complete the task. No injuries were reported at the time of this release, the cause of the fire remains under investigation.

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