

Traffic Collision, Vehicle Into Structure, Mass Casualty

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Incident Number: 16-0011526

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Incident Type: Traffic Collision, Vehicle Into Structure, Mass Casualty Incident

Date/Time of Incident: February 9th, 2016, 5:58 PM

Incident Location: 300 block of Ferro Drive

Cause: Under Investigation

Injuries: 5 victims, including 3 children

Fire Equipment: 1 ALS Engine Company, 1 BLS Engine Company, 1 ALS Truck Company, 1 Command, 1 EMS Supervisor

Total Fire Personnel: 14

Agencies Involved: Ventura City Fire Department, Ventura Police Department, Ventura County Fire Department, American Medical Response

Ventura City Fire Personnel responded to a reported vehicle into a building. The first arriving engine company found a mini-van that had left a hillside roadway, collided with exterior portions of a residence and a concrete pillar, coming to rest with the front left portion of the vehicle hanging over a steep embankment with other residences below, damaged electrical wires tangled in the undercarriage. A total of 5 victims were located and quickly triaged, three of which were children, one with facial trauma and one still inside the vehicle with a femur fracture. Utilities were controlled, the vehicle was stabilized and secured by the arriving truck company using heavy rescue rigging equipment. The severely injured child was stabilized and successfully extricated from the vehicle, all 5 patients were then packaged and transported to local area hospitals, requiring the use of 3 total ambulances. The cause of the accident remains under investigation by police, no other injuries were reported at the time of this release.

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