MEDIA RELEASE

Date: January 11, 2018

Incident Number: 18-0003238

Incident Commander: Kris McDonald, Battalion Chief

Incident Type: Structure Fire

Date/Time of Incident: January 11, 2018, 14:37 hours

Incident Location: 8800 Block of North Bank Dr, Ventura, CA

Cause: Under investigation

Injuries: 1 Female Adult Civilian – Minor Burn Injury

Units Committed: 5 Engine Companies, 2 Truck Companies, 1 Light & Air Unit, 3 Chief Officers, 1 Fire Investigator, 2 Ambulances, 1 EMS Supervisor

Total Fire Personnel: 35

Agencies Involved: Ventura City Fire Dept, Ventura County Fire Dept, Oxnard Fire Dept, Ventura Police Dept, Edison, Gas Company, Red Cross, American Medical Response

Narrative: Ventura City Fire personnel responded to multiple reports of a structure fire secondary to an explosion, with burn victims and persons trapped. The first arriving engine reported a single-story duplex structure well involved with fire. Attack/rescue crews entered the burning unit, while exposure protection crews defended the adjoining unit as well as additional, detached units nearby. Support companies performed vertical ventilation on the roof, coordinated closely with fire attack crews inside, effectively improving the atmosphere and allowing rapid knockdown of the heavy fire conditions being encountered inside the structure. One adult female victim with minor burn injuries was treated and released at the scene, having refused transport. Fire knockdown was achieved approximately 12 minutes after the arrival of the first engine. Damage to the duplex was extensive, rendering it occupiable, 6 adults and 2 children were assisted by Red Cross. No other injuries were reported at the time of this release.