

FIRE DEPARTMENT

MEDIA RELEASE

Incident Number: 7038
Information Contact: Douglas Miser, Battalion Chief
Incident Type: Mobile Trailer Fire in East Ventura
Date/Time of Incident: 1-24-18
Incident Location: 2800 Johnson Drive
Cause: Under investigation
Injuries: (general) Single Fatality
Number of Personnel: 10
Fire Equipment: 2 Engines, 3 Battalion Chiefs, 2 Investigators, 1 Truck Company

Agencies Involved: Ventura City Fire Department, Ventura County Fire, Oxnard Fire Department, Ventura Police Department

Ventura County, Ventura City, and Oxnard City Fire were dispatched to the area of North Bank Drive and Johnson Drive at 10:21 Wednesday night for a reported trailer on fire.

Although there was a large amount of smoke in the surrounding area, there was nothing visibly burning and firefighters searched businesses and parking lots to find the source. Approximately 7 minutes after fire crews were on scene, a 25' travel trailer was located adjacent to a day care center and a vacated movie theatre, and had light smoke coming from the inside of the trailer.

Firefighters forced entry into the trailer and found light fire and dense smoke inside. They performed a search while mitigating the remaining fire, and found a male in his late 50's unconscious and unresponsive. It was apparent that a 'flash-over' fire ignited and consumed many items and part of the structure of the trailer, but then became oxygen controlled based on the limited air available and smoldered until fire crews arrived.

Crews immediately pulled the man from the vehicle and fire paramedics initiated advanced cardiac life support. Fire crews and AMR personnel performed life-saving efforts for approximately 30 minutes with ultimately no success. The victim was pronounced dead at the scene. No one else was found inside the vehicle, and there were no witnesses to the event.

Ventura Police, Ventura Fire Arson, and Ventura County Fire Arson are performing an investigation into the cause of the fire and the circumstances surrounding the fatality. If anyone has any information concerning the incident, please call the Ventura Police Department.

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