

**04/05/2016**

MEDIA RELEASE

Incident Number: 16-0025013  
Information Contact: Tony Hill, Battalion Chief  
Incident Type: Water Rescue  
Date/Time of Incident: April 5, 2016 / 5:05 PM  
Incident Location: Marina Park  
Injuries: 7  
Number of Personnel: 11  
Fire Equipment: 2 Paramedic Engines with rescue swimmers, 1 Support, 1 Command  
Agencies Involved: Ventura City Fire Department, American Medical Response, Ventura Harbor Patrol

Narrative: On the above date and time Ventura City Fire Department was dispatched to a report of several people caught in rip currents near Marina Park and Greenock lane. When rescue personnel arrived on scene they discovered four swimmers in distress. Ventura Harbor patrol deployed a rescue swimmer from their boat contacting one of the victims while Ventura City Fire Department rescue swimmers deployed from the beach. All the victims in the water were brought to the beach where they were assessed by Fire Department Paramedics. In addition, it was discovered that three additional juvenile victims had self-rescued by crawling up on the Greenock jetty; they too were assessed by Fire Department Paramedics. All of the aforementioned victims needed additional medical treatment and were transported to local hospitals for further medical care. No rescuers were injured as a result of this incident.

The Ventura City Fire Department would like to remind citizens that dangerous rip currents exist at many of the local beaches and lifeguard towers are not staffed during this time of year.

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