

CITY OF VENTURA

FIRE DEPARTMENT

MEDIA RELEASE

Date: October 5, 2018
Incident Number: 18-0080395
Information Contact: Jack Hansen, Battalion Chief
Incident Type: Ocean Rescue
Date/Time of Incident: October 5, 2018, 2:43 PM
Incident Location: Ventura Harbor
Injuries: Minor
Number of Personnel: 15
Fire Equipment: 1 Truck, 1 Engine, 1 Boat, 2 Lifeguard, 1 Ambulance, 1 Command
Agencies Involved: Ventura City Fire Department, Ventura Harbor Patrol, State Parks, AMR

Narrative: Ventura fire units with ocean rescue swimmers aboard were dispatched to a missing body boarder. Upon the arrival of a Ventura Harbor Patrol boat, the victim was located on top of the South Jetty. The victim climbed onto the jetty due to being stuck in a rip current. Ventura City Fire Department rescue swimmers entered the water while land based crews traversed the jetty and assisted the injured boarder to shore. The victim was medically assessed and refused ambulance transport.

The public is advised that the National weather Service has issued a beach hazards statement for Ventura detailing surf of 4 to 6 feet from Friday morning through Sunday afternoon. Strong and dangerous rip currents are likely during this period. There is an increased risk for ocean drowning. Rip currents can pull swimmers and surfers out to sea. Sneaker waves can suddenly wash people off of beaches and rock jetties.

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