

FIRE DEPARTMENT

MEDIA RELEASE

Incident Number: 19-0005711

Incident Commander: Kris McDonald, Battalion Chief

Incident Type: Surf Rescue secondary to capsized vessel

Date/Time of Incident: Monday January 21st, 2019, 18:18-20:01 hours

Incident Location: 1900 block Spinnaker Dr, Ventura, CA

Cause: Under investigation

Injuries: 2 adult males and 1 juvenile male treated for exposure and minor injuries.

Units Committed: 2 Engine Companies, 1 Truck Company, 2 Ocean Rescue Companies, 3 Chief Officers, 2 Ambulances, 1 EMS Supervisor, 1 Harbor Patrol Rescue Boat

Total Fire Personnel: 20

Agencies Involved: Ventura City Fire Dept, Ventura County Fire Dept, Oxnard Fire Dept, Ventura Police Dept, Ventura Harbor Patrol, American Medical Response, Coast Guard

Narrative: Ventura City Fire personnel and units responded to a report of a disabled vessel taking on water and nearing the rocks near the harbor entrance. First arriving units located a capsized rigid hull inflatable, with 2 adult males and 1 juvenile male clinging to its sides, being impacted by medium to heavy surf and nearing the rocks of the jetty. Rescue swimmers were hampered by strong rip currents and no visibility due to night conditions, after being recirculated by the rip multiple times they were successful however in swimming all three victims to the beach. Rescue boat and shore-based rescuers provided additional support. Victims received medical treatment for exposure and minor injuries and were transported to a local hospital by ambulance. No other injuries were reported at the time of this release, no pictures or additional information available.

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