

CITY OF VENTURA

FIRE DEPARTMENT

MEDIA RELEASE

Date: March 17, 2019
Incident Number: 19-0021087
Information Contact: Kris McDonald, Battalion Chief **Incident**
Type: Medical Aid – Drowning Victim
Date/Time of Incident: December 17, 2019 @ 10:18 am
Incident Location: 600 Block Harbor Boulevard
Cause: Under Investigation
Injuries: 1 Civilian
Number of Personnel: 17
Fire Resources: 1 Command, 2 ALS Engines, 1 ALS Truck, 1 ALS Ambulance, Harbor Patrol Fire Boat, 2 Rescue Swimmers
Agencies Involved: Ventura City Fire Dept, Ventura Police Depart, Ventura County Sheriff Dept, AMR and Ventura Harbor Patrol

At the above stated time, the Ventura Police Dept Communication Center received a 911 call of a reported victim in distress in the ocean in front of the stated address. Upon further investigation, it was discovered that the victim in distress was a drowning victim. The 911 call was transferred to the Fire Communication Center and a full ocean rescue response was generated. Upon arrival of the first fire resource, it was determined that rescue swimmers were needed to reach the victim who was located approximately 100' from the shore. Upon reaching the victim, rescue swimmers determined that the victim was deceased. Rescue swimmers recovered the body and with the assistance of the Ventura Harbor Patrol the victim was transported to the Ventura Harbor Patrol Office. Investigators from the Ventura Police Department and the Ventura County Sheriff Department took over the investigation. The cause of the emergency is still under investigation.

The Ventura City Fire Department would like to remind the public to always swim near an open lifeguard tower, never swim alone and stay vigilant on ocean/beach conditions.

Due to HIPAA we are prevented from disclosing an individual's protected health information (PHI). We may not release information regarding patient's names, DOB, address, SS# or medical status.