

CITY OF VENTURA

FIRE DEPARTMENT

MEDIA RELEASE

Date: October 24, 2019

Incident Number: 19-0086940

Information Contact: Tony Hill, Battalion Chief

Incident Type: Structure Fire

Date/Time of Incident: October 24, 2019 / 13:23

Incident Location: 6300 Block Whippoorwill Street, Ventura

Cause: Under Investigation

Injuries: 1 adult male fatality

Number of Personnel: 35

Fire Equipment: 7 Engines, 3 Support, 3 Command

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

Narrative: On the above date and time Ventura City Fire Department responded to a reported structure in the 6300 block of Whippoorwill St. The first arriving engine company discovered a fully involved apartment located in a 7-unit complex with a report of a trapped victim inside. Firefighters immediately made entry into the structure extinguishing the fire while performing a search of the apartment. An adult male victim was located in a bedroom on the second floor and removed from the burning building. The victim, who suffered severe burns, was in cardiac arrest and pronounced dead at the scene. All other occupants of the apartment complex were unharmed. The fire was held to the apartment of origin with minor smoke damage to adjacent apartments.

25 residents were displaced from 7 apartment units as a result of this fire. All displaced residents were assisted by the American Red Cross with food, shelter and clothing. No firefighters were injured as a result of this incident. The cause of the fire remains under investigation.

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