

FIRE DEPARTMENT

MEDIA RELEASE

Date: October 25, 2019

Incident Number: 19-0087540

Information Contact: Tony Hill, Battalion Chief

Incident Type: Brush Fire

Date/Time of Incident: October 25, 2019 / 14:20

Incident Location: Ventura River South of 101 Freeway

Cause: Under Investigation

Injuries: None

Number of Personnel: 145

Fire Equipment: 17 Engines, 1 Water Tender, 2 Helicopter, 4 Crews, 5 Command

Agencies Involved: Ventura City Fire Department, Ventura County Fire Department, Oxnard Fire Department, Ventura PD, CHP, Cal Fire, California State Parks

Narrative: On the above date and time Ventura City Fire Department was dispatched to multiple reports of a fire burning in the Ventura River bed south of the 101 freeway. Upon arrival firefighters found several spot fires being pushed by winds and rapidly spreading in 30' vegetation. The fire was eventually controlled with fire crews and water dropping helicopters.

The Ventura County Fair Grounds, Cal Trans yard and a railroad trestle were threatened as embers rained down igniting several palm trees and vegetation at those locations. No structures were lost as a result of this incident.

The size of the fire was determined to be 7.5 acres. The cause of the fire was suspicious and remains under investigation.

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