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# FIRE DEPARTMENT

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## MEDIA RELEASE

**Date Of Release:** 07/11/2021  
**Fire Incident Number:** 21-0058189  
**Incident Commander:** Battalion Chief Matt Brock  
**Incident Type:** Beach jetty rescue – injured person  
**Date/Time of Incident:** 12:42 pm, 07/11/2021  
**Incident Location:** Ventura, CA – Ventura Harbor Village Beach  
**Cause/Origin:** Fall  
**Injuries Reported:** 42-year-old male  
**Units Committed On-Scene:** 2 Medic Engines, Medic Truck, Ambulance, Battalion Chief  
Ventura Harbor Patrol, State Lifeguards  
**Total Fire Personnel On-Scene:** 15  
**Agencies Involved:** Ventura City Fire, Ventura Harbor Patrol, State Lifeguards, AMR

**Narrative:** Ventura City Fire, Harbor Patrol, lifeguards and AMR EMS units were dispatched to a report of an injured person on the jetty, stuck in the rocks. The incident location was on the jetty near lifeguard tower 2 adjacent to Ventura Harbor Village in the city of Ventura. Emergency personnel responded and arrived to find a 42-year-old male with a serious leg injury needing to be rescued from the jetty location. Firefighters and EMS responders provided EMS treatment and stabilization to the injured man's leg. The patient was transported via that ground ambulance to Ventura County Medical Center for further care. The gentleman is expected to make a full and complete recovery.

The Ventura City Fire Department is committed to working with the City's Safe & Clean Program and regional partners to address any ongoing life-safety and property threats posed by homeless encampments in Ventura. Fires can occur in the river bottom because of unsheltered individuals living in the area who use fire for warmth and cooking. These fires can grow quickly and produce a lot of smoke because of strong winds, dry brush, fuel, and tall grasses.

The City's Safe and Clean program continues to work on long-term housing solutions and provides preventative resources for our most vulnerable populations. Safe & Clean works proactively with the Ventura Police Patrol Task Force, the Ventura City Fire Department, various social service providers, and community partners to clean up brush and debris in the riverbeds. City staff also visits these areas weekly to share education, health, and social services to unsheltered individuals, who legally, cannot be relocated from the river bottom to a safer location.

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