

FIRE DEPARTMENT

MEDIA RELEASE

Date Of Release: 07/12/2021
Fire Incident Number: 21-0058398
Incident Commander: Battalion Chief Matt Brock
Incident Type: Traffic collision with fatality
Date/Time of Incident: 0336 am, 07/12/2021
Incident Location: Ventura, CA – SB 101 at W. Main St. offramp
Cause/Origin: Fall
Injuries Reported: 2 moderate and 1 fatality
Units Committed On-Scene: 2 Medic Engines, Medic Truck, 2 AMR Ambulance, Battalion Chief
EMS Supervisor, CHP units
Total Fire Personnel On-Scene: 16
Agencies Involved: Ventura City Fire, AMR, CHP

Narrative: Ventura City Fire and AMR EMS along with CHP units were dispatched to a report of a traffic collision with injuries and persons trapped. Emergency personnel responded and arrived to find a single vehicle down an embankment with major damage. It was determined that three occupants were in the vehicle and needed extrication and EMS by rescuers. 2 male passengers (unknown ages) suffered moderate injuries and were transported to Ventura County Medical Center for further evaluation and treatment. A third male occupant (unknown age) was pronounced deceased at the scene. CHP and Ventura County Coroner personnel are investigating the cause.

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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