

CITY OF VENTURA

FIRE DEPARTMENT

MEDIA RELEASE

Date of Release: 08/05/2021

Fire Incident Number: 21-0066077

Incident Commander: Battalion Chief Tony Hill

Incident Type: Residential Structure Fire

Date/Time of Incident: 08/05/2021, 0800

Incident Location: 300 block of Wall St, Ventura, CA

Cause/Origin: Unattended smoking device/bedroom

Injuries Reported: None

Units Committed On-Scene: 1 Battalion Chief, 3 Medic Engines, 1 Medic Rescue Engine

Total Fire Personnel On-Scene: 14

Agencies Involved: Ventura City FD, Ventura PD, Ventura Building and Safety

Narrative: On the above date and time a 911 call was received at the Fire Communication Center to report that smoke was coming from the kitchen area of a single-story residence. Fire personnel arrived on scene within minutes of the initial call and found smoke coming from the eaves and the attic vents of the residence. Fire personnel began a primary search for occupants and found one occupant in the structure stating that a couch was on fire. Fire personnel began an aggressive fire attack to contain the fire to the area of origin and confirmed that no other occupants were in the residence. Fire personnel knocked down and extinguished the fire within 12 minutes of the initial 911 call.

The Incident Commander coordinated with the owner of the residence and Ventura Building and Safety to determine the final disposition of the involved structure. At the time of this incident, the residence involved was classified as a "red tagged" due to damage from a previous fire.

No injuries were reported at the time of the incident and the estimated damage to the structure was \$50,000 and personal property losses were estimated to be \$5,000. The cause of the fire was an unattended smoking device.

The Ventura City Fire Department would like to remind the public to ensure that all residences and businesses have working smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and to have an evacuation plan.