

# FIRE DEPARTMENT

## MEDIA RELEASE

**Date Of Release:** October 15, 2021 9:00 pm  
**Fire Incident Number:** 21-0088395  
**Incident Commander:** Ventura City Fire Dept - Battalion 7 (Matt Brock)  
**Incident Type:** Vehicle roll over with trapped victim  
**Date/Time of Incident:** October 15, 2021 07:05pm  
**Incident Location:** Victoria Ave. at Moon Dr. Ventura, CA  
**Cause/Origin:** Under investigation by VPD traffic division  
**Injuries Reported:** 1  
**Units Committed On-Scene:** 7  
**Total Fire Personnel On-Scene:** 11  
**Agencies Involved:** Ventura City FD, Ventura County FD, Ventura PD, AMR

**Narrative:** Emergency units responded to a reported vehicle roll over with trapped victim. Personnel arrived to finds a single SUV vehicle on it's side with a solo female driver still in the vehicle. Fire and EMS units were able to assist the driver from the vehicle without the use of rescue extrication tools. The 77 year old woman suffered minor injuries to her right arm and was transported to Ventura County Medical Center for further treatment. The cause of the roll-over incident is under investigation by Ventura PD.

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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