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Incident Number: 15-0007552

Information Contact: Tony Hill, Battalion Chief

Incident Type: Technical Rescue / Animal in Distress

Date/Time of Incident: February 1, 2015 / 12:21 PM

Incident Location: Marina Park North Jetty

Injuries: None

Number of Personnel: 11

Fire Equipment: 2 Paramedic Engines, 1 Support, 1 Urban Search & Rescue, 1 Command

Agencies Involved: Ventura City Fire, Ventura Harbor Patrol

On the above date and time Ventura City Firefighters were dispatched to a report of a small dog in distress deep inside the north jetty of the Ventura Harbor. The dog, which could be heard barking and whimpering, was not visible and estimated to be trapped 15 – 20 feet below the top of the jetty. Firefighters made their way down inside the jetty, which is primarily made from very large concrete jacks, where they were able to get close to the dog but unable to visualize it. Eventually Firefighters were able to triangulate the position of the trapped animal to a void space underneath one of the aforementioned jacks. Firefighters then removed sand that had collapsed behind the dog which allowed the dog to be able to move toward the rescuers. Firefighters were then able to lift the dog out of the void space and to safety.

The owners of the dog stated that while they walking on the beach the dog disappeared into the jetty. After searching the jetty for an hour they called the Fire Department for assistance. The dog was trapped for approximately 2 ½ hours but was uninjured as a result of its entrapment. The dog was returned to its relieved owners. No Firefighters were injured during this incident.







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