



CITY OF VENTURA

FIRE DEPARTMENT

MEDIA RELEASE

Date Of Release: March 7, 2023

Fire Incident Number: 23-0021591

Incident Commander: Tony Hill

Incident Type: Hazardous Material

Date/Time of Incident: March 7, 2023 / 12:15

Incident Location: Ventura, CA

Injuries Reported: None

Units Committed On-Scene: 3 Hazmat, 2 Engines, 3 Battalion Chiefs, 1 Ambulance

Total Fire Personnel On-Scene: 21

Agencies Involved: Ventura City Fire, Ventura County Fire, Oxnard Fire, AMR

Narrative: On the above date and time Ventura City Fire received a call to investigate a strong odor near the pool at Ventura High School. Upon arrival firefighters discovered that chemicals being delivered to the pool were inadvertently mixed in a below ground tank which resulted in a chemical reaction that released a small vapor cloud in the area. Students and staff were removed from the area prior to the fire departments arrival by school officials. Firefighters continuously monitored the area surrounding the chemical tanks with gas monitors. No abnormal readings were noted outside of the tank enclosure. No injuries or illnesses were reported at the school.

Fire department Hazardous Materials teams worked with the company delivering the pool chemicals to remove the solution in the effected tank, continued to monitor the surrounding area during the removal process and insured there was no residual vapor in the chemical storage room. No firefighters were injured as a result of this incident.

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