Person Lost in Ventura Hills

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MEDIA RELEASE

Incident Number: 17710
Information Contact: Douglas Miser, Battalion Chief
Incident Type: Person Lost in Ventura Hills
Date/Time of Incident: 3-15-15 at 11:17am
Incident Location: 3400 Block of Foothill Drive
Cause: Unknown Terrain
Injuries: None
Number of Personnel: 11 Fire, 1 Ambulance, 3 Sherriff
Fire Equipment: 2 Medic Engines, 1 Aerial Truck, 1 Battalion Chief, I Ambulance, 1 Ventura County Sheriff Air Unit
Agencies Involved: Ventura City Fire Department, Ventura County Sheriff/Fire Air Unit

A man in his late 40's from Oxnard was on a hike in the Ventura Hillsides when he became disoriented and trapped in a ravine. The victim originally reported his location adjacent to two trees. The Fire Communications Center was able to keep communication with the lost individual, but the cell phone signal could not be triangulated in order to assign a GPS location. The closest cell phone signal was located at Ventura College.

Fire crews assembled a search party and started hiking to his last known position. One crew started from the rear of the Poinsettia Pavilion and the other from White Cap Drive. With the assistance of the Fire Communications Center-- the incident command post and Sheriff's Air Unit reconnected with individual's cell phone. He was instructed to position himself in an identifiable location and signal the helicopter. His actual location was approximately 2 miles West of his last known position-- in the hills between Hall Canyon and the beginning of the Sanjon Barranca. Air Squad 8 located the victim and performed a lowering operation and rescued the victim. Air Squad 8 then flew the individual back to the incident command post where he was assessed by Ventura Fire Paramedics. The individual was without injury and was advised that he was on private property and is currently not available for public use.

 Due to HIPAA we are prevented from disclosing an individual's protected health information (PHI). We may not release information regarding patient's names, DOB, address, SS# or medical status.

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