

River Bottom Fire

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Incident Number: 15-0024521

Information Contact: Kris McDonald, Battalion Chief, 805-339-4300

Incident Type: River Bottom Fire

Date/Time of Incident: April 12th, 2015, 10:34 hours

Incident Location: Santa Clara River, Underneath the 101 Freeway

Cause: Homeless Activity

Injuries: None reported

Fire Equipment: 2 ALS Engine Companies, 1 BLS Engine Company, 1 Command

Total Fire Personnel: 10

Agencies Involved: Ventura City Fire Department, Oxnard Fire Department, Ventura County Fire Department, Ventura Police Department, California Highway Patrol

Ventura City Fire personnel responded to a reported fire in the river bottom. The first arriving engine company found an approximately 10'x20' fire burning in a remote area near underneath the 101 freeway and in dense vegetation. Traffic on nearby Johnson Drive was diverted by law enforcement while several engine companies relayed water through lengthy hose lays to the fire's location. After knockdown and thorough overhaul the fire was determined to have been the result of an abandoned campfire in a homeless encampment. No responsible parties were located and no injuries were reported at the time of this release.



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