

Vegetation Fire Ventura River

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Incident Number: 15-0073947

Information Contact: Tony Hill, Battalion Chief, 805-339-4300

Incident Type: Vegetation Fire Ventura River

Date/Time of Incident: October 30, 2015 / 09:36 AM

Incident Location: Ventura River between 101 freeway and railroad trestle

Cause: Under Investigation

Injuries: None

Fire Equipment: 3 ALS Engine Companies, 1 Water Tender, 1 Command, 2 Handcrews

Total Fire Personnel: 40

Agencies Involved: Ventura City Fire Department, Ventura State Parks, California Department of Forestry

Narrative: On the above date and time the Ventura City Fire Department received a report of a fire burning in the Ventura River bottom between the 101 freeway and a railroad trestle. Upon arrival, firefighters discovered a 100' x 200' fire burning in the aforementioned location. Access to the fire was hampered by heavy arundo and brush. California Department of Forestry handcrews were requested to cut fire line into and around the fire. Firefighters extinguished and overhauled the fire with hand tools and water achieving full containment 4 hours after the initial report.

The cause of the fire remains under investigation; however, several homeless encampments were noted in and around the origin of the fire. No firefighters were injured as a result of this incident.

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