

## Vegetation Fire

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### MEDIA RELEASE

Incident Number: 15-0081488

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

Incident Type: Vegetation Fire

Date/Time of Incident: Saturday, November 28th, 2015, 22:20-02:00 hours

Incident Location: NB-101 / EB-126

Cause: Under Investigation

Injuries: None Reported

Fire Equipment: 6 ALS Engine Companies, 5 BLS Engine Companies, 2 Water Tenders, 1 Hand Crew, 3 Command Officers, 1 Fire Investigator

Total Fire Personnel: 52

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

Ventura City Fire personnel responded to multiple, simultaneous fires reported in the general area of the NB -101 / EB-126 freeway interchange, during a period of gusty winds. Structures at a nearby mobile home park were initially reported to be threatened, prompting a full first-alarm structure fire response to that location, but were quickly determined to be non-threatened upon arrival of units in that area. First arriving engine companies responding to the reported structure fire found a large body of wind-driven fire, in heavy brush and trees, moving rapidly across the freeway interchange area. The fire was spotting well ahead of itself and across the freeway, with flame lengths up to 40 feet. Additional companies responded to a nearby downwind location where several palm trees had ignited and were casting a large shower of embers over several commercial buildings. The fire, smoke, and crews operating in the area, resulted in closures of the 101 freeway in both NB and SB directions, as well as the EB 126. The two separate incidents eventually were merged into one single incident, and through a prolonged cooperative effort, involving multiple agencies, the fire was contained and ultimately suppressed. The origin of the fire was reportedly in the vicinity of a homeless encampment and remains under investigation. No injuries were reported at the time of this release.









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