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MEDIA RELEASE

Incident Number: 15-0084589

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

Incident Type: Surf Rescue

Date/Time of Incident: Wednesday, December 9th, 2015, 9:43 PM

Incident Location: Surfer's Point, Ventura

Cause: Undetermined

Injuries: 51 y/o F with moderate injuries

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

Total Fire Personnel: 11

Agencies Involved: Ventura City Fire Department, Ventura Police Department, American Medical Response

Narrative: Ventura City Fire Department personnel responded to a reported female victim in distress off the beach adjacent to Surfer's Point parking lot. The first arriving engine company was informed by a reporting party at the scene that a 51 y/o female was last seen directly out in front of the parking lot, floundering in waist deep water while being carried down-coast by strong currents, eventually disappearing from sight due to the darkness. Personnel from two engine companies, including three specially trained rescue swimmers, performed an immediate hasty-search of the reported area. They quickly located the victim, approximately 200 yards down-coast from her originally reported location, lying face-down within the shore-break area amongst some large boulders. The victim was conscious but disoriented, in moderate distress from exposure and exhaustion. The victim was quickly removed from danger, treated, and transported to a local hospital by ambulance for further evaluation and treatment. No other injuries were reported at the time of this release.

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