

Special recognition for heroic citizens who helped save a life, Nov. 20



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Media Advisory

Ventura City Fire Department

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Photo Opportunity - Special recognition for heroic citizens who helped save a life

When: Thursday, November 20 at 6pm

Where: Ventura City Fire Station #1, located at 717 N. Ventura Avenue

What: Good Samaritans to receive recognition from Ventura City Fire for their heroic efforts in saving a 73-year old surfer (Tom) who was knocked unconscious while leaving the water on October 14, 2014.

Good Samaritan's Vanessa and Luis were walking on the beach when they noticed Tom face down in the water, getting sucked out to sea by the strong currents. Tom was not moving and appeared to be unconscious. Luis ran into the water and assisted Tom while Vanessa called 911.

Fire Captain David Mendoza says, "I believe that without their help, Tom would not have survived."

Ventura City Fire will present a special certificate to good Samaritan's Vanessa and Luis for their heroic actions. Tom and his family will also be there to formally thank Vanessa and Luis.

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