

Injury Traffic Accident with Fire and Lines Down

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Incident Number: 14-0070968

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Incident Type: Injury traffic accident w/ fire and lines down

Date/Time of Incident: October 30th, 2014, 00:42 hours

Incident Location: Intersection of Telephone Rd / Copland Dr in Ventura, CA

Cause: Under Investigation

Injuries: (1) approx 30 y/o male 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, California Highway Patrol, So Cal Edison, American Medical Response

Ventura City Fire Department personnel responded to a reported traffic collision with fire and power lines down. First arriving crews found VPD and CHP on scene with two vehicles fully involved underneath a high-voltage power pole with the bottom third of the pole severed from the ground, with lines dropped down onto adjacent metal fencing and guard railing. One adult male victim with moderate injuries, reportedly the driver of one of the vehicles involved, was removed from the burning wreckage by police officers just prior to arrival of Fire personnel. The victim was treated at the scene and eventually transported to a local hospital via ambulance.

Fire crews extinguished the burning vehicles while maintaining a safety exclusion zone surrounding the suspended severed pole and dropped wires. Edison arrived on scene and successfully isolated the electrical wires involved so that crews could then thoroughly overhaul the wreckage. The details and cause of the accident are under investigation by the law enforcement agency having jurisdiction. No other injuries were reported as of the time of this release.

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