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Date: October 24, 2014

Incident Number: 14-0069604

Information Contact: Douglas Miser, Battalion Chief

Incident Type: Ocean Rescue – 2 Victims

Date/Time of Incident: October 23, 2014 / 15:00

Incident Location: Marina Park, south of Greenock lane

Injuries: None

Number of Personnel: 4

Fire Equipment: 1 Paramedic Engine Company with rescue swimmers, 1 Command Vehicle

Agencies Involved: Ventura City Fire Department

For the second time in nearly 24 hours, Ventura City Fire Medic Engine 2 discovered a beach patron caught in a rip current getting pulled out sea approximately 200 yards from shore at the Marina Beach Park-- just down coast of Greenock Lane. Fire Engineer Mike Westbrook quickly changed into water rescue gear, and swam out to pull the victim from the rip current and returned to the beach with the 55 year old male unharmed. As fire personnel were leaving the area, a second person was swept up in a nearby rip current and a second rescue was performed.

The late October afternoon looked more like summer. Area beaches have enjoyed very unusually warm water in the low 70's making it a haven for families enjoying the Ventura School District winter break. The area is experiencing moderate size surf for the remainder of the week. The Ventura City Fire Department is recommending all beach goers to swim in front of a lifeguard at all times. If you visit the beach and there are no lifeguards present, please make sure children do not go in the water past their knees.

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