

Traffic Accident with Power Outage

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Incident: Traffic Accident with Power Outage

Contact: Watch Commander, 805-339-4416

Location: Telephone Rd.and Copland Dr.

Date/Time Occurred:October 30, 2014 12:38 a.m.

Officer(s) Involved: Ventura PD Patrol, Ventura City Fire

Narrative:

On the above date and time, the Ventura Police Department responded to the intersection of Telephone Rd. and Copland Dr., to assist the California Highway Patrol on a traffic collision that had just occurred.

The driver of the single vehicle involved in the collision had been traveling northbound on Highway 101 at a high rate of speed, when it exited the highway at the northbound off-ramp for Telephone Rd. The 38 year-old male driver failed to stop at the intersection and ran the red light. There was a street crew working at the intersection and the driver's vehicle collided into one of the crews parked utility trucks. The force of that impact caused the utility truck to strike a large high-voltage Edison pole, which was sheared in half. The pole, in addition to the live electrical wires, fell onto the driver's vehicle and the utility truck, trapping the driver inside. The utility truck was not occupied at the time of the collision. The downed wires electrified the immediate area, including a nearby metal fence and a guardrail.

Ventura Police Officers Bryan Palmer and Edward McCain arrived on scene and heard the driver calling for help from inside the vehicle. Both officers immediately went to the aid of the driver and shortly after pulling him from the vehicle, both the driver's vehicle and the utility truck burst into flames.

After being taken to a safe distance from vehicles, the driver was treated by Ventura City Fire and transported to VCMC with serious injuries.

The California Highway Patrol is handling the traffic collision investigation. Any questions regarding the power outage should be referred to Edison.