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MEDIA RELEASE

Incident Number: 14-0062005

Information Contact: Tony Hill, Battalion Chief

Incident Type: Vegetation Fire

Date/Time of Incident: September 21, 2014, 12:30 PM

Incident Location: 3 Shoreline Drive

Cause: Human

Injuries: None

Number of Personnel: 27

Fire Equipment: 2 Paramedic Engines, 1 Water Tender, 1 Hand Crew, 1 Command

Agencies Involved: Ventura City Fire Department, Ventura County Fire Department, Ventura Police Department

Narrative: On the above date and time, Ventura City Fire Department began receiving multiple 911 calls reporting a fire burning in the Ventura river bottom adjacent to the Ventura County Fair Grounds. First arriving crews found a 40' x 40' fire burning in a homeless encampment and the surrounding arundo vegetation. Ventura City Fire Crews made access to the fire and extinguished it. A Ventura County Fire Department hand crew was requested and assisted with controlling the perimeter of the extinguished fire.

Train traffic was briefly halted due to the proximity of the fire and the associated firefighting operations. Traffic on the 101 freeway was also impacted for a short time due to the smoke production from the fire. No firefighters were injured as a result of this incident.



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