

## 2014 Ventura County Fair Traffic Concerns



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**Incident:** 2014 Ventura County Fair Traffic Concerns

**Contact:** Sgt Darrick Brunk, 805-339-4323

**Location:** Ventura County Fairgrounds and surrounding areas

**Date/Time Occurred:** July 30 – August 10, 2014

**Officer(s) Involved:** Ventura Police Department Traffic Unit

**Narrative:**

The 2014 Ventura County Fair will open on Wednesday, July 30th and continue through Sunday, August 10th. The Ventura Police Department Traffic Unit would like to remind motorists to be mindful of a few things while driving to the Fairgrounds to ensure a safe and enjoyable Fair experience.

**Traffic & Parking:**

The Fairground parking lot is subject to closure at any time due to maximum vehicle capacity. These closures are not uncommon and multiple closures may occur on a daily basis. When these closures occur, traffic will be monitored and diverted by police personnel by way of hand control and traffic barricades. As a result of the diversions, traffic congestion can become heavy with extremely long delays.

Fairground parking accommodates fewer than 2000 vehicles and the charge is \$10.00 per vehicle.

Additional parking is available at the State Beaches Lot.

It is imperative that motorists obey all traffic control signs, detours, and diversions to ensure the safety of everyone.

Any motorist that drives around or through barricades or disregards the directions of police personnel will be subjected to being cited as a zero-tolerance stance will be taken.

**Shuttle Bus Service (Free):**

The Ventura Police Department Traffic Unit strongly encourages fairgoers to utilize the shuttle bus service.

Free shuttle service is provided daily during the Fair from 10:30am until 11:00 pm from six off-site parking locations;

Ventura County Government Center

Ventura High School

Schooner & Harbor Blvd

Pacific View Mall

Ventura Unified School District Headquarters at 155 W. Stanley Ave.

Oxnard Performing Arts Center.

In addition to the service being free of charge, an additional benefit is the drop off point and return pick-up points being in close proximity to the front entrance gates.

The shuttle buses are also capable of accommodating wheelchairs and strollers.

In addition to heavy vehicular traffic, there is a significant amount of pedestrian traffic in the areas surrounding the Fairgrounds. The Ventura Police Traffic Unit would like to remind motorists to be cognizant of pedestrians crossing the roadways and to yield to their right-of-way.

We hope you enjoy your Fair experience and please be safe.