

Vehicle Entrapment and Extrication

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Incident Number: 45790

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Incident Type : Vehicle Entrapment and Extrication

Date/Time of Incident : July 19, 2014 at 2:07

Incident Location : Ralston St. and Ramelli Avenue

Cause : Under Investigation by Ventura Police Department

Injuries : (general) 1 moderate injury

Number of Personnel : 11 Fire, 4 VPD Officers, 1 Ambulance, 1 EMS Supervisor

Fire Equipment : 2 Medic Engines, 1 Truck Company, 1 Battalion Chief

Agencies Involved : Ventura City Fire Department, Ventura Police Department, Gold Coast Ambulance

On Saturday afternoon in East Ventura, two vehicles crashed in the intersection of Ralston Street and Ramelli Avenue. Two 4 door sedans collided, with one vehicle directly striking the passenger door of the other at a high speed. Upon arrival of fire apparatus, the passenger in the car that was struck was entrapped and injured, whereas both drivers of each vehicle were able to exit and suffered minor injuries.

Ventura Police took control of traffic and begun an investigation of the incident while Ventura City Fire Truck Company 5 arrived and quickly stabilized the vehicle and started to dismantle the car with 'the jaws of life' and high tension steel cutters. Ventura Fire paramedics began treatment on the patient inside the vehicle while teams were working on the outside. Flammable liquids escaped both vehicles and absorbent and fire prevention measures were put in place to minimize the threat of fire. The patient was extricated within 13 minutes and transported under advanced life support measures to the closest trauma center. Fire and tow companies cleaned the intersection with the Ventura Streets department to follow up to ensure the collision site to be free of debris and hazards.



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