



MAJOR INCIDENT REPORT

A SPECIAL REPORT FROM LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE CHIEF DARYL L. OSBY

TYPE OF INCIDENT:

Out of County Assistance to Ventura County Fire Department

DATE AND TIME OF OCCURANCE:

Tuesday, November 18, 2014, at 3:46 a.m.

INCIDENT SUMMARY:

Mission Incident: On Tuesday, November 18, 2014, at 3:46 a.m., Ventura County Fire Department received a report of an explosion involving a pump sewage vacuum truck at 815 Mission Rock Road in the unincorporated area of Santa Paula, causing a chemical vapor cloud. We received a request for assistance this morning at 8:21 a.m., and deployed a Hazardous Materials Task Force (consisting of a Hazardous Materials Unit and a Hazardous Materials Engine), one Hazardous Materials Coordinator, two battalion chiefs and one assistant chief. At this time, there is a one-mile evacuation zone around the incident, and residents within two to three miles have been asked to shelter in place. There were initially two victims, both of unknown age and gender; one was transported by ambulance to Ventura County Medical Center and the other refused treatment. A secondary zone was set up at the hospital for additional victims who were also contaminated. At 9:09 a.m. Ventura County Fire requested that we send Health Hazardous Materials Units to assist with this incident. LA County additionally deployed two health hazardous materials officers to assist in the mitigation of this incident.

During the incident, three Santa Paula firefighters were exposed to this chemical, believed to be an organic peroxide, and they have been transported to Ventura County Medical Center for treatment. This is a dynamic and ongoing incident, and we are continuing to offer assistance to Ventura County. There are currently approximately 150 firefighters assigned to this incident, including approximately 14 personnel from our Department.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE AT (323) 881-6180.