



## VENTURA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Attn: Supervisor Jeff Gorell and Municipal Advisory Committees

- The Ventura County Fire Department has announced the cause of the Mountain Fire. Investigators from VCFD and CALFIRE determined it is most likely that hot, covered tire debris from a tractor fire a week earlier was uncovered by extreme winds and provided the oxygen to reignite. It was then blown more than 200 feet, past containment measures, where it set fire to dry vegetation. This is a reminder of the fire risks in our county and for all of us to be vigilant in fire prevention efforts.
- The Ventura County Fire Department will put Truck 29 into service at Fire Station 29 in Santa Paula on May 27, 2026. The location was determined using the results of a standards of cover study completed with assistance from the consultant group, Citigate. The goal of this study was to evaluate the Fire District's current performance and pinpoint operational improvements.
- The Spark of Love holiday toy drive is underway. The fire departments of Ventura County are leading the campaign, sponsored by ABC7. Last year, the campaign provided toys to about 33,000 needy children in Ventura County. Anyone wishing to donate new, unwrapped toys can drop them off at any of VCFD's fire stations.

Sincerely,

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