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The Ventura County Fire Department Releases Details on Port Hueneme Shooting

PORT HUENEME, Calif. – On July 2, 2019, at 10:14 p.m., the Ventura County Fire Department was notified of an incident in front of Fire Station 53, located at 304 North Second Street in Port Hueneme.

Within approximately two minutes of first notification at the station front door, firefighters were providing advanced life support services.

“After thoroughly reviewing our station video footage and the exact timeline of our response, it’s evident that Fire Station 53 responded in a timely, prudent and professional manner to this incredibly dynamic incident,” commented VCFD Fire Chief Mark Lorenzen. “

When an emergency such as this occurs in front of a fire station, the expectation is that firefighters immediately assess the situation to understand what’s happening, prepare appropriately for the call and arrive ready to provide care.

“Our crews were outside prepared to render medical services within two minutes of first notification,” commented Chief Lorenzen. “Given the dynamics of a tragedy like this, I understand why others might have felt that our response was not quick enough; however, the captain and two firefighters properly evaluated the situation, responded appropriately and met the high standards we expect of our first responders.”

“We are deeply saddened by the tragic shooting that occurred in Port Hueneme and want to extend our heartfelt prayers to the family that was hurt.”

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