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SBC-JIC Jesusita Fire 013  
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**Three Ventura County Firefighters Injured While Battling Jesusita Fire**

At approximately 1500 hours (3:00 p.m.) Wednesday, May 6, three firefighters from Ventura County Fire Department were injured while fighting the Jesusita Fire. All three are members of an engine strike team assigned to protect homes in the Mission Canyon area.

All three firefighters sustained moderate burns and/or smoke inhalation and were initially transported by ground ambulance to nearby Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital. Medical staff determined they were in stable condition, and all three were transferred to the Grossman Burn Center at Sherman Oaks Hospital for further evaluation of their injuries.

A CAL FIRE Serious Accident Review Team has been activated and is responding to the incident. Representatives of Ventura County Fire Department and other agencies involved will also conduct reviews.

No further information regarding the firefighters and their condition will be released tonight. Updated information will be available on Thursday morning.

For further information, contact the Ventura County Fire Department Public Information at 805-389-9736.

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