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Attn: Supervisor Jeff Gorell and Municipal Advisory Committees

- At the start of April, the Ventura County Fire Department began the rollout of a program to carry whole blood in its rescue ambulances. This program allows paramedics to start transfusions for certain trauma patients before they reach the hospital, increasing the chances of survival for seriously injured people. VCFD has already delivered two pre-hospital transfusions, becoming the first fire department in the state to provide this lifesaving care in the field.
- A dedication ceremony for new Fire Station 34 in Thousand Oaks is scheduled for June 11.
- The VCFD Awards is scheduled April 24 at the Thousand Oaks Civic Arts Plaza, Scherr Forum Auditorium. In addition to firefighter of the year awards in each battalion and employee of the year awards for each bureau, the department will honor civilians and public safety personnel for lifesaving acts, meritorious service, and to four individuals, medals of honor – the highest honor the department bestows.

Sincerely,

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