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Attn: Supervisor Jeff Gorell and Municipal Advisory Committees

- The Ventura County Fire Department's Fire Prevention Bureau has mailed notifications to the owners of about 18,000 properties with the highest fire hazard severity ratings as part of our Fire Hazard Reduction Program. The notices remind the owners of their responsibility to manage defensible space by clearing dead vegetation, cleaning gutters and rooftops, mowing grasses and raking and removing any of the clippings by June 1. These responsibilities apply to anyone living in the very high and high zones identified by Cal Fire.
- May is Water Safety Month. VCFD is partnering with agencies across the county to encourage people to stay safe while they enjoy the water. Teach children to swim, keep pools separated by lockable gates or doors, monitor children while they swim and wear lifejackets whenever you go boating.
- VCFD will graduate it's next academy of probationary firefighters on June 6 during a ceremony at the Regional Training Center in Camarillo.
- A dedication ceremony for new Fire Station 34 in Thousand Oaks is scheduled for June 11.

Sincerely,

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