

VCFD Reserve Engine



A reserve engine is an older engine in the fleet that is maintained at a fire station as a back-up for a first-run engine. It is not normally staffed, but will fill in if a first-run engine is out-of-service for maintenance, repair or assigned to an emergency for an extended period of time. At times of extreme emergencies or potential emergencies, reserve engines can be staffed by off-duty crews to provide additional resources and coverage.

The Ventura County Fire Department has two OES engines in reserve status. The California Governor's Office of Emergency Services has 120 OES engines and places engines with fire departments throughout the state. They may not be used as first run engines, but may be used as reserve engines and for training purposes.

They carry additional specialized tools and equipment for enhanced Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) capabilities. Our personnel will staff the engine and respond with other local fire department's personnel on their respective OES apparatus anywhere in the state.



Often, during major emergencies in Ventura County, we will receive aid from other fire agencies utilizing OES engines.

Staffing: Reserve engines are staffed the same as a first run engine.

Radio designation:

Engine 1 + "station number"

ie: Engine 136. (the OES engines use their OES assigned number)