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## **UPDATE**

SUFFOLK, Virginia (February 6, 2019) Fire Marshal Lieutenant Chuck Chapin advises that following his Office's investigation the cause of the fire was determined to be accidental in nature due to a heat lamp that was left too close to combustibles.

## **UPDATE**

SUFFOLK, Virginia (February 6, 2019) Fire Marshal Lieutenant Chuck Chapin can now confirm that 4 adult dogs and 8 puppies were found deceased as a result of this morning's barn fire.

A total of 16 adult hunting dogs and 8 puppies were determined to be on-site in fenced kennels adjacent to the barn structure. Witnesses who observed the fire and initially contacted Emergency Communications were able to begin rescuing several of the dogs before the flames became too intense, and once firefighters arrived on scene they were able to cut the chain link fence to access and rescue 3 adult dogs.

The barn and its contents, including farm equipment and vehicles, were declared a total loss.

The fire was called under control at 8:35 a.m. and the affected portion of the roadway which was previously closed has reopened.

The Fire Marshal's Office will be continuing their investigation as to the cause of the fire.

## **FIREFIGHTERS ON SCENE OF BARN FIRE**

SUFFOLK, Virginia (February 6, 2019) Suffolk Fire & Rescue units are currently on the scene of a barn fire in the 5100 block of Nansemond Parkway.

Emergency Communications was contacted at 7:23 a.m. after a passerby noticed smoke in the area and the first units arrived on scene at 7:27 a.m.

Fire Marshal Lieutenant Chuck Chapin advised that the barn was fully involved upon arrival. All animals had been safely removed from the structure. Firefighters immediately began defensive tactics. There was no risk of fire to any neighboring structures.

Responding units included Engines 5, 10 and 25, Ladder 5, EMS-1, Medic 10A, Rescue 1, Cars 1 and 5, Safety 1, Tankers 1 and 9, Brush 1 and 10, Battalions 2 and 3, and Fire Marshal 1.

There are no injuries.

Suffolk Police are on scene providing traffic control. Nansemond Parkway at Shoulders Hill Road is currently closed. Traffic is being diverted through the Suffolk Meadows Neighborhood. This portion of the roadway is anticipated to remain closed for approximately a hour.

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