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FIREFIGHTERS EXTINGUISH BRUSH FIRE

SUFFOLK, Virginia (February 15, 2019) Suffolk Fire & Rescue units were on the scene of a working brush fire earlier this afternoon. Emergency Communications was made aware of the fire in a grassy field approximately one half of a mile off the roadway in the 1100 block of Pitchkettle Road at 11:40 a.m., and the first units arrived on scene at 11:45 a.m.

Battalion Chief Chuck Knight advised that due to the location of the fire and wet ground conditions their larger equipment had limited access, therefore Brush Trucks and crews had to pull a large number of lines and hoses to manually extinguish the fire.

Approximately 2 grassy acres were burned, and no structures were in danger. There were no injuries.

Responding units included Engines 1 and 4, Brush 1 and 9, Battalion 1, Safety 1, and the Fire Marshal.

The Fire Marshal advised that the cause of the fire was determined to be a discarded cigarette from a surveying crew that was working in the area.

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