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FACILITY BRIEFLY EVACUATED FOLLOWING RESTROOM FIRE

SUFFOLK, VA (February 19, 2019) Suffolk Fire & Rescue responded to the Western Tidewater Community Services Board earlier this morning related to a fire in a restroom stall.

Emergency Communications was contacted at 11:07 a.m. and the first units arrived on scene at 11:14 a.m. at the facility located in the 5200 block of Godwin Boulevard.

Battalion Chief Demetri Wilson advised that the fire was confined to a restroom stall however, the facility was evacuated for approximately an hour as firefighters brought in fans to assist in ventilating the building due to smoke in the facility. Approximately 80 persons were evacuated. There were no injuries.

Responding units included Engines 1, 4, 6 and 9, Ladders 5 and 6, Medic 9A, Tanker 9, Safety 1, EMS-1 Rescue 1 and Battalion 1.

Suffolk Police provided traffic control.

The Fire Marshal's Office will be handling the investigation.

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