

## NEWS RELEASE

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## UPDATE

SUFFOLK, VA (March 12, 2019) Suffolk Fire & Rescue confirms that the firefighter injured in yesterday's incident when the wall collapsed on her is currently recovering at home but will require further medical follow-up.

The cause of the fire remains under investigation at this time.

## UPDATE

SUFFOLK, VA (March 11, 2019) Chief Michael Barakey of Suffolk Fire & Rescue advises that one of the firefighters injured this morning has been treated and released from Sentara Obici Hospital, however, the second firefighter continues to be evaluated for her injuries. The adult female resident has also been treated and released from Sentara Obici Hospital.

The affected roadway reopened at approximately 11:30 a.m.

The cause of the fire remains undetermined at this time as the Fire Marshal's Office continues their investigation, however, it is not considered suspicious in nature.

**FIREFIGHTERS RESPOND TO EARLY MORNING  
RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE FIRE**

SUFFOLK, VA (March 11, 2019) Suffolk Fire & Rescue crews are currently on the scene of a residential structure fire.

Emergency Communications was contacted at 9:27 a.m. and the first units arrived on scene at 9:34 a.m. at the residence located in a rural area in the 100 block of Five Mile Road located off Godwin Boulevard/Route10.

Chief Michael Barakey advised that upon arrival a large detached garage including two vehicles was fully involved. Crews quickly began attacking the fire and a May Day was called when a firefighter was working between the garage and primary residence and a wall collapsed, trapping her underneath the rubble. She was quickly rescued by fellow firefighters, and she and another firefighter received emergency medical assessment and treatment before being ground transported to Sentara Obici Hospital for further treatment. An adult female occupant also sustained a minor injury and received emergency medical assessment and treatment on scene before being ground transported.

The fire extended into the primary residence and the extensive heat also caused damage to a neighboring residence. Two adults were displaced and will be assisted by the American Red Cross. The fire was called under control at 10:26 a.m.

Responding units included Engines 4, 6, 9, Ladder 6, Medic 9A, Battalions 2 and 3, Tankers 1 and 9, FM-6, FM-5, Safety 1, Rescue 1, EMS 1, and Car 1.

Suffolk Police provided traffic control and Five Mile Road remains closed as Officers alternate traffic at Five Mile Road at Godwin Boulevard.

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

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