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UPDATE

SUFFOLK, Virginia (March 27, 2019) Lieutenant Chuck Chapin, Fire Marshal, has advised that following his Office's investigation the cause of the fire has been ruled undetermined, although not suspicious in nature.

FIREFIGHTERS RESPOND TO EARLY MORNING RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE FIRE

SUFFOLK, VA (March 27, 2019) Suffolk Fire & Rescue crews responded earlier this morning to a residential structure fire in the 600 block of Mulberry Street in Downtown Suffolk.

Emergency Communications was contacted at 5:51 a.m. and the first unit arrived on scene at 5:54 a.m.

Battalion Chief Demitri Wilson advised that upon arrival crews found heavy fire showing from the exterior utility room of the one-story residence with fire extending into the attic area. The residence is used for storage of the East End Baptist Church Food Bank. There was moderate smoke damage at the rear of the residence however the area where food donations are stored was not affected.

There were no injuries. The fire was called under control at 6:23 a.m.

Responding units included Engines 1, 2 and 3, Ladder 3, Medic 3A, Rescue 1, Battalion 1, EMS-1 and Safety 1.

Suffolk Police provided traffic control in the area and a portion of the roadway was closed.

The Fire Marshal's Office will be investigating the cause of the fire.

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