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UPDATE

SUFFOLK, VA (April 18, 2019) Battalion Chief Demetri Wilson has advised that the fire was called under control at 8:03 a.m.

Two adults resided at the residence and will be displaced as the home was declared a total loss. It is unknown at this time as to who will be providing assistance to the occupants. The occupant transported for further medical evaluation was an adult male.

The Fire Marshal's Office will be handling the investigation to determine the cause of the fire.

FIREFIGHTERS ON SCENE OF TWO ALARM RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE FIRE

SUFFOLK, VA (April 18, 2019) Suffolk Fire & Rescue crews are currently on the scene of a two alarm residential structure fire in the 3500 block of Arthur Drive.

Emergency Communications was contacted at 5:47 a.m. and the first unit arrived on scene in the rural Whaleyville borough at 5:58 a.m.

Chief Michael Barakey advised that upon arrival heavy fire was showing from the single story residence.

One occupant received emergency medical assessment and treatment and was ground transported to a local hospital due to smoke inhalation. One firefighter has also been treated due to heat exhaustion.

Responding units include Battalions 1 and 2, Engines 1, 2, 7 and 8, Rescue 1, Safety 1, EMS-1, Tankers 1, 7 and 8, and Medic 7.

Suffolk Police are also on scene and a portion of the roadway in the immediate area remains closed due to the staging of equipment.

An update will be provided to this release as it continues to be a working incident.

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