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SCIENCE TEACHER INJURED IN OUTDOOR EXPERIMENT

Suffolk, VA (November 26, 2019) Suffolk Police and Suffolk Fire & Rescue responded earlier this afternoon to the Col. Fred Cherry Middle School after a teacher was injured during an outdoor science experiment and subsequent chemical reaction when magnesium unexpectedly ignited.

Emergency Communications was contacted by the School Resource Officer at 12:11 p.m. advising of the incident that occurred on the blacktop behind the school located in the 7400 block of Burbage Drive.

The teacher received emergency medical assessment and treatment by Suffolk Fire & Rescue personnel and he was ground transported to Sentara Norfolk General Hospital with injuries considered non-life threatening. No students were in the immediate proximity of the incident, and there was no danger to the school or to school property. This was a preapproved science experiment and no hazardous materials were used.

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