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### **QVC DISTRIBUTION CENTER BRIEFLY EVACUATED THIS MORNING**

SUFFOLK, VA (December 12, 2019) Suffolk Fire & Rescue responded earlier this morning to the QVC Distribution Center following a fire in a trash compactor dumpster.

Emergency Communications was contacted at 9:11 a.m. advising of the incident at the facility located at 1 QVC Drive.

Battalion Chief Demitri Wilson advised that upon arrival crews found an active fire in the trash compactor dumpster that had previously been connected to the building's exterior. QVC staff were able to move the dumpster away from the building prior to their arrival and had also evacuated due to smoke inside the facility.

Crews were able to quickly extinguish the fire which caused some thermal damage to the exterior of the facility. The building is equipped with a ventilation system which was used to ventilate the smoke from the facility and employees returned to work after approximately 45 minutes. There were no injuries, however, one person was evaluated for possible smoke inhalation but did not require medical transport.

Responding units included Engines 1, 3, 4, and 6, Ladders 3 and 6, Medic 3, Rescue 1, EMS 1, Safety 1, and Battalion 1.

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