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### **WALMART BRIEFLY EVACUATED DUE TO SMOKE IN BUILDING**

SUFFOLK, VA (January 30, 2020) – Suffolk Fire & Rescue units responded to the Walmart in the 1200 block of North Main Street earlier this afternoon after smoke was reported in the building.

Emergency Communications initially received a call at 1:19 p.m. and the first unit arrived on scene at 1:24 p.m. Battalion Chief Chuck Knight advised that the business was evacuated until the issue could be isolated.

No active fire was found and the issue was isolated to a freezer in the retail portion of the store. No additional ventilation was required and the store reopened after approximately 25 minutes.

Responding units included Engines 1, 2, 4, and 6, Ladders 3 and 6, Medic 1, Rescue 1, Battalion 1, EMS-1, Safety 1, and Car 1.

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