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EMERGENCY CREWS BUSY FOLLOWING THIS MORNING'S SEVERE WEATHER

SUFFOLK, VA (April 13, 2020) Suffolk Police, Suffolk Fire & Rescue, and Public Works crews have been busy throughout the entire morning responding to a large number of downed trees, transformer fires, and downed power lines resulting in roadway issues throughout the entire City following this morning's heavy winds and rain. Several homes and vehicles have also been damaged due to downed trees and limbs.

While there have been no injuries, downed power lines have affected service to approximately 3,116 Dominion Power customers, and 655 Community Electric customers. Traffic lights are also out at several intersections including East Constance Road at Wilroy Road, Portsmouth Boulevard and Nansemond Parkway, Wilroy Road and Olde Mill Creek, and Wilroy Road and Nansemond Parkway. Motorists should proceed with caution.

Two eastbound lanes on Route 58/Portsmouth Boulevard approximately a quarter-mile before the VDOT scales are closed due to trees and debris in the roadway. Public works is on scene.

A large downed tree in the 3800 block of Whaleyville Boulevard has impacted traffic and the roadway is impassable in both directions. Detours are in place while the tree and debris are being removed from the roadway.

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