

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **FIREFIIGHTERS RESPOND TO RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE FIRE**

SUFFOLK, Virginia (April 19, 2020) Suffolk Fire & Rescue units responded earlier this afternoon, Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, to a residential structure fire in the 500 block of Spruce Street.

Emergency Communications was contacted at 2:13 p.m. and the first unit arrived on scene in the South Suffolk neighborhood at 2:18 p.m.

Battalion Chief William Kessinger advised that first arriving fire units found heavy smoke and fire showing from the single story residence. Crews were hampered in their response due to multiple structural additions. There was no one at the residence when firefighters first arrived.

One adult was displaced due to fire and water damage to the residence and will be assisted by the Red Cross. There were no injuries. The fire was called under control at 3:17 p.m.

Responding units included Battalions 1 and 2, Engines 1, 2, 4, and 6, Ladders 3 and 6, EMS-1, Medic 6, Safety 1, and FM-1.

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

Suffolk Police provided traffic control in the immediate area.

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