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## **FIREFIGHTERS RESPOND TO MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE FIRE**

SUFFOLK, Virginia (May 29, 2020) Suffolk Fire & Rescue units are currently on the scene of a multi-family residential structure fire in the 300 block of Central Avenue.

Emergency Communications was contacted at 6:32 a.m. and the first unit arrived on scene in the Olde Town neighborhood at 6:36 a.m.

Chief Michael Barakey advised that first arriving fire units found heavy smoke showing from the multi-story residence and that the occupants had evacuated prior to their arrival.

Battalion Chief Demitri Wilson advised that the residence sustained heavy damage to the first floor with some extension to the second floor. There were no injuries. Four persons have been displaced and will be assisted by the Red Cross. There were no injuries. The fire was called under control at 7:09 a.m.

Responding units included Engines 1, 2, and 4, Ladder 3, Battalion 1, Rescue 1, Safety 1, EMS-1, Medic 1, Car 1, and Rehab 6. The Fire Marshal's Office will be investigating the cause of the fire.

Suffolk Police are providing traffic control in the immediate area and the roadway between Central Avenue and Pinner Street is anticipated to remain closed until all apparatus is removed from the roadway.



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