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## **SEVERAL PETS PERISH IN RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE FIRE**

SUFFOLK, Virginia (September 26, 2020) Suffolk Fire & Rescue units responded this evening, Saturday, September 26, 2020, to a residential structure fire in the 100 block of Kingsdale Road in the Kingsdale neighborhood.

Emergency Communications was contacted at 8:15 p.m. and the first unit arrived on scene at 8:22 p.m.

Battalion Chief William Kessinger advised that first arriving fire units found heavy fire showing from the single story residence. There was no one at the residence when firefighters first arrived.

Three adults were displaced, however, no assistance is needed. Multiple pets perished in the fire, including 3 dogs, 7 kittens, and 5 snakes. One firefighter sustained minor injuries and received medical assessment and treatment and was ground transported to a local hospital. The fire was called under control at 9:42 p.m.

Responding units included Battalions 1, 2, and 3; Engines 4, 6, and 9; Ladder 3, Medic 6, EMS-2, Safety 1, and Rescue 1.

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

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