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FIREFIGHTERS RESPOND TO RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE FIRE

SUFFOLK, Virginia (September 27, 2020) Suffolk Fire & Rescue units remain on the scene of a residential structure fire in the 5500 block of Whaleyville Boulevard.

Emergency Communications was contacted at 5:43 p.m. and the first unit arrived on scene in the rural Whaleyville borough at 5:49 p.m.

Battalion Chief Chuck Knight advised that upon arrival firefighters found moderate smoke showing from the single story residence. No occupants were home at the time of their arrival.

The fire was contained to one room of the residence, however, there was smoke damage throughout the home. It is unknown at this time how many person(s) may be displaced. There were no injuries.

Responding units included Engines 1, 2, and 8; Tankers 1, 7, and 8; Rescue 1, Medic 8, Safety 1, Battalion1, and EMS-1. The Fire Marshal's Office will be investigating the cause of the fire. The Whaleyville Volunteer Fire Department provided assistance with an extra Tanker if needed.

Suffolk Police are continuing to provide traffic control in the immediate area and the 5500 block of Whaleyville Boulevard is anticipated to remain closed until all apparatus is removed from the roadway.

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