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UPDATE 7:15 p.m.

SUFFOLK, Virginia (June 30, 2021) The Emergency Shelter at King's Fork High School that had been opened to assist in the sheltering of displaced residents will be closing at 7:30 p.m. due to the fact that the Property Manager for the apartment building has advised that residents that have been displaced will receive vouchers for accommodations at the Quality Inn & Suites located in the 1500 block of Holland Road. Any affected residents with questions should call the Suffolk Tower Emergency contact number at 757.793.1096.

Transportation to the Quality Inn & Suites for those that have been displaced is being provided by Suffolk Fire & Rescue and Suffolk Parks & Recreation.

The investigation into the cause of the water leak remains ongoing at this time.

SUFFOLK TOWER APARTMENTS EVACUATED DUE TO MAJOR WATER LEAK

SUFFOLK, Virginia (June 30, 2021) Suffolk Fire & Rescue units are on the scene of a major water leak at the Suffolk Tower Apartments, located in the 180 block of North Main Street in Downtown Suffolk.

Emergency Communications was contacted at 12:13 p.m. advising of the incident. Upon preliminary investigation, it was determined that there was a major water leak on the 5th floor of the apartment building, which then affected the floors below and the basement. Due to the major leak, electrical hazards associated with the incident have also been identified. The leak has been secured.

According to building officials, the apartment building includes 50 occupied units, and a total of 118 individuals will be evacuated and temporarily displaced as a result of the incident.

Suffolk firefighters and medics will be assisting occupants who aren't ambulatory with the evacuation process. Responding units also include Suffolk Public Utilities, Suffolk Planning & Community Development, and Dominion Energy.

The Suffolk Office of Emergency Management will be coordinating the opening of the Emergency Shelter at King's Fork High School, located at 351 Kings Fork Road, to assist those that have been displaced effective at 5:00 p.m. Residents or family members of the building occupants can contact Non-Emergency Dispatch at 923-2350, option 8, for further information.

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