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## **UPDATE**

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SUFFOLK, Virginia (September 20, 2021): Battalion Chief Chris Cornwell, Suffolk Fire Marshal, advises that following their investigation, an arrest has been made in Sunday morning's residential apartment building structure fire.

Miesha Tierra Fenner, age 28, of Suffolk, was arrested on charges including Burning or Destroying Occupied Dwelling and Attempt to Commit Non-Capital Offense. Ms. Fenner was a resident of the apartment building. She is currently in custody at the Western Tidewater Regional Jail. Mug shot attached. The investigation remains ongoing at this time.

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## **NINE ADULTS DISPLACED IN RESIDENTIAL APARTMENT BUILDING STRUCTURE FIRE**

SUFFOLK, Virginia (September 19, 2021): Suffolk Fire & Rescue units responded early Sunday morning, September 19, 202, to a residential apartment building that was on fire in 300 block of Wellons Street, in Downtown Suffolk.

Emergency Communications was contacted at 03:00 a.m. and the first unit arrived on scene at 03:04 a.m.

Battalion 1, Engine 1, Engine 2, Rescue 1 arrived to find heavy black smoke showing from the front door and flames visible from the rear of the large structure. An aggressive interior attack found heavy fire on the first floor of the two-story residential apartment building with fire venting from the rear. Residents had to be evacuated on the second floor of the building by fire crews.

Nine adult occupants have been displaced and are currently being assisted by the American Red Cross. There were no injuries. The fire was called under control at 03:38 a.m. The fire has been ruled suspicious and is under investigation by the Fire Marshal's Office and Suffolk Police Department.

Responding units included Battalion 1; Engines 1, 2, 3, 4; Ladders 3 and 5; Medic 1, Rescue 1 and 6, EMS-1, Safety 1, Fire Marshal 4 and 6.

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