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DOG AND PUPPIES PERISH IN STRUCTURE FIRE

SUFFOLK, VA (November 4, 2021) Suffolk Fire & Rescue and Suffolk Police are currently on the scene of a structure fire that occurred in the 6100 block of Old Myrtle Road off of Route 460/Pruden Boulevard this morning, Thursday, November 4, 2021.

Emergency Communications was contacted at 9:59 a.m. and the first units arrived on scene in the rural area at 10:09 a.m.

Battalion Chief Demitri Wilson advised that upon arrival crews found two separate shed-type structures at the residence, with both structures heavily involved. Prior to their arrival, due to the efforts of two neighbors who are also off-duty Suffolk Firefighters, twenty dogs in a gated kennel were successfully moved to the farthest part of the kennel to avoid danger. One dog and eight puppies that were located inside one of the structures perished. Suffolk Animal Control also responded to the scene. The property owner possesses a current kennel license.

The fire was called under control at 10:26 a.m. Two nearby vehicles sustained heat damage. There were no injuries.

Responding units included Battalion 1; Engines 1, 2, 4, and 6; Medic 1; Rescue 1; Tankers 1 and 7; Ladder 3; and EMS 2.

Suffolk Police provided traffic control, and the immediate area remains closed to through traffic until emergency vehicles are removed.

The Fire Marshal's Office will be investigating the cause of the fire.

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