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## **UPDATE**

SUFFOLK, Virginia (November 23, 2021) Battalion Chief Chris Cornwell, Suffolk Fire Marshal, advises that after a comprehensive investigation into the origin and cause of last evening's fire located in the 200 block of Woodrow Avenue, the Suffolk Fire Marshal's Office has determined the fire to have originated in the kitchen as a result of unattended cooking. The single male occupant/patient remains hospitalized for observation.

With the holidays fast approaching, we're reminded that cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries. Thanksgiving leads the charge annually for residential fires involving cooking equipment. Suffolk Fire & Rescue reminds you to *BE FIRE SAFE IN THE KITCHEN*.

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## **RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE FIRE SENDS ONE TO HOSPITAL ON WOODROW AVE**

SUFFOLK, Virginia (November 22, 2021): Suffolk Fire & Rescue responded Monday evening, November 22, 2021, to a reported residential structure fire in the 200 block of Woodrow Avenue.

Emergency Communications was contacted at 7:14 p.m. and the first unit arrived on scene at 7:19 p.m.

Engine 3, Ladder 3, and Medic 3 arrived to find a single-story residential structure with heavy smoke showing from the front of the structure and heavy fire showing from the rear of the structure. Firefighters performed an aggressive interior attack to find heavy fire in the rear of the structure. A single occupant had evacuated prior to arrival of fire units and was located at a neighbor's house with burns. Medic 3 provided ALS assessment and treatment to the male occupant and transported the patient to Sentara Norfolk General Hospital with serious burn injuries. The residence sustained heavy fire, smoke and heat damage. The fire was under control at 7:42 p.m.

The single occupant was displaced by the fire. No injuries to firefighters. The fire is under investigation by the Suffolk Department of Fire & Rescue Fire Marshal's Office.

Responding units included Battalion 1, Battalion 2, Engine 1, Engine 2, Engine 1, Engine 3, Ladder 3, Rescue 1, Medic 3, Medic 1, EMS-1, Safety 1, Fire Marshal 6, and Fire Marshal 7.

\*Three pictures provided\*

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