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UPDATE

SUFFOLK, Virginia (December 28, 2021) Following cleanup operations, the roadway reopened shortly after 5:30 p.m.

**SUFFOLK FIRE & RESCUE RESPOND TO TRACTOR TRAILER FIRE ON
PORTSMOUTH BOULEVARD/ROUTE 58**

SUFFOLK, Virginia (December 28, 2021) Suffolk Fire & Rescue are on the scene of a vehicle fire involving a tractor trailer in the 1900 block of eastbound Portsmouth Boulevard/Route 58 this afternoon Tuesday, December 28, 2021. Emergency Communications was contacted at 1:36 p.m.

Fire Chief Michael Barakey reported that the first unit arrived on the scene and found the tractor trailer with flames showing from the rear brakes. The fire progressed into the trailer where the contents caught on fire. The contents are non-hazardous materials. Due to the cargo being packed in the trailer, the contents will have to be unloaded in order to suppress the fire. There have been no injuries reported at this time.

Currently one lane of eastbound traffic at this location is closed and is expected to remain closed for an undetermined amount of time. Suffolk Police are on the scene and Public Works staff have been notified to assist with traffic signage.

Responding units included Battalion 1, Engine 3, Ladder 3, and Tanker 1.

The cause of the fire is under investigation.

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