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ROPE RESCUE-TECHNICAL RESCUE ON MOCKINGBIRD LANE

SUFFOLK, Virginia (January 9, 2022): Suffolk Fire & Rescue and Suffolk Police responded to the 4100 Block of Mockingbird Lane for an elderly couple who had fallen down an embankment.

Emergency Communications dispatched the incident at 4:14 p.m. with the first units arriving at 4:21 p.m.

Ladder 6 and Safety 1 arrived to find two elderly individuals who had fallen 10-25 feet down a 40-foot embankment. Due to the terrain and location of the incident, Suffolk Fire & Rescue's Technical Rescue Team was called to work with Engine 6 and Ladder 6's crew to effect the rescue. With the two individuals holding onto the side of the embankment, rescuers were lowered down the embankment using ropes, harnesses and descent devices. The two individuals ascended the embankment with rescuers using ropes and an engineered haul system. Both individuals were successfully hauled up the embankment and were assessed by paramedics for injuries. No injuries were reported by the two individuals or rescuers.

Responding units included Battalion 1, Engine 6, Engine 2, Ladder 6, Medic 1, Medic 9, Rescue 1, EMS-1, and Safety 1.

Pictures are provided

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