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FAST MOVING BRUSH FIRE BURNS RESIDENTIAL FENCE AND SHED

SUFFOLK, Virginia (February 20, 2022): Suffolk Fire & Rescue responded to the 120 Block of Little Fork Rd. and the 6700 Block of Whaleyville Blvd for a reported brush fire. Emergency Communications dispatched the incident at 4:21 p.m. with the first units arriving at 4:27 p.m.

Engine 8 and Medic 8 arrived to find heavy smoke in a field with a fast moving brush fire that was threatening structures. Engine 8 upgraded the response to a structural assignment after arriving on scene and finding a large brush fire with a residential fence and shed on fire. Engine 8's crew was able to attack the fire that was moving towards a residential home and additional arriving fire crews were able to limit the fire's advancement from involving other structures. Crews were able to stop the fire and held the brush fire to 3 acres of involvement, a fence and 10x10 shed. No injuries were reported by responders or residents.

The fire was placed under control at 5:15 p.m. Suffolk Police provided traffic control on Whaleyville Blvd.

Responding units included Battalion 1, Engine 8, Engine 1, Engine 2, Ladder 3, Rescue 1, Brush 1, Medic 8, EMS1, Safety 1, Tanker 1, Tanker 7, Tanker 8, Fire Marshal 4.

7 Pictures are provided

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