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TWO ALARM FIRE AT ROYAL SAIL APARTMENTS IN NORTH SUFFOLK

SUFFOLK, Virginia (May 14, 2022): Suffolk Fire & Rescue responded to the 1100 Block of Knotts Pointe Lane for a commercial fire alarm. Emergency Communications dispatched the incident at 8:43 a.m. with the first units arriving at 8:47 p.m.

Engine 25 and Ladder 5 arrived to find heavy smoke showing from the electrical room of a five story apartment building with smoke progressing into the entire building through the trash chute. Engine 25 upgraded the response to a commercial structural fire and Battalion 2 upgraded the response to a two alarm fire with smoke on all five (5) floors of the occupied apartment building. Crews found the electrical service panel in the mechanical room on the first floor of the building on fire. The fire was suppressed in the mechanical room with smoke extending to the four (4) floors above the mechanical room. The fire was placed under control at 9:31 a.m. The apartment complex's maintenance person arrived on the scene and Dominion Virginia Power secured power to the apartment building and service drop to the entire building. Once power was secured by Dominion, firefighters were able to determine the fire did not extend from the mechanical room and the smoke was removed from the four (4) floors above the fire room. There is heavy fire damage to the electrical service drops and panel box in the mechanical room. Two hundred (200) occupants and one hundred (100) apartment units are affected by the fire. Power is secured to the entire building. BECO Asset Management is on the scene and are working with the displaced occupants for relocation and housing while the electrical service can be restored to the building. No injuries were reported by firefighters or occupants. The Fire Marshal's Office is investigating the cause and origin of the fire.

Responding units included Battalion 1, Battalion 2, Battalion 3, Car 1, Engine 25, Engine 5, Engine 1, Engine 3, Ladder 5, Ladder 6, Rescue 1, Chesapeake E12, Chesapeake L10, Medic 5, EMS2, Safety 1, Fire Marshal 4, Suffolk Police, and BECO Asset Management.

2 Pictures are provided

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