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WORKING TWO ALARM COMMERCIAL STRUCTURE FIRE ON S. SARATOGA STREET

SUFFOLK, Virginia (May 31, 2022): Suffolk Fire & Rescue responded to the 400 Block of S. Saratoga Street, at Suburban Investments, for a two-alarm commercial structure fire. Emergency Communications dispatched the incident at 7:35 p.m.

Battalion 1, Engine 1, Engine 2, Rescue 1, Medic 1 arrived at 7:39 p.m. to find heavy smoke showing from the front roll-up door and the roof. Upon investigation, an 8,000-gallon processing tank containing recycled oil was on fire in the rear of the commercial building. With 2,000 gallons of product on fire, a second alarm was requested by Battalion 1 due to the size of the building and the amount of fire in the tank. While crews attacked the fire from the interior, ladder crews vented the roof above. The rescue company performed a search of the building and all searches were negative. There is heavy fire to the processing vat and area above the processing tank and smoke damage to the entire mobile home. The business was occupied at the time of the fire. There are no injuries were reported by firefighters or occupants. The Fire Marshal's Office is investigating the cause and origin of the fire. Virginia Department of Emergency Management was notified and did not respond. The fire was placed under control at 8:17 p.m. Suffolk Police provided traffic control and assisted in the investigation.

Responding units included Car 1, Battalion 1, Battalion 2, Battalion 3, Engine 1, Engine 2, Engine 3, Engine 4, Engine 8, Ladder 3, Ladder 6, Ladder 5, Rescue 1, Medic 1, EMS1, Safety 1, Rehab 6, Fire Marshal 1, 3, and 7.

8 Pictures are provided

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