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UPDATE

SUFFOLK, VA (JULY 22, 2022): The fire was marked under control at 7:41 a.m. Crews will remain on scene throughout the day. The Suffolk Fire Marshal's Office continues to investigate the Origin and Cause of the fire with the Regional Investigation Response Team assistance from Chesapeake, Virginia Beach, and the ATF on scene. Due to the extreme heat conditions, crews from Norfolk, Hampton, and Newport News remain readily available with investigative relief crews on standby.

WORKING THREE ALARM COMMERCIAL STRUCTURE FIRE ON MOORE AVE.

SUFFOLK, Virginia (July 22, 2022): Suffolk Fire & Rescue responded to the 300 Block of Moore Ave., in the Moore Ave. Industrial Area, for a three-alarm commercial warehouse structure fire. Emergency Communications dispatched the incident at 5:26 a.m.

Battalion 1 arrived at 5:32 a.m. to find heavy fire and smoke showing from the roof of a 300' x 400' commercial warehouse. Upon investigation, arriving units found warehouses on both sides of the warehouse involved in fire that were catching fire and a 500-gallon propane tank also exposed by the large fire. Battalion 1 requested a second alarm due to the size of the building and the amount of fire involvement. While crews attacked the fire from the interior of the exposure warehouses, ladder crews worked the fire from above. The warehouse was unoccupied at the time of the fire. There are no injuries reported by firefighters or civilians. Due to the heat and humidity, and the long work cycles of firefighters, crew rotation and rehabilitation is being performed. Over 50 firefighters are on the scene and Chesapeake Ladder 10 responded as well. The Fire Marshal's Office is investigating the cause and origin of the fire.

The fire is contained to the warehouse of origin but at this time, the fire is not under control. Suffolk Police provided traffic control. Three-alarms was ultimately requested and responded.

MAR-JA Incorporated is the owner of the warehouse and is working with the Fire Department in providing information regarding the contents inside the building.

The City of Chesapeake Fire Department and Isle of Wright County are providing backfills to open Suffolk Fire & Rescue Fire Stations.

Responding units included Car 1, Car 2, Battalion 1, Battalion 2, Battalion 3, Engine 1, Engine 2, Engine 3, Engine 4, Engine 6, Engine 7, Engine 9, Engine 10, Ladder 3, Ladder 6, Ladder 11, Chesapeake Ladder 10, Rescue 1, Medic 1, EMS1, Safety 1, Rehab 6, Fire Marshal 1, and 3.

8 Pictures are provided

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