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FIREFIGHTERS RESPOND TO FIRE AT AMADAS INDUSTRIES

SUFFOLK, Virginia (July 22, 2014) Suffolk Fire & Rescue and Suffolk Police responded earlier this evening to a commercial structure fire in downtown Suffolk. Emergency Communications received the call at 10:29 p.m. advising of smoke in the duct work at Amadas Industries in the 1100 block of Holland Road and units were on scene at 10:35 p.m.

Upon preliminary investigation it was determined that a hopper approximately 4' by 5' full of metal shavings in a plasma cutter was actively on fire. Amadas staff had used extinguishing equipment prior to the arrival of firefighters to contain the area of active fire. Light smoke was showing in the manufacturing area and all 24 employees on the night shift were safely evacuated.

The fire was knocked down by firefighters and Amadas staff are in the process of disassembling the affected equipment.

Engines 1, 2, and 4, Ladder 3, Rescue 1, Battalion 1, EMS 1 and Medic 1 responded to the fire.

There were no injuries.

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