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PETS PERISH IN FIRE

SUFFOLK, Virginia (June 8, 2014) Suffolk Fire & Rescue and the Suffolk Police Department responded earlier this evening to a residential structure fire which claimed the lives of several pets.

Emergency Communications received the call at 6:03 p.m. and units were on scene at 6:10 p.m. The fire occurred in the 200 block of Collins Road in the rural Whaleyville borough of Suffolk. The front and right side of the single story modular home were fully involved with flames coming through the roof and windows upon arrival of firefighters. They were able to aggressively attack the fire to limit the extent of damage to the home.

The occupants, including 5 adult roommates, were displaced as a result of the fire and are being assisted by family and friends. Unfortunately 4 cats, 1 dog and 3 snakes perished in the fire. A vehicle which was parked next to the home also sustained heavy damage. The fire was under control at 6:45 p.m. There were no injuries.

Engines 2, 7 and 8, Tankers 1 and 8, Rescue 1, Medic 8, EMS 1, Battalion 1 and the Whaleyville Volunteer Fire Department responded to the fire.

The fire originated in the kitchen and was ruled accidental.

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