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TRANSFORMER FIRE CAUSES POWER OUTAGE

SUFFOLK, Virginia (June 10, 2014) Suffolk Fire & Rescue and the Suffolk Police Department responded earlier this morning to a transformer fire which caused a main power line failure.

Emergency Communications received an initial call at 6:04 a.m. advising of a brush fire, and then received additional calls advising that the fire may be near a residence. Once on scene, firefighters determined that there was a transformer fire in the 1400 block of Bridge Road with the power pole fully engulfed. Sparks from the fire also caused a small brush fire in the area. Firefighters had to wait until officials from Dominion Virginia Power were on scene since the pole was fully energized in order to extinguish the fire. An estimated 3,000 residents are currently without power in the area. The Dominion Virginia Power website notes that power should be restored between 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Engines 5 and 25, Ladder 5, Battalion 2 and Medic 5 responded. There were no injuries.

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