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APARTMENT FIRE DISPLACES THREE FAMILIES

SUFFOLK, Virginia (May 30, 2014) Suffolk Fire & Rescue and the Suffolk Police Department responded earlier this evening to an apartment fire at Nansemond Square Apartments.

Emergency Communications received the call at 7:52 p.m. and units were on scene at 7:57 p.m. The fire occurred in the 100 block of Nancy Drive at an upstairs apartment in building 700. All of the occupants of the apartment were out of the building when rescue units arrived. The entire building, consisting of 8 units, was evacuated while crews worked to extinguish the blaze. The fire was under control at 8:45 p.m.

The fire originated in the kitchen in the upstairs apartment and has displaced a family of 5, including a mother and 4 children. The downstairs apartment was damaged by smoke and water and has displaced a family of 3, including a mother and 2 children. A third apartment also had smoke damage and will briefly displace a family of 3, including a mother and 2 children. In total, 11 people have been displaced as a result of the fire and are being assisted by the American Red Cross. There were no injuries. The residents of the remaining 5 apartments in the building that were not affected were allowed to return to their residences.

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

The cause of the fire is under investigation by the Fire Marshal's Office.

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