

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **UPDATE**

SUFFOLK, VA (April 29, 2014) The victim in yesterday morning's fatal fire has been positively identified by the Medical Examiner's Office as Terrence Michael Battle, age 58, of Suffolk.

### **UPDATE**

SUFFOLK, VA (April 28, 2014) The name of the victim from this morning's fatal fire has not yet been confirmed by the Medical Examiner's Office. Following their notification, the next of kin will be notified and an updated Media Release will be sent to include this information.

The Suffolk Fire Marshal's Office has confirmed that the cause of the fire has been ruled accidental from a carelessly discarded cigarette. They also advised that there were smoke detectors in units A and B of the duplex. The occupants in unit B did confirm that the smoke detector did go off this morning, however, the surviving occupant in unit A where the fire originated noted he did not hear an alarm.

## **UPDATE**

SUFFOLK, VA (April 28, 2014) The Suffolk Fire Marshal's Office has ruled the fire accidental but is continuing their investigation into the specific cause of the fire.

There has been no update regarding identification of the male victim as notification of next of kin has not been made at this time.

## **UPDATE**

SUFFOLK, VA (April 28, 2014) The American Red Cross will be providing assistance to one resident in Unit A and three residents in Unit B who will be displaced as a result of the fire.

## **SUFFOLK FIRE & RESCUE RESPOND TO STRUCTURE FIRE**

SUFFOLK, VA (April 28, 2014) Suffolk Fire and Rescue responded to a structure fire in a duplex in the 4600 block of Hardy Drive this morning following a call to 911 Dispatchers at 3:20 a.m.

Fire & Rescue personnel arrived on the scene at 3:28 a.m. with the fire declared under control at 4:42 a.m.

There were 2 residents in the A side of the duplex and a family of four on the B side of the duplex at the time of the fire. One of the residents in unit A was found deceased. The name of the victim has not been released pending notification of next of kin. No other injuries were reported.

Battalion 2, Engine 25, Engine 5, Ladder 5, Medic 5A, EMS 1, and Engine 10 responded to the incident.

The cause of the fire is under investigation.

No additional information is available at this time.

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