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RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE FIRE

SUFFOLK, VA (August 20, 2014)   Suffolk Fire & Rescue responded to a residential structure fire this afternoon in the 300 block of S. Broad Street in the Lakeside neighborhood.

Emergency Communications received the call at 1:45 p.m. and units were on scene at 1:49 p.m. All of the occupants had evacuated the premises prior to the arrival of firefighters.

The fire originated in an upstairs apartment at the two-story residence, which houses three separate apartments, Upon preliminary investigation it was determined that a cable television installer accidentally drilled into a main feed power line which sparked the blaze and caused damage to the upstairs apartment and exterior of the second story of the residence. Neither the installer nor any of the tenants were injured.

The occupants of the second floor apartment, including two adults and 2 children, have been displaced and are being assisted by the American Red Cross. The other downstairs occupants are also being assisted since there is currently no power to the home after Dominion Virginia Power responded to the scene.

Engines 1 and 2, Rescue 1, Ladder 3, Medic 1, Battalion 1, EMS 1 and the Fire Marshal's Office responded to the scene.

Suffolk Police also responded and assisted with traffic control.

The cause of the fire was ruled accidental.

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