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FROZEN SPRINKLER PIPES FLOOD RED CARPET INN

SUFFOLK, VA (January 8, 2014) Suffolk Fire & Rescue responded to the Red Carpet Inn located in the 1000 block of North Main Street earlier this afternoon after Emergency Communications received a fire and sprinkler activation alarm at approximately 12:32 p.m.

Upon arrival units found water flowing in a third floor room with a ceiling collapse caused by sprinkler pipes which had frozen and then expanded, flooding three floors of a wing of the building. Three rooms had significant water damage, and other adjacent rooms could also be affected. Power was secured to that wing of the building since the sprinkler system was out of service and occupants were relocated by management to other rooms at the facility. In total, 26 people were affected.

Engines 1 and 2, Battalion 1, Rescue 1 and the Fire Marshal's Office responded to the incident. There were no injuries.

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