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SUFFOLK FIRE & RESCUE ON SCENE OF FUEL SPILL

SUFFOLK, VA (February 19, 2014) Suffolk Fire & Rescue and Suffolk Police were on the scene earlier this evening of a fuel spill in the 5100 block of Nansemond Parkway and the corner of Shoulders Hill Road. An employee of the church located at that location, Apostolic Assembly, contacted Emergency Communications at 6:08 p.m. advising that fuel was leaking from one of the tanks on the property.

Upon their arrival at 6:19 p.m., Suffolk Police and crews from Suffolk Fire & Rescue determined that the lines from two 275 gallon #2 heating oil fuel tanks had been cut in an attempt to steal fuel. A small amount of fuel was stolen, and the thieves left the scene with approximately 500 gallons of oil spilling onto the ground. The oil spill also ran into a nearby swamp and stream which is a tributary to Bennett's Creek.

Firefighters were able to dyke the spill to keep it from spreading further, and the property owner has contacted a hazmat clean-up company to handle the spill. Due to the nature of the fuel spill, the Virginia Department of Emergency Management also responded.

Engine 10, Ladder 5, Utility 1 and Battalion 2 responded to the scene.

The investigation is ongoing.

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