FIREFIGHTERS RESPOND TO RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE FIRE

SUFFOLK, Virginia (October 31, 2016) Suffolk Fire & Rescue crews responded this evening to a residential structure fire in the 200 block of Chestnut Street.

Emergency Communications received the call at 6:23 p.m. advising of the fire in the two-story single family home in downtown Suffolk, and the first units were on scene at 6:26 p.m.

Battalion Chief Chuck Knight advised that upon arrival crews saw fire coming from the rear of the house, with the fire extending to the second story. Two occupants had evacuated prior to the arrival of firefighters.

Responding units included Engines 1, 2 and 3, EMS-1, Medics 1 and 3, Battalion 1, Ladder 3, Rescue 1 and the Fire Marshal.

An adult female was ground transported to Sentara Obici Hospital due to smoke inhalation. The fire was called under control at 6:48 p.m.

The home sustained significant smoke and fire damage, especially to the kitchen area, and 4 adults and 3 juveniles have been displaced and are being assisted by the American Red Cross.

The Fire Marshal advised the fire was due to unattended cooking.

The Suffolk Police Department provided traffic control at the scene.

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