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UPDATE

SUFFOLK, VA (February 5, 2017) Suffolk Police advise that the 300 block of Wellons Street and Saratoga Street at Hall Avenue will remain closed tomorrow as clean-up efforts continue following yesterday morning's derailment. All other affected roadways are now open.

UPDATE

SUFFOLK, VA (February 4, 2017) Suffolk Police advise that Norfolk Southern officials are continuing their investigation into this morning's train derailment.

The intersections as noted earlier still remain affected as the investigation continues. Suffolk Public Works Traffic Engineering has shut off the traffic signal at East Washington Street and Pinner Street, and this stop is being controlled by signage.

As noted previously, there were no injuries associated with the derailment. It was found that a warehouse building at the Golden Peanuts property was damaged by coal that was spilled from the train. In addition, a residence in the 300 block of Wellons Street sustained two broken windows from coal debris, in addition to a vehicle that had a broken back window from being stuck by coal in the same area.

Clean-up efforts are expected to begin after Norfolk Southern completes their investigation.

TRAIN DERAILS IN DOWNTOWN SUFFOLK

SUFFOLK, VA (February 4, 2017) Suffolk Police and Suffolk Fire & Rescue crews have responded to a train derailment in downtown Suffolk.

Emergency Communications was made aware of the incident at 6:52 a.m. involving a Norfolk Southern train that derailed in the 300 block of Wellons Street, with numerous cars leaving the track and causing a coal spill in the area.

At this time the 300 block of Wellons Street is closed, as well as East Washington Street at County Street, East Washington Street at Pinner Street, and East Washington Street at Liberty Street. Train personnel are attempting to disconnect cars remaining on the track to move them further down the line were possible to clear the intersections.

No injuries have been reported at this time.

Clean-up efforts and track repairs are expected to be extensive and ongoing. A total count of cars that left the track is unknown at this time.

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