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APARTMENT FIRE DISPLACES TWO FAMILIES

SUFFOLK, Virginia (February 17, 2017) Suffolk Fire & Rescue crews responded earlier this evening to a residential structure fire at the Harbour Breeze Apartments in northern Suffolk.

Emergency Communications received the call at 7:28 p.m. advising of the fire in the 3900 block of Breezeport Way in a second story apartment, and the first units arrived at 7:34 p.m. The residents had evacuated prior to the arrival of firefighters.

Captain Leon Ratliff advised that upon arrival crews found heavy smoke showing from the side of the apartment building. The fire was contained to the kitchen area and was called under control at 8:14 p.m. The downstairs apartment sustained water and smoke damage.

There were no injuries. Two adults and two children that resided in the upstairs apartment have been displaced as a result of the fire and are being assisted by the American Red Cross. Three adults and two children that resided in the downstairs apartment were displaced but did not require assistance. The cause of the fire was determined to be unattended cooking.

Responding units included Engines 2, 5, 10 and 25, Ladders 3 and 5, Medic 3A, Battalions 2 and 1, EMS-1, and Engine 29 from the Chuckatuck Volunteer Fire Department.

The Suffolk Police Department provided traffic control at the scene.

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