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FIREFIGHTERS RESPOND TO RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE FIRE

SUFFOLK, Virginia (June 23, 2016) Suffolk Fire & Rescue and Chuckatuck Volunteer Fire Department crews responded earlier this morning to a residential structure fire in the 1400 block of Bridge Point Trail in the Chuckatuck borough.

Emergency Communications received a call at 4:29 a.m. initially advising of a brush fire in front of a residence, but upon arrival of the first units from the Chuckatuck Volunteer Fire Department at 4:37 a.m. the call was upgraded to a residential structure fire.

Captain Barney Howard of Suffolk Fire & Rescue advised that the crews from Engine 29 and Tanker 9 of the Chuckatuck Volunteer Fire Department found heavy fire showing from the structure upon their arrival and did an excellent job in knocking down the fire in the detached two-story garage apartment. The occupant had already vacated the premises upon their arrival.

Responding units from the Chuckatuck Volunteer Fire Department included Engine 29, Tanker 9 and Car 109. Units from Suffolk Fire & Rescue included Engine 25, Ladder 5, Battalion 2, EMS 1, Rescue 1 and Medic 9A. There were no injuries. The structure was declared a total loss.

The fire was called under control at 5:26 a.m. The Fire Marshal's Office is investigating the cause of the fire.

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