

## NEWS RELEASE

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## UPDATE

SUFFOLK, VA (March 11, 2016) Acting Fire Marshal Chuck Chapin advised that Michael Lee Moring was sentenced in Suffolk Circuit Court on Wednesday, March 9, 2016, on the charge of Arson of an Occupied Dwelling House related to the fire that occurred on March 6, 2015 at a residence in the 3500 block of Knotts Neck Road where he was an owner. He was sentenced to 20 years, with 17 years suspended. He has been held at Western Tidewater Regional Jail since his arrest on these charges last March.

A Restitution Hearing related to in excess of \$500,000.00 in damages resulting from the fire is scheduled for April 20, 2016.

## UPDATE

SUFFOLK, VA (March 9, 2015) The Suffolk Fire Marshal's Office arrested Michael Lee Moring, age 62, of Suffolk, Virginia, today, March 9, 2015, on a charge of arson of an occupied dwelling house. Moring is an owner of the home and was the only occupant of the home at the time of the fire.

The Fire Marshal's Office is continuing to handle the ongoing investigation.

**FIRE DESTROYS HOME**

SUFFOLK, VA (March 6, 2015) Suffolk Fire & Rescue responded earlier this afternoon to a residential structure fire in the 3500 block of Knotts Neck Road in rural northern Suffolk.

Emergency Communications received the call at 1:21 p.m. and the first units arrived at 1:26 p.m. Upon arrival firefighters found a two-story home with a basement garage with flames showing from the exterior. No one was home at the time of the fire. The home has been declared a total loss. It is unknown at this time the number of residents that will be displaced.

Battalion 2, Engines 5, 10 and 25, Tanker 1, Ladder 5, and Car 3 responded to the scene, along with Tanker 9 and Engine 29 from the Chuckatuck Volunteer Fire Department, as well as an Engine from the Carrsville Volunteer Fire Department. The Driver Volunteer Fire Department back-filled the station during the response. There were no injuries.

Suffolk Police provided traffic control and security and a portion of the roadway remains closed.

The Fire Marshal's Office is handling the investigation, as the cause of the fire is unknown at this time.

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