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FIREFIGHTERS RESPOND TO COMMERCIAL STRUCTURE FIRE

SUFFOLK, Virginia (April 13, 2016) Suffolk Fire & Rescue crews responded earlier this morning to a commercial structure fire in the 1000 block of Wilroy Road.

Emergency Communications received a call at 5:59 a.m. advising of the fire at Bachand Woodworking Corporation and the first units arrived at 6:05 a.m.

Battalion Chief William Kessinger advised upon arrival they found the large woodworking shop fully-involved requiring a strong defensive attack. The facility was declared a total loss.

Responding units included Engines 1, 2 and 3, Ladders 3 and 6, Battalions 1, 2 and 3, Rescue 1, EMS-1, and Medic 1A. Due to the large response, Engine 4 moved to Station 1 to backfill in case needed. There were no injuries.

The Suffolk Police Department is providing traffic control at the scene and Wilroy Road is currently shut down between Constance Road and Suburban Drive, with traffic being detoured to Portsmouth Boulevard at Constance Road and across to Suburban Drive. Public Works crews are in the process of setting up detour signs as they are anticipating a several hour closure of stretch of Wilroy Road.

The fire was called under control at 6:58 a.m. The Fire Marshal's Office is investigating the cause of the fire.

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