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LIGHTNING STRIKES HOME IN CEDAR POINT

SUFFOLK, Virginia (June 5, 2016) Suffolk Fire & Rescue crews responded earlier this evening to a residential structure fire caused by a lightning strike in the Cedar Point neighborhood.

Emergency Communications received the call at 9:17 p.m. regarding the incident in the 8900 block of River Crescent and the first units arrived on scene at 9:20 p.m.

Battalion Chief Andre Durham advised that upon arrival firefighters found light smoke showing from the right rear corner of the two-story structure from a window in the kitchen area. It was determined that the house had been struck by lightning which caused three sockets to blow out and the fire to travel under the house and into a wall. Crews also found light smoke showing in the attic area.

Responding units included Engines 5, 25 and 29, Ladder 5, Rescue 1, Medic 5, Battalion 2, and EMS-1. Assistance was provided by the Chuckatuck Volunteer Fire Department.

Suffolk Police provided traffic control and security at the scene.

The residents were home at the time of the fire, and the two adults have been temporarily displaced. There were no injuries.

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