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UPDATE

SUFFOLK, VA (March 24, 2015) The Suffolk Fire Marshal's Office advises that this morning's fire that destroyed a garage and several antique vehicles has been ruled as cause undetermined, but is consistent with an electrical issue. The fire was called under control at 3:53 a.m.

The vehicles that were destroyed included a 1964 Studebaker, 1965 Studebaker, 1966 Studebaker, 1955 Chevy Bel Air and a Chevy pick-up.

FIRE DESTROYS GARAGE AND ANTIQUE VEHICLES

SUFFOLK, VA (March 24, 2015) Suffolk Fire & Rescue responded earlier this morning to a residential structure fire in the 700 block of Freeman Mill Road in the rural Whaleyville Borough of Suffolk.

Emergency Communications received the call at 3:00 a.m. and the first units were on scene at 3:10 a.m. Upon arrival firefighters found the detached garage fully involved with flames showing through the roof of the structure. Crews conducted a defensive attack on the garage, but the garage and 5 antique vehicles stored inside were destroyed. The intensity of the flames also caused some minor damage to the exterior of the home however the two occupants were not displaced. There were no injuries.

Responding units included Battalion 1, Engines 1, 2, 7 and 8, Rescue 8, Tanker 1, Fire Marshal, Medic 8 and Tanker 8, which was staffed by the Whaleyville Volunteer Fire Department.

Suffolk Police provided traffic control and security and a portion of the roadway was 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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