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DOWNTOWN RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE FIRE

SUFFOLK, VA (May 1, 2015) Suffolk Fire & Rescue responded shortly after midnight to a residential structure fire in the 100 block of North 10th Street in downtown Suffolk.

Emergency Communications received the call at 12:09 a.m. advising of what the caller initially believed was a brush fire on North 9th Street. The first units arrived on scene at 12:14 a.m. and found the two-story home heavily involved. It was unknown if the home was occupied. Crews began to knock down the fire from the exterior and then transferred to the interior to confirm that the home was in fact vacant. The fire was called under control at 1:11 a.m.

The home next door sustained heat damage to the exterior due to the severity of the flames. There were no injuries.

Battalion 1, Engines 2 and 3, Ladder 3, Medic 3, Rescue 1 and 6, EMS 1 and the Fire Marshal responded.

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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