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FIREFIGHTERS RESPOND TO RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE FIRE

SUFFOLK, Virginia (May 8, 2015) Suffolk Fire & Rescue crews responded to a residential structure fire in the 300 block of Boat Street in the Saratoga neighborhood near downtown Suffolk late Thursday evening.

Emergency Communications received the call at 11:02 p.m. and the first units arrived on scene at 11:07 p.m.

Upon arrival Suffolk Fire & Rescue personnel found heavy flames showing from the windows at the right side of the two-story structure. They were able to quickly knock down the flames. The fire was called under control at 11:26 p.m. There were no injuries.

Responding units included Engines 1 and 2, Ladder 3, Rescue 1, Battalion 1, Medic 1 and EMS 1.

Suffolk Police provided security and a portion of the street was closed.

This is the second time in the last week that firefighters have responded to the vacant residence due to fire. Crews also responded on May 2, 2015 at 1:49 a.m. The Fire Marshal's Office is investigating both of these incidents.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime Line at 1-888-Lock-U-UpSM. When calling Crime Line, callers do not have to give their names or appear in court. Citizens can also utilize TipSoft to anonymously submit crime-related tips through the Web, a text message, or from any Android or iPhone mobile device with the [TipSubmit mobile app](#). Tips can be submitted by visiting www.tipsubmit.com, or by texting the word “**CRIMES**” (274637) with the keyword **SPDVATIP**. TipSoft also supports users’ ability to submit videos or photos using the TipSoft mobile app. If information leads to an arrest, the caller or “tipster” could qualify for a reward of up to \$1,000.

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