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TWO DISPLACED BY KITCHEN FIRE

SUFFOLK, Virginia (May 31, 2015) Suffolk Fire & Rescue crews responded to a residential structure fire in the 200 block of East Washington Street in downtown Suffolk earlier this morning.

Emergency Communications received the call at 11:00 a.m. and the first units arrived on scene at 11:04 a.m.

Upon arrival Suffolk Fire & Rescue personnel found that the fire had been suppressed by a sprinkler system in the kitchen of the second floor apartment. The fire was contained to the kitchen and there was no extension of fire into other apartment units or into the retail businesses on the street level. The fire was called under control at 11:11 a.m. There were no injuries.

There was an extensive amount of water damage to the apartment due to the sprinkler system. Two adults have been displaced and are being assisted by the American Red Cross. The former Chop Shop, located below the apartment, received some water damage. The barber shop has previously relocated to the renovated retail businesses on West Washington Street.

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

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

The kitchen fire was ruled accidental.

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