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KITCHEN FIRE DISPLACES FAMILY OF THREE

SUFFOLK, Virginia (July 11, 2015) Suffolk Fire & Rescue crews responded this morning to a residential structure fire in the 800 block of Second Avenue in the Williamstown neighborhood in downtown Suffolk.

Emergency Communications received the call at 4:47 a.m. and the first units arrived on scene at 4:53 a.m.

Upon arrival at the duplex crews found heavy smoke showing from the rear of the two-story brick structure. Firefighters searched the residences and found them to be clear and were able to then confirm that all of the occupants had evacuated prior to their arrival. The fire originated on the first floor and was determined to be a kitchen fire that extended to the wall and cabinets.

Two adults and one child in the downstairs unit will be temporarily displaced and are being assisted by the property owner. The upstairs unit sustained minor smoke damage, but the one adult and two children that reside there were not displaced.

The fire was called under control at 5:13 a.m. One adult was assessed for smoke inhalation but did not require medical transport. There were no injuries.

Responding units included Engines 1, 2 and 4, Ladders 3 and 6, Medic 1A and Battalion 1.

Suffolk Police provided traffic control as a portion of the roadway was closed.

The cause of the kitchen fire was ruled accidental.

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