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### FIRE DISPLACES FAMILY OF FIVE

SUFFOLK, VA (March 1, 2015) Suffolk Fire & Rescue responded earlier this evening to a residential structure fire in the 3500 block of Matoaka Road in rural Suffolk.

Emergency Communications received the call at 7:39 p.m. and the first units arrived at 7:45 p.m. Upon arrival firefighters found a single story brick ranch with flames showing from the exterior. The residents were alerted by a smoke alarm and had evacuated the premises prior to the arrival of firefighters. The fire originated in the laundry room and extended into the attic of the attached garage. Due to the swift actions of the crew they were able to cut the fire off in the attic to keep it from spreading to the rest of the premises. The fire was called under control at 8:28 p.m. The family of five, including 4 adults and 1 child, were displaced and are being assisted by family. There were no injuries.

Battalion 1, Engines 1, 4 and 6, Medic 6, EMS 1, Ladder 6, Rescue 1, and Tanker 1 responded to the scene, along with Tanker 9 from the Chuckatuck Volunteer Fire Department.

Suffolk Police provided traffic control and security and the roadway was briefly closed.

The cause of the fire is under investigation.

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