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UPDATE

SUFFOLK, VA (April 28, 2015)   Following the investigation into last evening's fire, the Suffolk Fire Marshal's Office has advised that the cause was electrical in nature.

FIRE DESTROYS SINGLE FAMILY HOME

SUFFOLK, VA (April 27, 2015)   Suffolk Fire & Rescue responded this evening to a residential structure fire in the 2800 block of Copeland Road in the rural Whaleyville Borough of Suffolk.

Emergency Communications received the call at 10:52 p.m. and the first units were on scene at 11:04 p.m. Upon arrival firefighters found the single story structure fully involved with flames showing through the roof of the home.   The adult female occupant had evacuated prior to arrival of firefighters. She received emergency medical assessment and treatment at the scene and was treated for non-life threatening injuries. No firefighters were injured.

Responding units included Battalion 1, Engines 1 and 2, Ladder 3, Rescue 1, EMS 1, Tanker 1, Medic 8A, and Tanker 8, which was staffed by the Whaleyville Volunteer Fire Department. The Holland Volunteer Fire Department also had another Tanker available if needed.

The home is a total loss and the occupant will be assisted by the American Red Cross.

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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