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SUFFOLK FIRE & RESCUE RESPOND TO COMMERCIAL STRUCTURE FIRE

SUFFOLK, Virginia (December 17, 2014) Suffolk Fire & Rescue personnel responded to a commercial structure fire in the 180 block of North Main Street at Suffolk Towers Apartments this evening. Emergency Dispatchers were notified of the fire at 9:12 p.m. and the first unit arrived on the scene at 9:15 p.m.

The first responders found a sixth floor apartment full of smoke. The occupant in the apartment stated he fell asleep while cooking. The occupant was able to put the fire out and burned his hands in the process. He was ground transported to Sentara Obici Hospital after receiving emergency medical assessment and treatment by Suffolk Fire & Rescue personnel at the scene. The patient was later transported to Sentara Norfolk General Hospital for additional treatment.

The apartment and sixth floor were ventilated. All occupants were returned to the building without incident. The resident of the apartment will not be displaced as a result of the fire. All units cleared the scene at 9:58 p.m.

Engine 1, Engine 2, Engine 3, Battalion 1, EMS 1, Ladder 3, and Rescue 1 responded to the scene.

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