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## **LAKE PRINCE WOODS BRIEFLY EVACUATED DUE TO MALFUNCTIONING HVAC UNIT**

SUFFOLK, Virginia (January 10, 2015) Suffolk Fire & Rescue crews were on the scene earlier this afternoon at the Lake Prince Woods retirement community, located in the 100 block of Anna Goode Way, following a commercial fire alarm at 2:20 p.m. The first units arrived at 2:25 p.m. and found smoke on the second floor of the facility, however, there was no active fire.

A total of 76 residents in the independent living center were briefly evacuated from the second floor and were able to shelter in place in the facility's lobby area. The Department's Rehab Bus was also on scene if needed due to cold temperatures.

Firefighters inspected the entire facility and the cause of the smoke was isolated to an HVAC unit on the second floor. The facility's maintenance staff will be handling repairs. The second floor was reopened to residents at approximately 4:30 p.m. after the smoke had dissipated and the cause was determined.

Responding units included Engines 1, 4 and 6, Ladders 3 and 6, Rehab 6, Battalions 1 and 2, Medic 1, Rescue 1 and EMS 1. The Chuckatuck Volunteer Fire Department backfilled the affected stations while several units responded. The Suffolk Police Department also responded to handle traffic control.

There were no injuries.

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