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SUFFOLK FIRE & RESCUE RESPOND TO RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE FIRE

SUFFOLK, VA (July 21, 2017) Suffolk Fire & Rescue responded to a residential structure fire in the 200 block of Friar Court this afternoon. Emergency Dispatchers were notified of the incident at 2:11 p.m.

Suffolk Fire & Rescue Deputy Chief Franklin T. Adams noted the first fire unit arrived on the scene at 2:17 p.m. and found heavy flames and smoke coming from the front of the residence. Due to the extreme temperatures at the scene, a total of 49 fire personnel assisted with the incident with individual crews working in 10 minute intervals followed by 30 minutes of rest on the rehab bus. There were two adults and one child home at the time of the fire and they were able to get out of the home safely with no injuries. No fire personnel were injured due to heat or working the fire. The fire was marked under control at 2:52 p.m.

The residents of the home, three adults and one child, are displaced as a result of the fire. The American Red Cross is providing assistance to the residents.

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Battalion 1 and 2, Car 4, Engines 1, 2, 29, 3, 4, 6, EMS 1, Fire Marshal 4 and 6, Medic 1 and 6, Ladder 3 and 6, Rescue 1, Rehab 6, and Training 2 responded to the incident.

Suffolk Police also responded to the scene and a portion of the roadway in the immediate area was closed due to fire operations.

The Fire Marshal's Office determined the cause of the fire to be discarded smoking material.

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