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FIREFIGHTERS RESPOND TO TECHNICAL RESCUE INCIDENT

SUFFOLK, VA (September 28, 2017) Suffolk Fire & Rescue and Suffolk Police responded to the scene of an incident involving a skydiver stuck in a tree in the 2000 block of Meadow Country Road. Emergency Communications received the call at 10:40 a.m.

Battalion Chief David Harrell reported that Fire & Rescue personnel performed a technical rescue to bring the adult male down out of the tree where he was stuck approximately 40 feet off the ground. Ground ladders were brought to the scene and used to bring rope equipment to the skydiver who, after being secured, was lowered to the ground at approximately 11:56 a.m. The skydiver suffered no injuries as a result of the incident.

Technical Rescue teams from Suffolk Fire & Rescue and Chesapeake responded to the scene. Responding units included Battalion 1, Engine 3, Engine 8, EMS 1, Ladder 3, Ladder 6, Medic 1A, Rescue 1, Safety 1, Chesapeake Battalion 3, Chesapeake Medic 15, and Chesapeake Engine 15.

The roadway in the immediate area was shut down during the rescue operation.