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FIRE DESTROYS GARAGE

SUFFOLK, VA (October 12, 2017) Suffolk Fire & Rescue responded this afternoon to a residential structure fire in the 3500 block of White Marsh Road.

Emergency Communications received the call at 12:33 p.m. and the first units arrived at the rural area at 12:43 p.m.

Battalion Chief William Kessinger advised that upon arrival firefighters found the detached garage fully involved with flames showing from all sides of the structure. Crews began a defensive attack due to the garage's close proximity to the residence and other out buildings. The residents had evacuated the nearby home prior to the arrival of firefighters.

The prefabbed garage, approximately 20 'x 20', and its contents were a total loss. Additionally, a nearby outbuilding and the primary residence sustained minor heat damage.

There were no injuries.

Responding units included Battalion 1, Engines 1 and 8, Ladder 3, EMS 1, Medic 3, Safety 1, Tanker 1, Fire Marshal, and Rescue 1. The Whaleyville Volunteer Fire Department also provided assistance with staffing and equipment with Tanker 8.

The Fire Marshal's Office is handling the investigation, as the cause of the fire is unknown at this time.

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