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FIREFIGHTERS RESPOND TO RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE FIRE

SUFFOLK, Virginia (November 21, 2017) Suffolk Fire & Rescue crews responded late Monday evening to a residential structure fire in the 4800 block of Manning Road.

Emergency Communications received the call at 11:25 p.m. and the first units arrived on scene at the rural area at 11:35 p.m.

Battalion Chief Chuck Knight advised that upon arrival firefighters found a large metal shop building attached to a single family residence with the shop section heavily involved and fire extending into the attic area of the residence. Firefighters immediately began defensive operations. The shop building, approximately 60 feet by 80 feet, was destroyed however firefighters were able to minimize damage to the home.

The residents of the home had evacuated prior to the arrival of firefighters. An adult male occupant sustained minor injuries when attempting to open a metal door, and he received emergency medical assessment and treatment but did not require medical transport.

The family of three was displaced, and they are receiving assistance from the American Red Cross. Firefighters were able to render aid to a cat that was barely breathing, and two dogs were also rescued.

Staff from Community Electric responded and cut the meter to the residence which also affected electrical power to a neighbor's home, requiring that they also vacate.

Responding units included Engines 2, 7 and 8, Rescue 1, Medic 8, Battalions 1 and 2, Safety 1, Tankers 1 and 7, and the Whaleyville Volunteer Fire Department provided and

manned Tanker 8, and Tanker 9 was provided and manned by the Chuckatuck Volunteer Fire Department.

The fire was called under control at 12:48 a.m. The cause of the fire is undetermined at this time, and the Fire Marshal's Office will be handling the investigation.

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