

## NEWS RELEASE

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## UPDATE

SUFFOLK, VA (December 29, 2017) Suffolk Police have identified the victim as Ralph Saunders, age 91. The cause of death will be determined by the Medical Examiner. No foul play is suspected.

The Suffolk Fire Marshal's Office has ruled the cause of the fire to be accidental. The occupant reportedly was using a stove to heat the home and combustible material was located too close to the heat source.

The roadway was completely reopened at approximately 11:20 a.m.

### **SUFFOLK FIRE & RESCUE AND SUFFOLK POLICE RESPOND TO RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE FIRE**

SUFFOLK, VA (December 29, 2017) Suffolk Fire & Rescue and Suffolk Police are currently on the scene of a residential structure fire in the 7600 block of South Quay Road/Route 58. Emergency Dispatchers were notified of the incident at 5:45 a.m.

Suffolk Fire & Rescue Battalion Chief Chuck Knight noted the first fire unit arrived on the scene at 5:52 a.m. and found heavy smoke and fire coming from the back side of the home. Suffolk Police are investigating an undetermined death related to the incident. The fire was marked under control at 7:02 a.m.

Westbound Route 58 is currently closed at this location with traffic being detoured at Brentwood Road to Elwood Road.

Battalion 1, Battalion 2, Engine 27, Engine 4, Engine 7, Engine 8, EMS 1, Fire Marshal 1, Fire Marshal 6, Medic 6A, Medic 7A, Medic 8A, Rescue 1, Tanker 8, Rehab 6, Safety 1, Car 102, Suffolk Police, and Carrsville Volunteer units responded to the incident.

The Fire Marshal's Office is investigating the cause of the fire.

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