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SUFFOLK FIRE & RESCUE AND CHESAPEAKE FIRE DEPARTMENTS RESPOND TO RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE FIRE – SOUTH HAMPTON ROADS TRAIL

SUFFOLK, VA (January 26, 2018) Units from Suffolk Fire & Rescue and the Chesapeake Fire Department responded to a residential structure fire in the 4800 block of South Hampton Roads Trail this evening, Friday, January 26, 2018. Suffolk Emergency Dispatchers were notified of the incident at 5:56 p.m.

Suffolk Fire & Rescue Captain Steven Johnson noted that the call was initially received by Chesapeake Dispatchers due to cell towers routing the call to them. Upon their response, it was determined that the incident was actually in Suffolk. Suffolk Fire & Rescue units responded to the scene after a separate report of a brush fire at that location which turned out to be the same working incident. Suffolk units provided assistance to the Chesapeake units to work the fire. The abandoned home is located some distance back in the woods at this location and was declared a total loss. The fire was marked under control at approximately 6:30 p.m. There were no injuries reported as a result of the incident.

Suffolk Fire & Rescue Engine 25, Battalion 2, Ladder 5, Engine 5, and Fire Marshal 4 responded to the incident along with units from the Chesapeake Fire Department.

The cause of the fire remains under investigation by the Suffolk Fire Marshal's Office.

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