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## **RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE FIRE DISPLACES SIX ADULTS**

SUFFOLK, Virginia (March 25, 2018) Suffolk Fire & Rescue crews responded earlier this afternoon to a residential structure fire in the Olde Towne neighborhood in downtown Suffolk.

Emergency Communications received the call at 2:53 p.m., and the first units arrived on scene at the three story frame structure including three apartments in the 200 block of Grace Street at 2:56 p.m.

Battalion Chief Demitri Wilson advised that upon arrival heavy fire was showing from the first floor apartment. The call initially noted that four persons were trapped inside a basement apartment, however, they were all able to safely evacuate prior to the arrival of firefighters. Firefighters were able to rescue a dog from the first floor apartment unit.

The first floor apartment sustained heavy fire damage. Six adults were displaced and are receiving assistance from the American Red Cross. There were no injuries. The fire was called under control at 3:33 p.m.

Suffolk Police provided traffic control at the scene.

Responding units included Engines 1, 2 and 3, Ladder 3, Battalions 1 and 2, Medic 3A, EMS-1, Rescue 1 and Safety 1.

The cause of the fire is undetermined at this time. The Fire Marshal will be investigating.

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