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## **FIREFIGHTERS WORKING LARGE BRUSH FIRE**

SUFFOLK, Virginia (May 11, 2018) Suffolk Fire & Rescue is currently on the scene of a working brush fire. Emergency Communications was made aware of the fire in a heavily wooded area in the 3600 block of Holland Road after a pilot flying overhead contacted the FAA, who then contacted dispatchers at 4:25 p.m. Skydive Suffolk provided assistance in pinpointing the exact location due to the dense woods in the area.

Battalion Chief Demetri Wilson has advised that the scene remains active at this time and that approximately 25 acres has burned. The Virginia Department of Forestry is also on scene with two plows, and they are cutting lines surrounding the fire so that it will eventually burn itself out. There have been no injuries.

Responding units from Suffolk Fire & Rescue include Engines 4, 6 and 7, Rescue 1, Brush 1 and 7, Tanker 1, Battalion 1 and Medic 7. Suffolk Fire & Rescue's COMMS/Drone Team is providing assistance on scene with aerial photography to assist in firefighting coordination efforts.

The cause of the fire is believed to be a lightning strike following last evening's heavy thunderstorms in the area.

Suffolk Police are providing traffic control in the area with one westbound lane in the 3600 block of Holland Road closed for the staging of emergency response vehicles.

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