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CHILD RESCUED FROM COMMUNITY POOL

SUFFOLK, Virginia (June 6, 2018) Suffolk Fire & Rescue personnel performed a technical rescue earlier this afternoon at a community pool in the King's Fork Farms neighborhood.

Emergency Communications was notified of the incident in the 5100 block of Kings Grant Circle at 1:47 p.m. after receiving a call regarding a juvenile female whose hand and a portion of her arm was stuck in the pool vacuum connection port.

Battalion Chief Demitri Wilson advised that upon arrival firefighters found the 7-year old child, who had been playing in the pool while supervised, being supported in the water by an individual in approximately four feet of water. Rescue personnel then took over, supporting the child to keep her head above the water level, however, even after securing power to the pump they were unable to remove her arm, which was stuck in the port to just below the elbow section of her arm. The technical rescue team was able to break the concrete surrounding the pipe in order to free the child, who had been confined for a total of approximately an hour.

The child received emergency medical assessment and treatment on scene for what were believed to be minor injuries, however, she was ground transported to CHKD for further evaluation.

Responding units included Ladder 6, Medic 6, Rescue 1 and Battalion 1.

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