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FAMILY OF NINE DISPLACED IN APARTMENT FIRE

SUFFOLK, Virginia (June 15, 2018) Suffolk Fire & Rescue responded earlier this morning, Friday, June 15, 2018, to the scene of a commercial structure fire in the 2200 block of East Washington Street. Emergency Communications was contacted at 1:06 a.m., and the first units arrived on scene at Hoffler Apartments at 1:14 a.m.

Battalion Chief Demetri Wilson advised that upon arrival at the two-story apartment complex heavy smoke was showing from the second floor unit at the rear of the apartment building. The fire was contained to a second story bedroom and was quickly knocked down. The occupants had been alerted by the functioning smoke detector and had safely evacuated prior to the arrival of firefighters.

The fire was under control at 1:32 a.m. There were no injuries.

One adult and eight children have been displaced as a result of the fire and are being assisted by the American Red Cross.

Responding units included Engines 1, 2, 3 and 4, Rescue 1, Ladders 3 and 6, Medic 3, Battalion 1, Safety 1 and EMS-1. The Fire Marshal's Office will be investigating the cause of the fire.

Traffic control was provided by the Suffolk Police Department.

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