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UPDATE

SUFFOLK, Virginia (June 25, 2018) The Suffolk Fire Marshal's Office is seeking the public's assistance in providing any information related to the residential structure fire that occurred on Sunday, June 24, 2018, in the 400 block of St. James Avenue in a two story duplex. Following the preliminary investigation by the Suffolk Fire Marshal's Office, the incident is being investigated as possible arson. There are no known suspects at this time.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Suffolk Fire Marshal's Office 757-514-4550 or Suffolk Crime Line. To submit online, go to www.p3tips.com, visit the Suffolk Police Department website (www.suffolkva.us/spd) and look for the Suffolk Crime Line link, or go to the Suffolk Police Department Facebook page at www.facebook.com/suffolkpolicedepartment. You can also call 888-LOCK-U-UP, 1-888-562-5887, Option 5. Once a person submits a tip, they will be given a TIP ID and password. With this information they can login at p3tips.com and submit follow-up information, engage in two-way dialogue, be informed of the outcome of the tip, and access any pertinent reward information.

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SUFFOLK FIRE & RESCUE RESPOND TO RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE FIRE – ST. JAMES AVENUE

SUFFOLK, Virginia (June 24, 2018) Suffolk Fire & Rescue responded to the scene of a residential structure fire this morning, Sunday, June 24, 2018, in the 400 block of St. James Avenue. Emergency Communications was contacted at 8:27 a.m. and the first Suffolk Fire & Rescue units arrived on scene at 8:32 a.m.

Battalion Chief Demetri Wilson advised that upon arrival at the two story duplex heavy smoke was showing from the rear of one of the units. The fire damaged the bedroom and extended to the hallway with smoke damage throughout the unit. The other unit also suffered some fire damage in the incident. The fire was marked under control at 9:02 a.m. None of the residents were home at the time of the fire. There were no injuries.

A total of seven occupants have been displaced as a result of the fire with one adult and four children having lived in one unit and two adults in the other. All of the occupants are being assisted by the American Red Cross.

Responding units included Battalion 1, Engines 1, 2, 3, 6, Ladder 3, Rescue 1, Rehab 6, Safety 1, Fire Marshal 5, Medic 1, and EMS 1. Suffolk Police were on the scene providing traffic control.

The cause of the fire is under investigation by the Suffolk Fire Marshal's office.

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