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UPDATE

SUFFOLK, Virginia (July 3, 2018) Suffolk Fire & Rescue advises that the previously unknown substance was safely identified as a dust-like material on gauze packaging.

Emergency response crews have cleared the facility. The office reopened to the public at approximately 10:49 a.m.

ACTIVE INVESTIGATION AT MEDICAL OFFICE FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF POWDERY SUBSTANCE IN MAIL

SUFFOLK, Virginia (July 3, 2018) Suffolk Fire & Rescue and Suffolk Police are currently on scene at the Gastrointestinal & Liver Specialists of Tidewater office located in the 5800 block of Harbour View Boulevard in northern Suffolk.

Emergency Communications was contacted at 8:51 a.m. after staff opening mail discovered a white, powdery substance in an envelope. No one exposed to the substance is showing any signs or symptoms.

The Suffolk Fire Marshal's Office and a State Hazmat representative are currently on scene. An Inspector with the United States Postal Service is en route to the location.

The office is currently closed to the public and employees are sheltering in place while the investigation is ongoing. No patients were affected.

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