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UPDATE

SUFFOLK, Virginia (August 21, 2018) Lieutenant Charles Chapin, Fire Marshal, has advised that following their investigation the cause of the fire that destroyed the home in the 4700 block of Schooner Boulevard yesterday morning has been classified as natural from a lightning strike.

UPDATE

SUFFOLK, Virginia (August 20, 2018) Suffolk Fire & Rescue advises that two adults have been displaced as a result of this morning's fire and that they are receiving assistance from family.

It has since been determined that no one was at home when the fire started. The information that was included in this morning's initial release was based on information initially received on scene.

The home has been declared a total loss. The Fire Marshal's Office investigation as it relates to the cause of the fire remains ongoing.

HOME DESTROYED IN EARLY MORNING FIRE

SUFFOLK, Virginia (August 20, 2018) Suffolk Fire & Rescue units remain on the scene of a residential structure fire in the 4700 block of Schooner Boulevard in the Schooner Cove neighborhood.

Emergency Communications was notified at 5:06 a.m. and the first units arrived on scene at 5:13 a.m.

Battalion Chief Dave Harrell advised that upon arrival at the two-story residence the home was almost fully involved and firefighters immediately began defensive operations. It was confirmed that all occupants had evacuated, however, it is not known at this time how many individuals will be displaced.

There were no injuries.

Heavy storms were reported in the immediate area earlier this morning, however, the cause of the fire has not been confirmed and the Fire Marshal's Office will be handling the investigation.

Responding units included Engines 5, 10 and 25, Ladder 5, Medic 10A, and Battalion 2.

Traffic control was provided by the Suffolk Police Department and Schooner Boulevard remains closed at this time due to the staging of emergency equipment.

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