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FIREFIGHTERS RESPOND TO TWO ALARM FIRE AT ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY

SUFFOLK, Virginia (October 11, 2016) Suffolk Fire & Rescue crews responded this evening to a two alarm commercial structure fire in the 2500 block of East Washington Street.

Emergency Communications received the call at 7:42 p.m., and the first units arrived at the Tabernacle Gardens Assisted Living Facility at 7:48 p.m.

Captain Barney Howard advised that upon arrival, Engine 3 company encountered light smoke showing from a storage room, and that the sprinkler system had already been activated. Firefighters were able to quickly extinguish the fire which was confined to the storage room.

Residents at the facility were self-evacuating upon their arrival, and crews searched room to room and assisted 2 residents that were still confined to their rooms. All 53 residents and 2 staff members were accounted for, and there were no injuries. No one was displaced as a result of the fire.

Responding units included Battalions 1 and 2, Engines 1, 2, 3 and 4, Ladders 3 and 5, EMS-1, Medics 1A and 3A, and Rescue 1 and 6.

The Suffolk Police Department provided traffic control at the scene.

The Fire Marshal's Office will handle the investigation as to the cause of the fire.

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