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BAN ON OPEN BURNING IN EFFECT

SUFFOLK, Virginia (February 18, 2011) - The Suffolk Fire Marshal's Office advises of a ban on open burning in the City of Suffolk. The ban is effective immediately and will last through Monday, February 21, 2011, midnight. Recent weather conditions have made it extremely hazardous for any open burning. Conditions will be evaluated again early next week.

It is important to note that a State Burn Ban is in effect from February 14, 2011, midnight, through April 30, 2011. For any burning whatsoever, to include land clearing by a contractor, a Burn Permit must be approved by the Fire Marshal's Office. They may be reached at 514-4540. In the City of Suffolk with a Burn Permit, you can burn after 4:00 p.m., however, as noted, there is a ban on **all** open burning at this time.

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