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UPDATE

SUFFOLK, VA (February 5, 2009) Suffolk Fire and Rescue responded to the report of a residential fire, in the 4000 blk. of Pughsville Rd., just after 11 a.m. When they arrived on scene, the residence was fully involved in fire. Firefighters were able to bring the blaze under control within forty minutes. A Fire Marshal responded to the scene to investigate. The home was a total loss.

Preliminary investigation revealed that the home owner was not actively staying in the home due to the cold. He was instead staying in an adjacent mobile home. The home owner had gone into the house to retrieve some personal effects. While inside he started a fire in a wood stove and then laid on the couch. When he awoke, the house was on fire.

The Fire Marshal was able to determine that the fire originated at the wood stove and the fire was ruled accidental. The home owner was not injured, but taken to the hospital by family members, due to an unrelated medical condition.

While on scene, three to four animal carcasses were discovered outside of the residence. Suffolk Animal Control responded to investigate. The carcasses, believed to be dogs and cats, were decomposing and were unrelated to the fire. That investigation is ongoing.

The fire scene has been cleared and Pughsville Rd. has reopened.

SUFFOLK, VA (February 5, 2009) The 4000 blk. of Pughsville Rd. is currently closed, in both directions, due to a working residential fire. More information will be shared as it becomes available.

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