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Firefighters Extinguish Vehicle & Duplex Fire

Suffolk, VA (May 18, 2009) Suffolk Fire and Rescue responded to a duplex fire on Saturday, May 16. Firefighters were notified of the structure fire in the 200 blk. of Columbus Ave. at 5:20 a.m.

The fire began as a vehicle fire in the driveway. The fire quickly spread to the residence. The adjoining duplex also sustained damage from the intense flames.

Engine Company 3 made a fire attack on exposures and the vehicle. Engine Company 2 made interior fire attack in the home. Ladder 3 secured utilities and checked adjoining apartments for occupants and damage.

Firefighters were able to bring the fire under control within twenty minutes. All occupants exited the residence safely. A family of four – two adults and two children – were displaced. The Red Cross assisted with relocation of the family.

The fire caused approximately \$25,000 in damages to the residence and vehicle. The cause of the fire remains under investigation by the Fire Marshal's Office.

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