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SUFFOLK, VA (October 7, 2009) Suffolk Fire and Rescue were called to battle two blazes today. The first incident, a brush fire in the 1600 blk. of Lummis Rd., was reported around noon today. Strong winds aided the rapid spread of the blaze which consumed approximately twelve acres of a cut corn field.

Fire crews were able to contain the fire before it extended into the woods and threatened structures on Quaker Drive. Crews worked for approximately 1 ½ hours to bring the fire under control. Approximately twenty-five firefighters and ten units responded to the blaze. The cause was accidental and no injuries were reported.

Fire crews were once again called into action at approximately 3:15 pm, when a structure fire was reported in the 300 block of Fuller St. Upon arrival, fire crews reported heavy smoke showing from a one-story single family dwelling. Crews were able to bring the fire under control in fifteen minutes. The kitchen sustained extensive fire damage. The rest of the structure received significant heat and smoke damage.

The cause of the fire was cooking related and determined to be accidental. Structural damage was estimated at \$5,000.00 and the loss of contents was approximately \$8,000.00. Eighteen fire personnel and six units responded to the blaze. No injuries were reported. Two occupants were displaced and declined Red Cross assistance.

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