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SUFFOLK, Va. (October 8, 2009) – Members of Suffolk Fire and Rescue Fire Marshal's office along with members of the Tidewater Regional Arson Panel are currently on the scene of this morning's three alarm fire on St. James Avenue. They are working to collect evidence that may lead to the cause of the fire.

Early indications are that the fire originated at 119 St. James Avenue, a vacant residence, just before 4:30 this morning. The fire spread to residences on both sides of the structure.

Approximately forty firefighters responded to battle the blaze. There were no reports of injuries to the occupants or firefighters.

Six people were displaced due to the fire. The Red Cross is assisting those affected. Dominion Power is currently on scene working to restore power. According to Dominion, there are approximately 170 customers without power. They are working to isolate the area of damage and hope to restore power to the majority of the area within the hour.