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SUFFOLK FIRE & RESCUE BATTLE HOUSE FIRES

SUFFOLK, Virginia (May 17, 2011) – Suffolk Fire & Rescue were kept busy this weekend battling two house fires. The first fire was reported Saturday just before 5 p.m. in the 400 block of Roosevelt Drive, when a teen called to report an upstairs room on fire. When firefighters arrived on scene they found heavy fire. It took firefighters approximately thirty-five minutes to bring the fire under control.

There were no injuries reported. Five people were displaced. They were assisted by the Suffolk Chapter of the American Red Cross. The cause of fire is under investigation.

An early morning fire was reported Sunday just before 7 a.m. Smoke and flames were reported to be coming from a two story residence in the 100 block of St. James Avenue. Firefighters arriving on scene found the blaze had spread from the first floor up to the second floor and attic. Firefighters battled the blaze for approximately thirty minutes before bringing it under control.

The house's only occupant was checked at the scene for possible smoke inhalation.

The cause of the fire was determined to be accidental.

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