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SUFFOLK, Va. (December 26, 2009) – Suffolk Fire and Rescue responded to a commercial fire at Suffolk Auto Body, located in the 900 blk. of Portsmouth Blvd. early this morning. The blaze was called in at approximately 6:18 am, by a citizen that was passing by and saw flames coming from the one story building. Firefighters arrived on scene quickly and observed flames coming from through the roof.

Firefighters from five Suffolk fire stations responded to fight the two alarm fire. They were able to bring the blaze under control within an hour and a half. No civilians of firefighters were injured however; a dog did perish in the fire.

The owner of the heavily damaged business was thankful for the firefighter's response and efforts. He advised that the garage was full of vehicles belonging to customers that had not been picked up before the Christmas holiday. Ten employees will be without work until the business can be reopened. The owner advised that January is typically the business' busy season.

Members of the Suffolk Fire Marshal's office responded to investigate. The cause of the fire remains under investigation.

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