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UPDATE

SUFFOLK, Va. (February 16, 2011) – Personnel from Suffolk Fire & Rescue are back on the scene of the brush fire which had been called under control just over an hour ago. Tires and debris in a swampy area adjacent to the 53 acres initially scorched have ignited. This section was unreachable by the Forestry Department as they established a fire line with plows. No homes are being threatened at this time. Two summonses have been issued against the homeowner, James Ray Wright, for Setting Fire During Restricted Time of Day, a Class 3 Misdemeanor, and an Illegal Burn, which is a Class 1 Misdemeanor. It is important to note that a State Burn Ban is in effect from February 14, 2011, midnight, through April 30, 2011. For any burning whatsoever, to include land clearing by a contractor, a Burn Permit must be approved by the Fire Marshal's Office, who can be reached at 514-4540. In the City of Suffolk with a Burn Permit, you can burn after 4:00 p.m.

SUFFOLK, Va. (February 16, 2011) – Suffolk Fire and Rescue, Holland Volunteer Fire Department and Whaleyville Volunteer Fire Department are currently on the scene of a brush fire in the 5700 blk. of Quince Rd (Holland area). The fire was reported at 1:49 p.m.

Early indications are that a shed fire spread to and consumed approx. 53 acres of field. The fire has now spread to the adjoining wood line. The Forestry Department is on scene with plows establishing a fire line.

No homes are being threatened at this time.

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