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UPDATE

Suffolk, VA (February 24, 2017) – Due to the earlier fire, the 8500 block of Crittenden Road was completely closed earlier this afternoon. At this time one lane is currently open and Officers are alternating traffic. Public Works crews were also on scene to place detour signs.

FIRE DESTROYS HOME

Suffolk, VA (February 24, 2017) – Suffolk Fire & Rescue crews responded this afternoon to a residential structure fire in a rural area off Crittenden Road.

Emergency Communications received a call at 12:35 p.m. regarding the incident at a residence in the 1600 block of Mt. Lebanon Avenue, and the first unit arrived on scene at 12:38 p.m.

Battalion Chief Craig Abraham advised that upon arrival at the single story residence they found heavy fire in the attached garage and the left side of the residence. The occupant had vacated prior to the arrival of firefighters.

The home and garage have been declared a total loss. A residence next door sustained damage from heat exposure.

Two firefighters sustained minor injuries and were ground transported to a local hospital.

One adult was displaced as a result of the fire and is being assisted by the American Red Cross.

Responding units included Engines 5, 6 and 25, Ladder 5, Rescue 1, Medics 5 and 9, Battalions 1 and 2, and Engine 29 from the Chuckatuck Volunteer Fire Department.

Suffolk Police provided traffic control at the scene.

The Fire Marshal's Office is investigating.

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