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**THREE DISPLACED IN RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE FIRE**

SUFFOLK, VA (January 7, 2019) Suffolk Fire & Rescue responded to the scene of a residential structure fire earlier this morning, Monday, January 7, 2019, in the 300 block of Carolina Road in downtown Suffolk. Emergency Communications was contacted at 8:59 a.m. and the first units arrived on scene at 9:02 a.m.

Acting Battalion Chief Captain Keith Johnson advised that upon arrival heavy smoke was showing from the roof and attic area of the two-story residence. The fire was contained to the attic and was marked under control at 9:23 a.m. The residence sustained water and smoke damage. The occupants of the home which had been renovated into two separate apartments have been displaced, including one adult on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor and two adults on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, and will be assisted by the American Red Cross. There were no injuries.

Responding units included Battalions 1 and 2, Engines 1, 2, 3 and 4, Ladders 3 and 6, Rescue 1, EMS-1, Medic 1, Safety 1, and Cars 1 and 4.

Suffolk Police provided traffic control in the area and Carolina Road between Fayette Street and Granby Street was briefly closed.

The Fire Marshal's Office will be investigating to determine the cause of the fire.

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