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AGED ELECTRICAL PANEL FOUND TO BE ORIGIN OF HOUSE FIRE

NEW KENT VIRGINIA, MAY 4, 2009: Fire-Rescue and Sheriff's Office personnel have determined the origin of a recent house fire to be the electrical panel in the structure located at 16320 New Kent Highway.

At approximately 6:45 p.m. on Tuesday, April 28, 2009, New Kent County dispatch received a call reporting a house fire. Six units arrived on the scene within 10 minutes and found the structure to be fully involved. Firefighters proceeded with a defensive attack using over 10,000 gallons of water on the structure said Fire Marshal John West.

The tenant was not home at the time of the fire and a neighbor removed the family pets from the house before fire crews arrived. No injuries were reported West said.

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West and Detective Matt Wiggins led the investigation. Property damage is estimated at \$50,000.

There were no smoke detectors present in the house West said. For information on the New Kent County Fire-Rescue free smoke detector program, contact John West, New Kent Fire Marshal, at (804) 966-9618.

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