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HOUSE FIRE

Yesterday 04/03 at 4:37 PM, Colonial Heights Fire and EMS were dispatched to the 300 Block of Fairfax Ave for a reported house fire with a person burned. When units arrived, they found a single family home with smoke showing. The burn victim was an elderly male who was standing outside the house. Crews quickly controlled the fire and treated the victim. The victim was transported to MCV and last known to be in stable condition. Chesterfield Truck 12 and Fort Lee ambulance responded to the scene to assist. Some neighbors reported that they saw the elderly occupant on the front porch and then saw the smoke coming from the residence. Neighbors attempted to extinguish the fire with an extinguisher prior to the fire departments arrival. None of the neighbors were injured. Damage is estimated at about $6,000 dollars. The fire was caused by the victim heating shoe polish wax with a lighter. This caught fire and quickly spread to his clothing and chair.