



# CITY OF COLONIAL HEIGHTS

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### FOOD LION COMMERCIAL FIRE

Today 03/29/18 at 4:46 PM, Colonial Heights and Chesterfield Fire were dispatched to the Food Lion 11 Dunlop Village for a reported structure fire. When units arrived, the manager reported that they had a fire in the meat department. At this point, additional fire units from Chesterfield responded as well as units from Petersburg and Hopewell to assist. Fire units from Fort Lee and Petersburg and an ambulance from Prince George responded into the City to cover other emergency calls. All of the customers and employees were able to exit the store. Four people were treated for minor smoke inhalation. Later one of those wished to be transported for treatment. The fire was reported under control at 5:30. The fire sprinkler system did activate and control the fire till fire crews could extinguish the hot spots. The meat department suffered major fire damage. The rest of the building suffered smoke damage. The cause of the fire appears to be a malfunction in a mechanical refrigeration unit. The damage to the building is estimated about \$15,000. Estimated damage to product is unknown at this time. Virginia Department of Agriculture responded because they regulate grocery stores. The business remains closed till clean up and some safety repairs are made.