Fire displaces six in Moloa’a

MOLOA’A – A fire in Moloa’a on Ko’olau Road displaced six residents on Thursday.

No injuries were reported, and residents were not at home at the time of the fire. Volunteers with the American Red Cross assisted the displaced individuals.

Firefighters responded to a report of a structure fire to a two-story dwelling in Moloa’a on Ko’olau Road at approximately 1:20 p.m. on Thursday.

Personnel from the Kapa’a, Kaaiakea, and Līhu’e fire stations; Rescue 3; Air 1; the Fire Prevention Bureau; the on-duty Battalion Chief; Kaua’i Police Department; the Department of Public Works; and the American Red Cross responded to the incident.

A portion of Ko’olau Road was closed for about five hours, as first responders established a post and shuttled water. Only local traffic was permitted to use the road.

According to a preliminary report, upon arrival at approximately 1:30 p.m., fire personnel discovered a two-story residence fully engulfed in flames.

Firefighters utilized Tender 1 and a tanker from the Department of Public Works and shuttled water via Ko’olau Road to assist with extinguishment. Additionally, Air 1 used a water drop on the blaze.

Firefighters extinguished the fire and cleared the scene by approximately 5:20 p.m.

At approximately 7:40 p.m., a crew with the Kaaiakea fire station returned to the scene to investigate smoldering remains.
Today, crews with the KFD Fire Prevention Bureau are on scene, as the cause of the fire remains under investigation.

Damages to structure and belongings are estimated at $965,000.