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Firefighters extinguish brush fire in Waimea on Thursday

WAIMEA – Kaua‘i Fire Department firefighters extinguished a brush fire that broke out in Waimea on Thursday morning.

No injuries were reported, and no structures were threatened.

Personnel with the Waimea and Hanapēpē fire stations, Kaua‘i Police Department, and the on-duty Battalion Chief responded to the incident.

According to a preliminary report, at approximately 11 a.m., firefighters were dispatched to a car on fire near the makai shoulder of Waimea Canyon Drive in Waimea near mile marker 2. Upon arrival, firefighters discovered a Toyota SUV fully engulfed in flames. Additionally, on the opposite side of the roadway, brush approximately 200 by 100 feet was also on fire.

According to KPD personnel on scene, the SUV caught on fire which then caused the driver to attempt to pull to the side and lose control, thereby causing the brush fire. No criminal charges were filed, according to KPD. Due to the brush fire, Waimea Canyon Drive was closed to traffic for approximately three hours.

At approximately 11:15 a.m., Truck 6 arrived on scene to attack the southern end of the brush fire. By 11:35 a.m., the vehicle fire was extinguished. Crews continued to attack the brush fire utilizing a water supply from a fire hydrant by Panini Place. At 12:20 p.m., the brush fire was under control and extinguished at 1:45 p.m.
Firefighters cleared the scene at approximately 2:20 p.m.