Fire destroys shed, damages portion of home in Lawai Monday

LAWAI – Firefighters extinguished a fire in Lawai Monday evening that destroyed a shed and damaged the rear portion of a home.

No injuries were reported, and no one was displaced.

According to a preliminary report, firefighters responded to a call of a utility structure fire on Akemama Road in Lawai at approximately 9 p.m. Monday.

Personnel from the Kalāheo, Hanapēpē, and Līhu’e fire stations; the Fire Prevention Bureau; and the on-duty Battalion Chief responded to the incident.

According to a preliminary report, upon arrival, firefighters from the Kālaheo fire station were first on scene and discovered a shed fully engulfed in flames – with the main home just a few feet from the fire. Firefighters from the Hanapēpē and Līhu’e stations later arrived to assist with extinguishment, preventing widespread fire to the Lawai home.

Firefighters cleared the scene at approximately 11 p.m.

Fire Prevention Bureau inspectors estimated that 20% of the main home suffered fire damage. However, the shed is considered a total loss. Damages to the property and its contents are estimated at $175,000.

Due to extensive damage, the cause of the fire is considered undetermined.