



## THE COUNTY OF KAUA'I

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#### **Firefighters respond to structure fire in Kalāheo**

KALĀHEO – Firefighters responded to a structure fire that broke out Thursday afternoon along Kaumuali'i Highway in Kalāheo.

A female occupant who was home at the time was able to escape unharmed. She did not report any injuries.

Firefighters from the Hanapēpē, Kalāheo and Līhu'e fire stations were dispatched to the scene at approximately 1:45 p.m. Thursday, and found a two-story building fully engulfed in heavy smoke and flames.

The fire was deemed under control and extinguished shortly after 2:45 p.m. However, firefighters currently remain on scene to mop up and extinguish any hot spots.

During the incident, Kaua'i police closed Kaumuali'i Highway, between Kuli and Lauoho roads, and assisted with traffic control. The portion of the highway remains closed at this time and traffic is being diverted.

While the cost of damages are not yet known, the structure is considered a total loss.

Volunteers from the American Red Cross are assisting the displaced family of the home.

The cause of the fire remains under investigation.





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