



## THE COUNTY OF KAUA'I

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#### **Firefighters remain at the scene of Po'ipū Brush Fire**

PO'IPŪ – Firefighters continue to battle hotspots at the scene of a large brush fire that initially broke out Tuesday afternoon in Poipu, in the vicinity of Ala Kinoiki, Po'ipū, and Old Mill roads.

No injuries or structural damage have been reported.

Fire crews had the roughly 500-acre fire under control at approximately 9:15 p.m. on Tuesday, and remain at the scene on Wednesday. Fire crews continue to patrol the area for flare ups, with personnel from the KPD Prevention Bureau also conducting their investigation, as well as the on-duty Battalion Chief on scene.

On Tuesday, firefighters responded to the brush fire that was reported at approximately 3:30 p.m. Firefighters first arrived on scene at approximately 3:40 p.m., with Air 1 en route at approximately 3:50 p.m. Twenty four KFD personnel from the Kōloa, Kalāheo, and Līhu'e fire stations, including Rescue 3, and the on-duty Battalion Chief, responded to the incident.

Firefighters were assisted by water tenders from CJM Stables, Wa'alani Enterprises, the Department of Public Works Roads Division, Goodfellow Bros., and Paul's Electric. Po'ipū Bay Golf Course, Blue Knight Services Hawai'i, Koloa Zipline, and Grove Farm also assisted with the incident. Assisting Air 1 were three helicopters from Airborne Aviation and a helicopter from Jack Harter that made water drops on the fire.



Kaua'i Police Department personnel responded to the scene at approximately 4:15 p.m. to close Ala Kinoiki (from Po'ipū Road to Weliweli Road), Old Mill Road, and Po'ipū Road (east of Ala Kinoiki intersection). Police officers assisted with traffic control as well as notifying surrounding residents of evacuations.

As a safety precaution, fire officials evacuated residents on Kipuka Street, including all connecting roads and Weliweli Tract at approximately 5:20 p.m. Due to the evacuation, volunteers with the American Red Cross opened a shelter, with the assistance of the Department of Parks and Recreation, at the Kōloa Neighborhood Center from 8:30 to 9:15 p.m.

At approximately 8:50 p.m., officials reopened Kipuka Street, connecting roads, and Weliweli Tract and subsequently lifted the evacuation notice for those residents. Po'ipū Road was reopened at 9:15 p.m. Ala Kinoiki remained closed through the night and reopened at approximately 6:20 a.m. on June 12.

On Wednesday, due to a small fire that reignited in the area, Kaua'i Police Department personnel closed Ala Kinoiki (from Po'ipū Road to Weliweli Road) from 12:30 to 1 p.m. That fire is now contained but crews remain on scene to monitor any flare ups.

The cause of the fire is under investigation.



Photo caption: Kaua'i firefighters, with the assistance of various landowners and agencies, extinguished a 500-acre brush fire in Po'ipū, near the vicinity of Ala Kinoiki, Po'ipū, and Old Mill roads, on Tuesday.



Photo captions: On Wednesday, Kaua'i Fire Department crews remain on scene to monitor any flare ups.

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