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Firefighters extinguish 25-acre brush fire in 'Ele'ele

PORT ALLEN – Kaua'i firefighters extinguished a brush fire that broke out in a 25-acre area in 'Ele'ele on Saturday. Although most of the fire was extinguished, crews were on the scene Sunday to put out flare-ups and hot spots.

No injuries were reported, and no structures were threatened.

Personnel with the Hanapepe fire station, Tender 1, Rescue 3, Air 1, the on-duty Battalion Chief,

and the area's landowners responded to the incident.

According to a preliminary report, at approximately 4:15 p.m. Saturday, KFD personnel were dispatched to a brush fire near a cemetery by Glass Beach in Port Allen, 'Ele'ele.

Firefighters arrived on the scene, discovered 30-by-30 feet of brush on fire, and controlled the west perimeter and spot fires. Because of the fire's proximity and terrain, crews could not reach the head of the fire. Rescue 3 and Tanker 1 assisted along the dirt road near the coffee fields. Along with Rescue 3, Tanker 1, and Air 1, crews initially focused their attention near the solar panels by the Kaua'i Island Utility Cooperative area. Kaua'i Coffee management and crews with Alexander and Baldwin were also on scene with a front loader and tanker to assist with the fire.

Air 1 and Rescue 3 personnel shifted their attention near the Camp 1 area until Air 1 left due to darkness. Crews continued putting for hot spots and monitored the area.

With most of the fire under control and away from structures, KFD personnel cleared the scene at approximately 9:50 p.m. Saturday. Security with Kaua'i Coffee continued monitoring hots spots throughout the night.

Hanapēpē firefighters were in the area Sunday to extinguish additional flare-ups and hot spots and left the scene at approximately 1:10 p.m. Sunday.

The cause of the fire is undetermined.



