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Kaua'i Fire Department continues to assist DLNR in fighting Miloli'i fire

KOKEE – Kaua'i firefighters continue to assist the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) in fighting a 40-acre wildfire that began Monday on Milolii Ridge in Kokee.

The Kaua'i Fire Department today brought its Communications Vehicle to the scene of the fire to assist the multiple-agency response team in communicating directly with each other.

"With the use of our Communications Vehicle, all crews are now able to correspond on one tactical channel," stated Deputy Fire Chief John Blalock. "With a full team in the air and multiple agencies on the ground, communication is of vital importance to the safety of our responders."

In addition to the Communications Vehicle, county assets currently on scene include: Air 1; Engine 7; Truck 7; and a water tender provided by the Department of Public Works.

DLNR reports that steep terrain and limited ground access have made the blaze difficult to put out. However, no structures are threatened and no injuries have been reported.

In the interest of public safety, and to allow firefighters necessary access, the Kaua'i Fire Department has enforced a Temporary Flying Restriction until 7 p.m. Sunday, June 3, and is urging the public to stay out of the surrounding area until the fire is extinguished.

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