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### **Fire displaces two in Hanalei early Monday**

HANALEI – A fire in Hanalei early Monday morning displaced two residents.

No injuries were reported. However, volunteers with the America Red Cross assisted the displaced individuals.

Firefighters responded to a report of an explosion and then confirmed a structure fire in Hanalei on Weke Road at approximately 1 a.m. on Monday.

Personnel from the Hanalei, Kaiakea, and Kapa'a fire stations; Rescue 3; the on-duty Battalion Chief; Kaua'i Island Utility Cooperative; KFD Fire Prevention Bureau, and AMR responded to the incident.

According to a preliminary report, upon arrival, fire personnel discovered two single-story dwellings fully engulfed in flames, with neighboring properties beginning to flame. Due to fallen power lines, access to the front of the residence was limited. KIUC was able to cut all power to both structures.

Firefighters utilized a defensive strategy, knocking down the fire on the North structure, while protecting exposure on the South structure, preventing further growth of the blaze. The fire was under control at approximately 2:20 a.m. and was extinguished at approximately 3:30 a.m.

Firefighters cleared the scene at approximately 7:30 a.m.

Both structures are considered a total loss. Damages are estimated at \$952,800.

The cause of the fire remains under investigation.



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