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## **PTA firefighters contains fire burns**

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POHAKULOA TRAINING AREA, Hawaii—PTA-based firefighters contained four fires that grew into two larger fires, consuming approximately 14 acres on June 11.

“The initial reports came in that there were fires in Waimea, at the junction roads of Waikoloa Road and Mamalahoa road,” Eric Moller, PTA deputy fire chief/acting garrison fire chief, said.

“We immediately dispatched one of our brush vehicles, with two of our personnel, to investigate and put another one on standby. Shortly, we found out that there were four separate fires burning in the area of Waikoloa Road, approximately one mile north of Waikoloa Village,” Moller added

“PTA’s Brush Fire Truck #1(which was already enroute) and PTA’s Brush Truck #2 were directed to Waikoloa Road to assist Hawaii County firefighters,” Moller said. “The four fires grew in two places and became two larger fires which consumed approximately 14 acres. We were located at the upper fire. The overcast clouds and calm wind conditions let us get these fires out pretty quickly.”

The fires were contained by the firefighters within an hour and were declared out by the next day, according to Moller. The fires are suspicious and authorities continue to investigate the causes of the fires. All PTA assets were back at the Army installation, ready to respond to the next emergency call.

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