



PHOTOS / JOE FOHN
Law enforcement officials secure the scene of a structure fire on 16th St. Wednesday, Dec. 28. After several hours of battling the blaze, firefighters ultimately quenched the flames. The residence, obscured by heavy smoke (right), was completely overwhelmed when firemen arrived, and the structure, as evidenced in the photo below, was a total loss.

Fire destroys house on 16th Street

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Hondo Volunteer Fire Company was called out to a residence in the 400 block of 16th St. on Wednesday, Dec. 28 at 11:16 a.m. for a propane tank on fire. However, according to a fire department official, Hondo Police who were already on scene, advised that it was a structure on fire, and the propane tanks were located

inside the residence. “How long the fire had been burning was unknown,”the HVFC official noted, “but when fire units arrived, the house was fully engulfed.” Firefighting units from Castroville and D’Hanis were called for mutual aid. In all, six units and 12 fire-fighting personnel battled the blaze. “Fire personnel had a difficult time trying to fully extinguish the flames because

the structure had multiple roofs, and the fire was located between them,” the official continued. The residence was a total loss. At the time of the fire, the structure had no running water or electricity, according to HVFC. At 3:30 p.m., fire personnel left the scene. Cause of the fire and whether or not the house was occupied remained unknown as the *Anvil Herald* went to press.



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