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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Fire destroys old clubhouse on Ponderosa Drive in Log Hill Village

Ouray County, Colo. – Cause of fire at old clubhouse under investigation

At 6:09p.m. Saturday, November 26, 2022, a call was received through 911 dispatch of a fire at the old clubhouse on Ponderosa Drive in Log Hill Village, Ridgway Colo. Fire departments from Log Hill, Ridgway, Ouray and Montrose all responded to the call and upon arrival at the scene, the clubhouse was found to be fully engulfed in flames. Fire crews worked tirelessly on the fire and had it under control close to 9:30p.m. with crews leaving the scene around 3:00a.m. There was no threat to the surrounding neighborhood and no evacuation orders were initiated.

The Sheriff's Office extends its deepest appreciation to all responding first responders, including Log Hill Volunteer Fire Department, Ouray Volunteer Fire Department, Ridgway Fire Protection District, and Montrose Fire District, Ridgway Marshal's Office, and Ouray County EMS. Thank you to San Miguel Power Association, and Black Hills Energy for their quick response in turning off utilities to the building. And thank you to True Grit Cafe for bringing coffee to the crews and to the local girls who dropped off donuts this morning to deputies who have been securing the scene since last night.

As a reminder to our community members, the entire area of the old clubhouse has been taped off by law enforcement and is an active investigation scene - it is not open to the public to view closer.

The cause of the fire is under investigation and no other details are available at this time.

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