

Officials: Cliffs' Lakehouse Restaurant a total loss after fire

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PICKENS — Residents in the Keowee Vineyards community reported a structure fire at the Cliffs' Lakehouse Restaurant on Monday at 11:19 p.m., according to a news release from Pickens County.

Fire crews battled heavy flames and smoke, and additional fire crews were called to assist. Altogether, five departments, 25 firefighters and eight pieces of equipment were used to extinguish the fire.

There was no loss of life or injuries to the community or emergency personnel, but officials said the Lakehouse Restaurant is a total loss.

Due to the loss, the S.C. Law Enforcement Division has been asked to investigate. The cause of the fire is not yet determined.

Restaurant burns at The Cliffs at Keowee

STAFF REPORT

A private community restaurant at The Cliffs at Keowee Vineyards in Pickens County burned late Monday night.

The fire was reported around 11:15 p.m.

The roof caved in, and the building is a total loss, according to a statement from Lauren Gilstrap, a Pickens County spokeswoman.

The cause of the fire has not been de-

termined. Due to the extent of the damage, the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division has been called to assist in the investigation, Gilstrap said.

The restaurant covers about 5,000 square feet and is seasonal. It is used for events such as weddings and meetings.

Firefighters from Vineyards, Holly Springs, Shady Grove, Pickens Rural and Keowee fire departments responded to the blaze.