

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT JUNE 9, 2021

I. BUDGET

- 1) FY 2020/2021 - County Budget:
 - a) We are 11 months into our fiscal year budget cycle and our spending continues to be on track but tight in the OCE portion of the budget. Total current spending through May 31st is at 84.12% with 91.78% of the fiscal year completed.
 - b) Salaries and Wages sit at 85.46% Fire and 87.39% EMS; however, we may see changes here as funding is shifted back to cover Cares Funding per the fiscal department. At the moment, we seem to be in a good position.
 - c) OCE purchases have been halted except for critical needs. Current Expenditures as of May 31st sit at 95.67% in Fire, and 95.68 in EMS.

- 2) State Funded Budget Items:
 - a) State funding for lifeguards was cut, however, the County of Hawaii is currently looking at using 3.6 million from the American Rescue Plan to offset some of this funding shortfall.
 - b) EMS reimbursements for FY19/20 submitted and received for 6.5 million closing out FY19/20 financials.
 - c) EMS reimbursements for FY 20/21 Q1, Q2, submitted. Reimbursement for July and August have been received for 2.9 million. September through January need to be recalculated. Remainder of the year is in progress and should be submitted by July 31st.

- 3) FY 2021/2022 – County Budget:
 - a) County Council added a total of \$335,000 to the Hawaii Fire Department Budget.
 - a. \$75,000 to 5221.02.115 Misc Contract Services
 - i. Laundry and bulldozers;
 - b. \$50,000 to 5221.10.457 Fire Station Equip
 - i. Extrication equipment, fire equipment;
 - c. \$160,000 to 5221.10.480 Fire Protection Eqpt. Misc
 - i. For an air compressor;
 - d. \$50,000 to 5225.02.228 Equip Maint Oce, M.V./Hvy Eqpt.
 - i. For the mechanics budget for parts.

II. ALTERNATIVE FUNDING AND GRANTS

- 1) SAFER Grant – Grant submitted for six (6) Captain Positions and three (3) FF positions. **No updates.**
- 2) National Forest Service Grant (50/50 matching for \$50,000)
 - a) Submitted for reimbursement for FY18/19
 - b) Submitted for reimbursement for FY19/20
 - c) Submitted for reimbursement for FY20/21
 - d) Working on application for FY 21/22
- 3) FEMA AFG for Covid-19 – grant period extended another year.
- 4) FEMA AFG for 2021 has been completed and submitted we have submitted for extractors for all of our fire stations. **No updates.**
- 5) Grant from State of Hawai'i, Department of Health Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division. Stacy Domingo is starting the process of arranging training.

III. HUMAN RESOURCES

Recruitment

1. Internal Recruitment within Department:
 - a) Fire Captain (Emergency Operations) – 15 candidates passed the written exam. Pending interview/assessment center.
 - b) Fire Equipment Operator – 21 candidates passed the written exam. Pending interview/assessment center.
 - c) Fire Prevention Inspector I – Pending scheduling of interview/assessment center.
 - d) Fire Rescue Specialist – Internal recruitment will open on June 6 and close on June 15.
 - e) Fire/Hazardous Materials Specialist – Pending scheduling of interview/assessment center.
 - f) Human Resources Technician I – One applicant. Selected Laura Casey effective May 1, 2021.
2. Open-Competitive Recruitment:
 - a) Accountant IV – Seven (7) applicants. Selected Nikol Lonokapu effective May 17, 2021.
 - b) Deputy Fire Chief – Recruitment opened on May 23, 2021 and closed on June 1, 2021. Received 20 applications.
 - c) Fire Fighter Recruit - FFR interviews for 54 candidates scheduled for June 1-10, 2021. Accuplacer scheduled for June 7. Interviews have been started.
 - d) Fire Radio Dispatcher I – 30 applicants. Realistic Job Preview Orientation scheduled for June 10, 2021. Practical assessment scheduled for June 28-30, 2021.

- e) Water Safety Officer I (Temp) – Hired four (4) summer hires effective May 17, 2021.
- 3. Classification:
 - a) Extension of temporary reallocation Water Safety Officer II (1/2T) to Water Safety Officer I (1/2T) effective May 16, 2021.
 - b) One (1) Water Safety Officer I (1/2T) reinstated to Water Safety Officer II (1/2T) effective May 16, 2021.
 - c) Three (3) Water Safety Officer II (1/2T) positions temporarily reallocated to Water Safety Officer I (1/2T) effective June 1, 2021.
 - d) One (1) Water Safety Officer I reinstated to Water Safety Officer II effective June 1, 2021.
 - e) Temporary position OX-03815 Water Safety Officer I effective June 1, 2021.
 - f) Three (3) Fire Radio Dispatcher II positions temporarily reallocated to Fire Radio Dispatcher I effective June 1, 2021.
 - g) Reallocation of Prevention Bureau positions are still in process.
- 4. Labor Relations:
 - a) Suspension – Hand delivered letter to Fire Equipment Operator.

IV. EMERGENCY OPERATIONS DIVISION

Total calls for 2021:

Type	May	YTD
Fire	93	374
Rescue and EMS	1,633	7,651
Hazardous Cond. (no fire)	13	91
Service Call	162	818
Good Intent calls	295	1,516
Fire Alarm / False calls	32	130
Severe Weather	1	2
Totals	2,232	10,593

BATTALION 1, East Hawai'i

- 1. Apparatus updates:
 - a) Rosenbauer build (BT-17), anticipated completion end of May. Final inspection (update) via video teleconference, scheduled for June 4.

Incidents

- 1. May 8, Inc# 008878; **FIRE:** Structure Fire - Haunani Road, Volcano/District 19; no injuries or fatalities.

2. May 13, Inc# 009227; **FIRE**: Structure Fire - 16-1784 37th Avenue/District 18; no injuries or fatalities.
3. May 17, Inc# 009546; **FIRE**: Brush Fire - Green Sands Beach, District 11, approximately 5 acres, no structures threatened; no injuries or fatalities.
4. May 22, Inc# 009904; **FIRE**: Brush Fire - Mauna Kea, District 4, approximately 1,600 sq. ft., DLNR land, HFD resources not needed. C-1 assisted with water bucket drops on 5/23; no injuries or fatalities.
5. May 23, Inc# 009971; **RESCUE**: Kayaker in Distress - Waipio Valley, District 8. Multiple dropped 911 calls. C-1 & C-2 located kayaker who was able to make it to shore without assistance; no injuries or fatalities.
6. May 30, Inc# 010493; **FIRE**: Brush Fire - Waimanu Valley, District 8, approximately 6,400 sq. ft., area smoldering. Hand crews flown in to extinguish and overhaul until DOFAW resources arrived. C-1 & C-2 assisted with water bucket drops.

Training

1. May 19, County of Hawaii Procurement Training, Aupuni Center.
2. New Electrostatic Sprayers training rollout.

Special Services/Events

1. Nothing to report.

BATTALION 2 West Hawai'i

Incidents

1. May 1, Inc# 08423; **RESCUE**: Sunken Sailboat – Search for swimmers in distress. C-1 dispatched to work with USCG for a sailboat that sunk, search for any swimmers in distress, negative findings.
2. May 2, Inc# 08474, **FIRE**: Vehicle Fire - Semi-9,000 gal. Fuel Truck Fire, District 21. Units dispatched for fuel truck on fire spreading to brush. Fire extinguished, fuel truck intact.
3. May 10, Inc# 09070; **RESCUE**: Missing Kayaker – Kailua Pier, District 7. Co.7 & C-2 commenced shoreline search for missing kayaker. Party found alive floating 100-yards offshore at night, brought in by boat, and transported to KCH ER.
4. May 29, Inc# 10464; **FIRE**: Structure Fire – HOVE, District 20, 10X10 external structure fully engulfed and main house (800 sq. ft.), 15% involvement. House fire extinguished and saved 80% of main structure. Inspectors responded for possible arson investigation. Owners on the mainland called Station 20 with much gratitude.

5. May 30, Inc# 10505; **FIRE:** Brush Fire – Ka‘upulehu (Nanea Golf Course), District 14. Brush Fire above Nanea Golf Course. Fire started by possible arcing power lines. Fire stopped by first in responding Co.14 and tankers.

Training and Education

1. Department-wide training for new Electrostatic Sanitizing Sprayers.

Special Services/Events

1. May 1, Blessing and Gifting Ceremony by the Daniel R. Sayre Memorial Foundation for new Big Dog Wildland Tanker Apparatus at Station14.

SPECIAL OPERATIONS

HazMat

1. Confined Space Training for all HAZMAT personnel.
2. Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) quarterly meeting attended by AC Okinaka.

Ocean Safety

1. iPads: Began distribution to Ocean Safety Captains to begin familiarization.
2. Water Safety Officer I (WSO I) recruitment: Summer hires started May 17. Four (4) positions in East Hawaii filled. Basic training completed and began staffing beaches.
3. Street LG program for Ocean Safety incident reporting: Awaiting Train-the-Trainer training sessions.
4. RWC procurement status: Still awaiting the delivery of the County purchased SKIs. There was some delays in the build process. Possibly late June and August respectively for their delivery.
5. Preparing for RWC Operator training. Once new SKIs arrive, we plan on proceeding with the training.

Rescue

1. Discussions continuing for replacement of our Rescue boats. The Sayre Foundation has showed an interest in assisting with the purchase of a new vessel.
2. Working on planning for Dive Rescue recertification for Rescue Personnel.
3. Continue to work on planning for Confined Space Training for Rescue Personnel.

Sayre Foundation

1. Big Dog Tanker: Blessing and Gifting Ceremony held on May 1.
2. The BME Tanker: Tanker received and has completed registration and inventory documentation. Familiarization training scheduled for June 15-17. Will be assigned to North Kohala.
3. Non-profit grant for replacement RWC: We continue to search for an available unit to purchase. Supply for Power Watercrafts are very low.

V. SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION

Emergency Medical Services Bureau

1. Seven (7) of our paramedic students went to Honolulu to rotate through Kapi'olani Medical Center and The Queens Medical Center. These rotations were part of their advanced life support pediatric and trauma care training.
2. The 47th Annual National Emergency Medical Services Week was recognized May 16, 2021 thru May 22, 2021. The 2021 EMS Week theme was, "This is EMS: Caring for our Communities."
3. We are currently working with the State Dept. of Health on rolling out ESO Solutions. This is a new electronic patient care report program that will be utilized statewide by all 911 EMS providers.
4. Captain Domingo has conducted multiple hands-only CPR classes island-wide. These classes have been a collaborative effort with Hilo Medical Center and the Hilo Medical Center Foundation. This program has also led to an increase of automated external defibrillators in our community. Two of the most recent communities to receive a free AED were Miloli'i and Hāwī.
5. The EMS budget modification #4 has been reviewed and accepted by the County Council.
6. The EMS Bureau will be participating in a COVID mitigation team called Cluster Busters. This is a multi-agency team that will be used to help control the spread of COVID here on Hawaii Island.

Training Bureau

1. Fifteen (15) personnel attended joint training at Pōhakuloa on firefighter survival and downed firefighter rescue. Six (6) HFD personnel also assisted as instructors.
2. Eleven (11) personnel attended "live burn" fire behavior training at Pōhakuloa. Three (3) HFD personnel assisted as instructors.
3. Interviews conclude on June 10th to hire eighteen (18) firefighter recruits. Recruit class training officers, and assistant trainers have been selected.

4. Conducted Chopper-1 rescue training for new pilot and Water Safety Officers at Pohoiki and Punalu'u.
5. Expecting receipt of trial nozzles, appliances, and down firefighter rescue equipment for research and development.

Volunteer Training

1. All Volunteer companies given a class on Incident Command System basics, followed by a hands-on drill.
2. Companies 9A Waiki'i Ranch, 9B Kanehoa, 7B Kalaoa, 14A Kohala Ranch received safety training on unexploded ordinance in the Waikōloa area.
3. We have five (5) potential new volunteers at various companies in different stages of the application process.
4. One (1) volunteer at Station 8A, Pa'auilo successfully passed his driver audit and is now driver certified.

Fire Prevention Bureau

1. Fire Prevention Bureau has started preparation for the 4th of July events. This would include inspection of all stores planning on selling fireworks and review of all proposed fireworks shows planned on the 4th. This is to assure code compliance for our community's safety.
2. The Fire Prevention Bureau continued the 24-hour schedule and saw many benefits. One of these benefits has been the ability to fill vacancies, due to vacation or sick leave, with Prevention and T/A staff.
3. The Bureau is preparing for the electronic plan review implementation by the Building Department. This will include having the technical equipment and programs as well as training on the use of the new system. This will greatly help the efficiency of the plan review process.
4. As our community begins to re-open the Prevention Bureau has shifted our attention to maintenance inspections. This is to assure businesses are safe to start servicing the public. This would include all fire protection equipment serviced and in a ready state.
5. The Fire Prevention Bureau investigated two (2) fires.

Maintenance Shop

1. Apparatus and equipment repair:
 - Eighty-four (84) total repairs/service.
 - Twenty-five (25) service calls and trouble calls.
 - Eight (8) contracted out and tows.
2. Received new Gator for Ocean Safety.
3. Received new Tanker from BME for Station 15.

Fire Communications Control Center (FCCC)

1. Fire Radio Dispatcher I (FRD I) Allison Ford began TA assignment to FRD II. Scheduled TA assignment for next two (2) months pending anniversary date and promotion to FRD II permanent status.
2. Fire Radio Dispatcher I (FRD I) recruitment process. Qualified candidate list received. Interest confirmed by 28 of the 30 qualified candidates. Next step scheduling of Realistic Job Preview. This allows candidates to attend an orientation conducted by dispatch personnel. Information is shared to provide applicants with a preview of the position responsibilities.
3. E9-1-1 Board facilitated Hawaii training course with the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials (APCO). Course is an introductory dispatcher course that is being tested out by personnel from dispatch centers statewide. We have one (1) personnel participating. Based on feedback the course could be implemented statewide for all new hires.
4. Fire Communications Supervisor attended Procurement training.
5. Network calling features upgrade completed to Intrado call handling platform. Change for 10-digit dialing on local calls. Change becomes mandatory October 2021.
6. National Emergency Number Association (NENA) Membership account activation for all dispatch personnel. The association is focused on 9-1-1 policy, technology, operations, and education issues.
7. Fire Communications Supervisor met with representatives from Winbourne Consulting. Consulting firm hired by the E9-1-1 Board to assist in transition to NG9-1-1.

Fire Auxiliary Services

1. Warehouse sent out \$14,289.05 worth of personal protective equipment and station supplies for a total of 722 items in the month of May. Total this fiscal year is \$174,240.57 and 8,259 items not including the \$138, 275.00 spent on Bunker gear. These totals do not include EMS supplies or their costs.
2. All non-essential purchases are still on hold.

Repairs/Purchases/Maintenance

1. STN 2 Kitchen AC broken. Repair authorized.
2. STN 16 AC unit broken in dorm.
3. STN 12 Oven replaced.
4. STN 21 Septic system pump need repair, cover needs replacement.
5. STN 2 requesting bed replacements.
6. STN11 requesting 2 bed frame replacements.

VI. New Projects/Business

Chief's Briefing / Discussion

1. Transitioning Fire Commission meeting to Council Chambers:
 - a. Missed Granicus meeting due to Pa'auilo Brushfire;
 - b. Alternative would be Logitech rally systems at all Hawai'i County conference rooms.
2. EMS Downgrade/Paramedic Shortage:
 - a. Pro-pay being reviewed by HR, other documents sitting on Chief's Desk for final review.
3. Upcoming promotions/hiring:
 - a. Fire Commissioners are welcome to visit.
4. F2 Selection Process:
 - a. Interviews are set for the 15th.
5. CIP section in report. (next month)
6. Volunteer Fire section in report. (next month)