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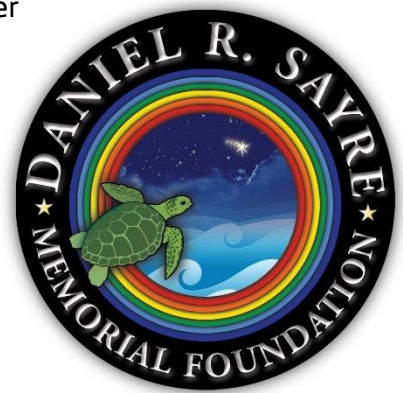
HONORING HEROES

The 27th Annual Daniel R. Sayre Memorial Foundation Awards Dinner, held on August 31, 2024, at the Fairmont Orchid, was a night of celebration and recognition for the Hawaii Fire Department's finest. The evening honored those who have risked their lives for the safety of others, while also raising funds for life-saving equipment and training needed by the Hawaii Fire Department.

The Daniel R. Sayre Memorial Foundation, created after Frank and Laura Sayre tragically lost their son in a hiking accident in 1997, has since played a pivotal role in supporting Hawaii's first responders. Over the years, the foundation has raised over \$30 million, which has been used to purchase rescue equipment such as fire trucks, helicopters, and other critical tools.

A key highlight of the evening was the presentation of awards to the Hawaii Fire Department personnel who were recognized for their exceptional service. These honorees were chosen for their heroism in situations that required going beyond the call of duty:

HFD Volunteer Captain Steve Grasso
HFD Volunteer Firefighter Dylan "Sparky" Springmeier
HFD Fire Rescue Specialist Tay Soares
HFD Firefighter Keoni Soares
HFD Fire Rescue Specialist Edward McClellan
HFD Fire Rescue Specialist Ryan Kihara
HFD Firefighter/Acting FRS Sean Soriano
HFD Chopper 1 Pilot Paul Darryl
HFD Chopper 2 Pilot Kalei Gregory
HFD Fire Rescue Specialist Jonathan Ucker
HFD Fire Rescue Specialist Kevin Kapsky
HFD Fire Medical Specialist II Timothy Fredrickson
HFD Fire Medical Specialist I Chad Wissing
HFD Emergency Medical Technician Joshua Coston
HFD Ocean Safety Officer Kyle Ching



Helping Those Who Help All Of Us

These stories, shared during the awards presentations, moved attendees and highlighted the extraordinary courage and dedication of Hawaii's fire and rescue personnel. The event not only honored their bravery but also underscored the continuing need for community support to ensure the Fire Department has the resources to perform life-saving missions.

The evening's fundraising efforts included live and silent auctions, with proceeds going toward much-needed equipment like water safety craft, rescue boards, AEDs, and firefighting supplies.

This annual event continues to be a significant occasion for the Hawaii Fire Department, honoring both the sacrifice and dedication of first responders, while ensuring they have the tools necessary to continue their vital work.

ADMIN DIV: FISCAL BRANCH REPORT

Program Budget Goals	August	YTD	Goal
Invoice Settlement within 30 days	88.82%	94.41%	90%
Pay-out of CILV's within 90 days	100%	100%	95%
Dollar value of grants applied for	\$22,433,000	\$22,433,000	\$5,000,000
Dollar value of grants received	\$ 488,722.63	\$ 488,722.63	\$5,000,000

Budget	Category	Adj Appropriation	YTD Expenditures	% Used	Goal
Fire	S&W	40,078,922.00	7,835,873.52	19.55	20.83
6221-6225	OCE	6,661,560.96	1,651,061.07	24.78	16.67
	Equipment	3,362,507.61	1,395,007.51	41.49	16.67
Grants & Misc	S&W	257,161.00	203,007.90	78.94	20.83
6226	OCE	1,105,012.00	4,209.41	0.38	16.67
	Equipment	659,560.45	417,324.74	63.27	16.67
EMS	S&W	15,630,607.00	2,882,095.87	18.44	20.83
6227	OCE	2,889,425.33	465,542.56	16.11	16.67
	Equipment	3,220,637.02	1,710,892.11	53.12	16.67
Ocean Safety	S&W	5,437,913.00	900,473.50	16.56	20.83
6228	OCE	327,305.82	205,071.35	62.65	16.67
	Equipment	462,905.32	165,736.95	35.80	16.67
Total Budget		80,093,517.51	17,836,296.49	22.27	

Grants	Update
2023 CDBG	The bid was awarded to Orchid Isle Ford for three (3) Brush Trucks \$625,693. Delivery pending
CDBG- MIT Wildfire Mitigation	The Planning Department is tasked with acquiring this equipment.
FY 2021 AFG	We are procuring items for the Fire Base Station Refresh Project. The grant is 94% obligated as of 8/31/24. Amendment granted to extend closing date from 8/28/2024 to 2/28/2025.
FY 2023 AFG	Awarded \$488,722.63 to establish a Hazard Zone (IDLH) Incident Command and a Control Training Program to provide safe, effective, and efficient HFD emergency response Operations. Chief Springer is the project manager.
FY 22 USDA Volunteer Fire Capacity Project	The bid for one brush truck for volunteer station 20A awarded, pending delivery by the end of the calendar year.
FY 23 USDA Volunteer Fire Capacity Project	The bid was awarded to Orchid Isle Ford for two (2) Brush Trucks \$411,097. Delivery pending
Kohanaiki Lifeguard Tower (Fair Share funds)	Delivery expected at the end of the year.
Lelewi Lifeguard Tower (Fair Share Funds)	Requisition with specs submitted to Purchasing. Expected to go out to bid in August.
Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER)	This grant funds three Fire Captain and six Fire Fighter positions. As of 8/31/2024, we have expended 100% of the grant funds.

ADMIN DIV: HR BRANCH REPORT

Program Budget Goals	August	YTD	GOAL
Process actions within 15 working days	83	583	100%
Recruitment Actions < 30days	3	31	90%
Promotion Actions < 30days	1	38	100%
Personnel Actions within 30 days, <10% error	110	467	90%

Internal Recruitment within Department

Position	Status Report
Battalion Chief (Fire Prevention Branch)	Submitted request for an internal recruitment within the department.
Fire/Hazardous Materials Specialist	Pending interview/Assessment Center schedule.

Open-Competitive Recruitment

Position	Status Report
Water Safety Officer I	Conditional offers that were sent out to eight candidates were rescinded.
Professional Trainee I	DHR referred 10 candidates. Interviews scheduled for September 10-11, 2024.
Fire Fighter Recruit (Temp)	Submitted request for an open recruitment.
Fire/EMS Recruit	Submitted request for an open recruitment.
Account Clerk (Temp)	The three candidates were not selected. Amended Request to Fill requesting new open recruitment. Pending referred list.

Classification

- Reallocation of Fire Fighter Recruit (Temp) to Fire Fighter (Temp) effective August 1, 2024.
- Reinstatement to permanent class from Water Safety Officer I to Water Safety Officer II effective August 16, 2024.
- Allocation of two Fire Communications Officer II (1/2T) effective September 1, 2024.
- Extension of temporary reallocation from Accountant I to Professional Trainee effective September 1, 2024.

OPERATIONS

Emergency Operations

Total Calls for Calendar Year 2024	August	%	YTD	%
Fire	72	3%	530	2%
Overpressure, Rupture, Explosion- no fire	0	0%	5	0%
Rescue and EMS	1875	71%	15312	65%
Hazardous Cond. (no fire)	33	1%	141	1%
Service Call	190	7%	1351	6%
Good Intent calls	434	16%	3079	13%
False Alarm / False calls	38	1%	284	1%
Severe Weather	0	0%	4	11%
Special Incident Type	7	0%	26	0%
Other (not completed yet)	1	0%	1	0%
Totals	2650	100%	20733	100%

Year	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024 (est.)
Total Calls	26,869	25,015	27,398	29,594	30,738	31,100

Response Times CY 2024

Statistic	Aug.	% that meet...		YTD	% that meet..	
Avg. Turn out time (Fire)	3:05	(80 sec.)	5.63%	2:51	(80 sec.)	12.93%
Avg. Turn out time (EMS)	2:17	(60 sec.)	14.19%	2:20	(60 sec.)	15.48%
Statistic	Aug.	% that meet 6 min.		YTD	% that meet 6 min	
Avg. Response Time (Fire)	12:53	9.72%		11:02	12.27%	
Avg. Response Time (EMS)	8:55	20.75%		9:10	19.22%	

Fire Impacts CY 2024

Call Type	August	YTD
Wildland calls (140, 141, 142, 143)	12	120
Acres burned	132	288
Structure Fires (110 & 111)	6	44
Property and Contents - Loss	\$331,500.00	\$3,725,316.00
Property and Contents - Save	\$621,000.00	\$3,456,000.00
Other fires (all other 100 series)	54	439
Property and Contents - Loss	\$15,000.00	\$1,833,602.00
Property and Contents - Save	\$0.00	\$40,100.00

Emergency Operations Highlights

Battalion 1, East Hawai'i

- 8/6, Inc #18700, **Structure Fire:** 28th Ave/District 18, structure fire with no injuries or fatalities.
- 8/14, Inc #19374, **Rescue/MVC:** Wainaku Bridge/District 1, vehicle over bridge, rescued 1 injured person from vehicle on the stream bed.
- 8/15, Inc #19470, **Brush Fire:** S. Point Rd/District 11, brush fire with nearby structure protected. Fire contained within a few hours. No injuries reported.



- 8/21, Inc #19966, **Rescue:** Kamaili Rd/District 10, Lost Hiker, rescued 1 injured hiker lost for over a day.

Battalion 2, West Hawai'i

- 8/6, Inc# 18710; **Structure Fire:** Mauna Lani Condos, started by golf cart. Company 14 extinguished. Minimal damage to structure.
- 8/23, Inc# 20157; **Brush Fire:** Waikoloa Rd. 40 acres, no threat to any communities or structures.
- 8/28 Inc# 20581 **Aircraft Emergency:** Upolu Airport Dist 15. Hard landing. 1 Pt. refusal



Special Events

- 8/24 Joy Mills Special Needs Surf Day – Special Service
- 8/24-25 Hurricane Hone impacts

Special Operations

Haz-Mat

- Ludlum Radiation Meters sent for calibration
- 2 personnel attended a Maritime Firefighting workshop on Oahu on August 22.
- Final Specification Review completed for new Hazmat 4, ready for IFB

Ocean Safety

- Jr. Lifeguard State championships held on Aug. 10 in Hapuna. Hawaii Island Jr. Lifeguards won the State Championship. CONGRATULATIONS!!!!



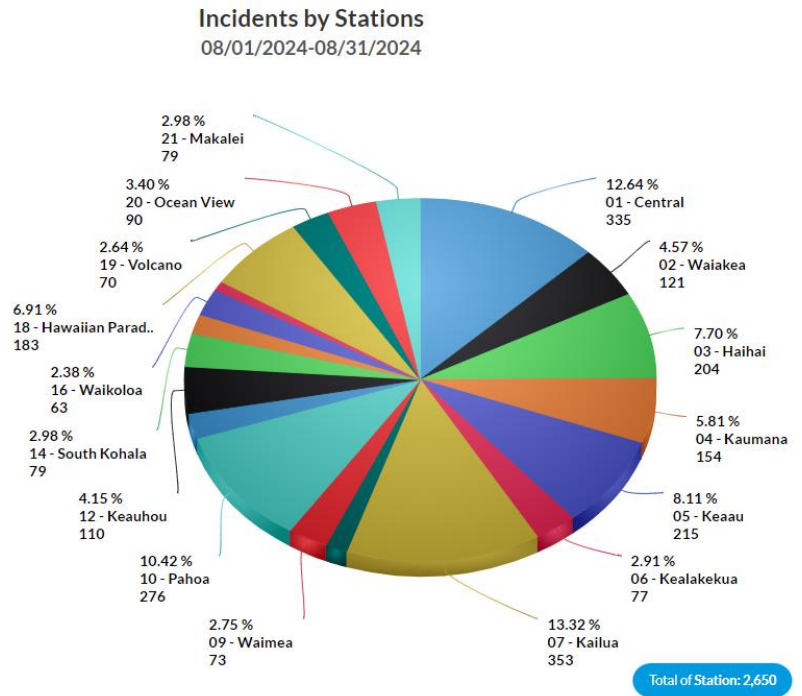
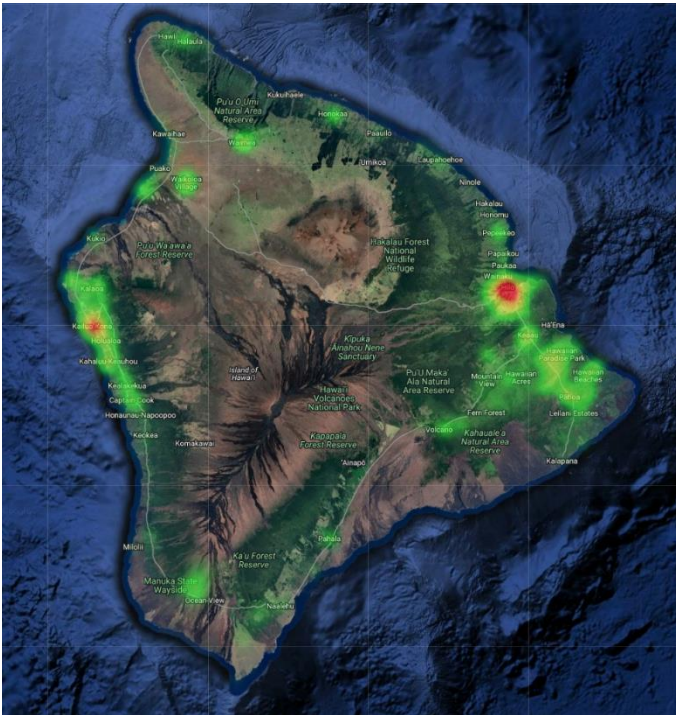
- IFB for Ocean Safety pickup truck for Punalu`u WSO III opened Aug. 26.
- IFB For replacement Leleiwi Tower opened on Aug. 23.

Rescue

- USCG SAREX planning ongoing and scheduled for September 10 & 12 for West HI

- Discussions ongoing for replacement Light Rescue vehicles. Preparing to build out the specifications.
- Radon Fuel Tank replacement nearing completion with Riddle Marine.

Incident heat map and YTD stats for August 2024
[Link for Station Call Volume Breakdown](#)



SUPPORT SERVICES

Emergency Medical Services Branch

Hawai'i Fentanyl Task Force Summit Participation
 EMS Branch personnel participated in the Hawai'i Fentanyl Task Force Summit held on August 5, 2024, at the Hilo Hawaiian Hotel. Captain M. Lam was featured as a keynote speaker at this conference, which was attended by 200 people.



Hands-Only CPR and AED Training at Waiakeawaena Elementary School

Approximately 140 Waiakeawaena Elementary School staff participated in a Hands-Only CPR and AED training. This training was a collaborative effort with the State Department of Health Keiki Nurses and EMS Branch personnel.



Transition to New EMS Supply Online Ordering System

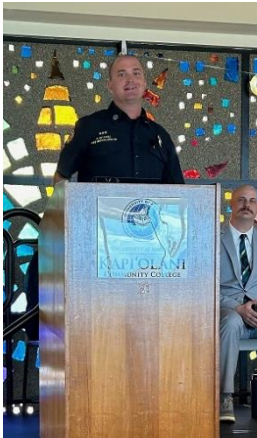
We will be transitioning our current EMS supply ordering process over to the new e-commerce online ordering system. This new ordering system will begin on September 1, 2024. We would like to thank Program Support Technician Camie Takamune for all her hard work with this process.

Upcoming Annual Ambulance Audits and License Renewals

The EMS Branch has been in multiple meetings with the State Department of Health regarding our upcoming annual ambulance audits and license renewals. These audits are to ensure that we are in compliance with all of the applicable provisions of Title II, Chapter 72 administrative rules enforced by the State Department of Health. More details regarding our mandatory audits will be made available shortly.

Congratulations to the Fall 2023 Paramedic Class

We would like to congratulate our Fall 2023 paramedic class listed below. They have worked very hard over the past year and have successfully met all national and state requirements to become licensed paramedics in the state of Hawaii.



- Francis Blas III
- Tobe Kailimai
- Bran Keopuhiwa
- Caleb Laa
- Imiola Lindsey
- Garrett Nicolaisen
- Michael Presiados
- Mitchel Shintani

Fall 2024 Paramedic Class Enrollment

We have five personnel enrolled in the Fall 2024 paramedic class which began on August 26, 2024.

Pulsara In-Service Training Sessions

Multiple in-service online training sessions for Pulsara were held in the month of August. Pulsara is a unified telehealth platform for communication among EMS staff, hospitals, and specialists. It allows real-time sharing of patient information, reducing delays and improving coordination which leads to more positive patient outcomes. Currently, Queen's North Hawai'i Community Hospital is actively using Pulsara. The Hilo Benioff Medical Center will be going live with Pulsara on September 1, 2024.

Community Paramedicine Program Update

The Community Paramedicine Program continues to flourish. CP teams made 20 patient contacts during the month of August. These patient contacts focused on high utilizers of the 911 system.

Ambulance Cellphone Upgrade Project Completion

We have completed the ambulance cellphone upgrade project. The new iPhones through AT&T have the option of being used as a hotspot and are FirstNet equipped. These phones were also uploaded with Handtevy, Pulsara, Hawai'i State Standing Orders, Bryx, and our EMS Shopify Website.

Training Services Branch

Child Passenger Safety Technician Certification Training

The National Child Passenger Safety Technician Certification Training was held at the Bob Herkes Gym in Pahala. FEO Darrick Iida, FEO Owen Tomori, FMSII Tyson Pili, FMS II Aaron Knell, and FF Shane McCormick attended.

53rd Fire Fighter Recruit Class

The 53rd Fire Fighter Recruit Class began on August 1, 2024 with 13 HFD Firefighter Recruits, one HFD Fire/EMS Recruit, and one HI-DOT ARFF Firefighter Recruit. Truck Operations Training and Live Fire Observation

The 53rd Fire Fighter Recruit Class participated in Truck Operations Training and a Live Fire observation lab at PTA August 27-29, 2024. Recruits also interacted with U.S. Representative Jill Tokuda, sharing the story of what motivated them to join the fire service.



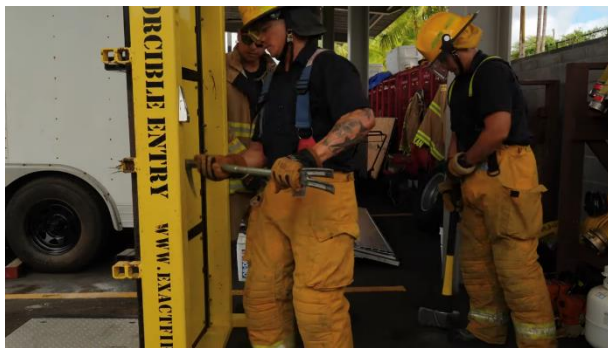
Showcasing Recruit Class Progress

Fire Inspector Tyson Goo has been following the current recruit class to showcase their progress, growth, and development through the first month of training. He also sat down for the HFD "The Hot Seat" podcast to share viewpoints on leadership, mentorship, and his career path.

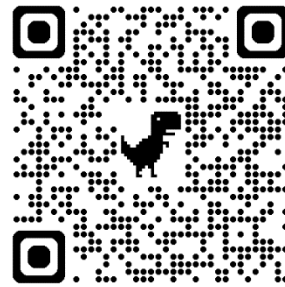
Fire Academy Recruit Class 53 | Episode 1 | Weeks 1-2 "Limits"



Fire Academy Recruit Class 53 | Episode 2 | Weeks 3-4 "Perseverance"



The Hot Seat Episode 2: Chief Patrick Springer



Volunteer Training Section



Quarterly Captains Meeting hosted by 9-A on August 9, 2024

1-A (Pepe'ekeo)

Due to consistent issues with trespassing and vandalism, a security fence will soon be installed along Kumula Street.

5-D (Fern Acres)

Fern Acres conducted equipment maintenance, testing, and training and added one new volunteer to their ranks.

6-B (Kona Paradise)

Kona Paradise responded to the South Point brush fire.

7-B (Kalaoa)

Kalaoa responded to 1 brush fire call and 1 structure fire call. They conducted training on hose lays, communications, defensive and offensive tactics, water supply, and district familiarization to acquaint themselves with hydrant locations, other water sources available, safety zones, and escape routes.

9-B (Kanehoa)

Kanehoa held two company trainings, one with a forward lay and forcible entry on a shipping container, and another training focused on "fast water" for runaway brush fires.

10-D (Ainaloa)

Ainaloa responded to a residential fire and conducted routine vehicle and station maintenance. 10-D received materials from the Ainaloa Community Association to repaint its 30,000-gallon water catchment tank.

11-A (Na'alehu)

VFF Kehau Kalani acquired her DCC (Driver's Competency Certificate), a step toward becoming a volunteer FEO.

11-C (Discovery Harbour)

Discovery Harbour assisted with the 8/15 brush fire and its subsequent flare-ups on South Point Road. VFF Anthony Adams acquired his DCC.

11-D (Pahala)

Pahala assisted with the 8/15 brush fire on South Point Road.

16-B (Pu'uanahulu)

Pu'uanahulu logged 37 man-hours over 4 training days, which consisted of wet drills, vehicle repairs, and maintenance.

19-A (Volcano)

Volcano provided 36 man-hours of time. One crew member passed the EVOCC competency course and is working toward acquiring his DCC.

20-A (HOVE)

HOVE responded to the South Point brush fire.

Fire Prevention Branch

Fire Investigations

The Fire Prevention Branch investigated one structure fire during the month of August. The fire was in a residential occupancy, in District 18. No injuries or fatalities were reported at the incident. The homeowner was home during the fire, the origin was in a plastic storage shed.



Public Education

Our Youtube Channel and other Socials are continuing to grow. We are looking at a 5% increase a month in new views. Check us out here: www.youtube.com/@HawaiiFireDepartment

Project Updates

Plan review continues to be conducted at 100% within the 14-day review window as dictated by our Key Performance Indicators.

The buildout of the EPR Property list is taking shape. The Prevention Branch is working with IT and the EPR crew to enhance the reporting and streamline the data available. We are hitting our target of a minimum of 30 EPR Inputs a month.

Logistics, Emergency Communications, and Vehicle Maintenance Section

Logistics

- Water filling stations are being installed at various stations.
- Fire ordering site for August
 - 343 customers
 - 87 orders for the month of August
 - Approximate gross order sales, 25.7k of products
- Brush truck 15 issues resolved by mechanic shop and is now in service

- Ice machines have come in and will be installed at stations 6, 8, and 9
- Apparatus and equipment repair
 - One hundred and fifty-seven (157) total repairs/service.
 - Thirty-two (32) service calls or trouble calls.
 - Eight (8) contracted out and tows

Emergency Communications

- Beginning in the month of August, we had Capt. Wilson shadowing in the FCCC to learn about the operations in dispatch.
- The 53rd Recruit class had the opportunity to get an overview of the FCCC with a presentation and visit into dispatch. FCO II's were able to share about the job and educate the recruits on how calls are received and processed.
- Progress is being made towards the implementation of Emergency Fire Dispatch (EFD), which will streamline call taking for all fire and rescue calls.
- BC Domingo and Capt. Wilson had the opportunity to attend a training conducted by AT&T where we learned about tools and resources that are available in the event that communications are impacted.

Information Technology Highlights

- EMS Shopify store site launch.
- Revised press release form to a fillable PDF. New form is located at \\hawaiicounty.gov\depts\FD\FD\battalions\All Battalions\OPERATIONS\Press Release Form\
- Meetings and site visits for Joint Communications Center. Tentative building completion and occupancy date of mid-September. Dispatch operational date TBD.
- Static Public IP for E01 CradlePoint requested and configured. Testing of CradlePoint hardware VPN to be done when Department of Information Technology is ready.

SAFETY SPECIALIST REPORT

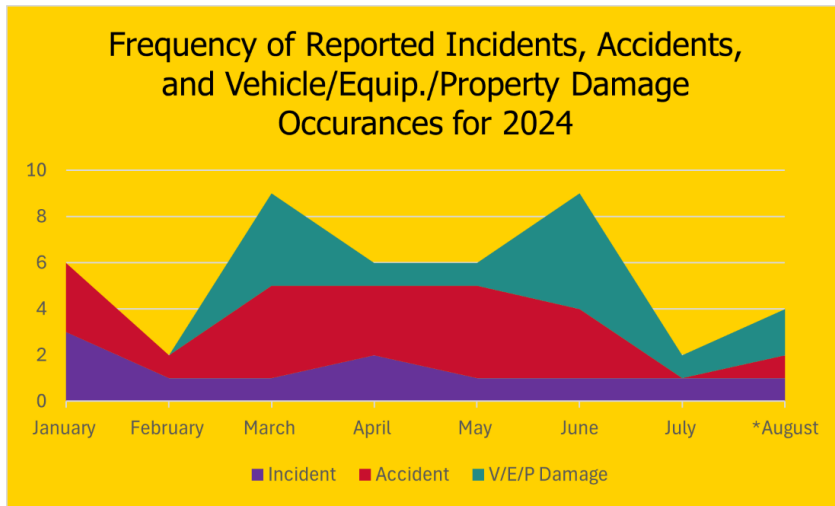
The Safety section continues to proactively address health and safety concerns within the Hawaii Fire Department. Significant progress was made on several key initiatives this month.

The Mold Awareness Training/Procedure was finalized and uploaded to the department's training platform for implementation. This training will help ensure that personnel can adequately identify and respond to mold issues. Additionally, Safety initiated discussions with the County Physician to explore options for health monitoring evaluations for personnel potentially exposed to mold at the Waiakea fire station, where an on-site inspection revealed extensive water damage and a high likelihood of mold growth. Temporary protective measures have been implemented, and requests for remediation have been submitted to the Department of Public Works.

The Joint HFD/HFFA Safety Committee met in August to review the status of the Respiratory Protection Program, water rescue operations, and in-station decontamination processes. The committee also discussed the potential revival of the Joint-Labor Wellness Initiative to promote the overall health and well-being of department personnel.

Preparations for the October 17th Continuity of Operations (COOP) exercise are ongoing. The focus is on a hypothetical earthquake scenario that coincides with National Great Shakeout Day. This exercise will help ensure that the department maintains essential functions during a significant disruption.

Lastly, Safety has initiated a comprehensive NFPA 1851 Risk Assessment for the department's protective equipment (PPE) to ensure the appropriate gear is utilized for the various risks encountered. This proactive measure will help optimize the protection and safety of our personnel.



Questions or feedback from department leadership and personnel are always welcome.

** Additional reports for August are anticipated.*

OTHER UPDATES

Update on Custom Enforcer HFD Pumper
As of August 9, 2024, the Pumper is completing assembly.



END REPORT