



FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

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ADMIN DIV: FISCAL BRANCH REPORT

Program Budget Goals	November	YTD	Goal
Invoice Settlement within 30 days	96%	96%	90%
Pay-out of CILV's within 90 days	100%	99%	95%
Dollar value of grants applied for	\$414,500	\$22,477,500	\$5,000,000
Dollar value of grants received	\$ 0.00	\$ 488,722.63	\$5,000,000

Budget	Category	Adj Appropriation	YTD Expenditures	% Used	Goal
Fire	S&W	40,078,922.00	17,573,277.32	43.85	45.83
6221-6225	OCE	6,143,543.96	3,027,696.45	49.28	41.67
	Equipment	3,880,524.61	2,400,065.55	61.85	41.67
Grants & Misc	S&W	661,520.09	257,161.00	38.87	45.83
6226	OCE	1,327,882.56	27,116.43	2.04	41.67
	Equipment	697,875.20	445,618.28	63.85	41.67
EMS	S&W	15,630,607.00	6,445,797.84	41.24	45.83
6227	OCE	2,889,425.33	876,936.62	30.35	41.67
	Equipment	3,220,637.02	3,113,843.53	96.68	41.67
Ocean Safety	S&W	5,483,856.34	1,941,472.29	35.40	45.83
6228	OCE	328,845.49	247,968.34	75.41	41.67
	Equipment	462,905.32	289,037.04	62.44	41.67
Total Budget		80,806,544.92	36,645,990.69	45.35	

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 100% obligated as of 11/30/24.
FY 2023 AFG	Appropriation of \$488,722.63 posted to general ledger. Grant awarded to establish a Hazard Zone (IDLH) Incident Command and a Control Training Program to provide safe, effective, and efficient HFD emergency response Operations.
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.
Leleiwi Lifeguard Tower (Fair Share Funds)	Bid awarded to Newport Laminates, Inc. Purchasing contract routing for signature.

ADMIN DIV: HR BRANCH REPORT

Program Budget Goals	November	YTD	GOAL
Process actions within 15 working days	5	731	100%
Recruitment Actions < 30days	3	43	90%
Promotion Actions < 30days	1	52	100%
Personnel Actions within 30 days, <10% error	15	571	90%

Internal Recruitment within Department

Position	Status Report
Fire/EMS Specialist II	Pending promotional list & assignments.
Fire/Hazardous Materials Specialist	Pending Assessment Center/Interview schedule.
Supervising Fire Communications Officer	Interview scheduled for 12/3/24.

Open-Competitive Recruitment

Position	Status Report
Program Support Technician	DHR referred five (5) candidates. Pending interview schedule.
Clerk III (Auxiliary Service Branch)	Interview & Selection made. New Hire to start 12/2/24.
Fire Maintenance Worker	Interview & Selection made. New Hire to start 12/16/24.
Fire Fighter Recruit (Temp)	DHR referred 61 candidates. Pending two (2) rescheduled candidates.
Fire/EMS Recruit	DHR referred 3 candidates. Pending two (2) rescheduled candidates.
Professional Development Trainee I (Temp) (ISA I)	Interview & Selection made. New Hire to start 12/16/24.
Account Clerk (Temp)	DHR to refer additional qualified applicants.
Automotive Storekeeper	Pending recruitment dates.

OPERATIONS

Emergency Operations

Total Calls for Calendar Year 2024	November	%	YTD	%
Fire	46	1%	769	3%
Overpressure, Rupture, Explosion- no fire	0	2%	5	0%
Rescue and EMS	1783	0%	20725	73%
Hazardous Cond. (no fire)	18	73%	182	1%
Service Call	146	1%	1860	7%
Good Intent calls	385	6%	4275	15%
False Alarm / False calls	31	16%	378	1%
Severe Weather	0	1%	6	0%
Special Incident Type	2	0%	43	0%
Other (not completed yet)	17	0%	17	0%
Totals	2428	100%	28260	100%

Year	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024 (est.)
Total Calls	26,869	25,015	27,398	29,594	30,738	30,829

Response Times CY 2024

Statistic	Nov.	% that meet...		YTD	% that meet..	
Avg. Turn out time (Fire)	2:58	(80 sec.)	4.55%	2:57	(80 sec.)	13.01%
Avg. Turn out time (EMS)	2:16	(60 sec.)	13.36%	2:20	(60 sec.)	15.37%
Statistic	Nov.	% that meet 6 min.		YTD	% that meet 6 min	
Avg. Response Time (Fire)	14:17	13.04%		11:18	12.84%	
Avg. Response Time (EMS)	8:54	21.38%		9:06	19.96%	

Fire Impacts CY 2024

Call Type	November	YTD
Wildland calls (140, 141, 142, 143)	5	143
Acres burned	4	302
Structure Fires (110 & 111)	3	54
Property and Contents - Loss	\$40,000.00	\$5,173,816.00
Property and Contents - Save	\$5,000.00	\$5,099,000.00
Other fires (all other 100 series)	38	574
Property and Contents - Loss	\$5,500.00	\$1,849,102.00
Property and Contents - Save	\$0.00	\$40,102.00

Emergency Operations Highlights

Battalion 1, East Hawai'i

- 11/14, Inc#27002, **Structure Fire:** Andrews Ave/District 2. No injuries or fatalities reported.
- 11/17, Inc#27260, **Rescue:** Hwy 139/District 10, Person fell from cliff. Party extracted and transported to HL ER via medic. No other injuries or fatalities reported.
- 11/27, Inc# 28024, **Rescue:** Pohoiki/ District 10, Lost Hiker. Party recovered. 1 fatality (DOA) reported.

Battalion 2, West Hawai'i

- 11/22, Inc# 27594 **Brush Fire:** Hwy 190 at 21MM near Pu'uanahulu, Pua Lani Ranch subd. 1 acre fire in difficult terrain along hillside. No inj. or loss.

Special Events

- 11/13 Waimea Community First Responder Appreciation Dinner
- 11/19-25, Special Service EMS standby for VPOTUS



- 11/17, New Engine 14 Gifting and Blessing Ceremony at Station 16



Special Operations

Haz-Mat

- New Hazmat 4 IFB award proceeding.
- Next HazMat Captain’s meeting scheduled for January 2024
- E-21 IFB on hold per Finance

Ocean Safety

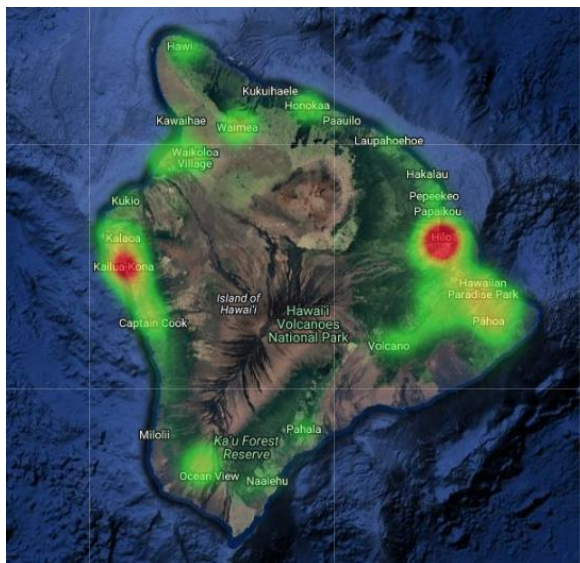
- WSO promotional recruitment E&E update: Official consultation letter submitted to HGEA for new E&E criteria. Awaiting approval to proceed with recruitments.
- Submitted Consulation letter to HGEA for Hilo District tower staffing using seniority as the priority as compared to rotation schedule.
- Received Safety Survey for Hapuna mobile office space. Fire Safety Specialist Sloman did an evaluation of the unit and provided recommendations which are being worked on.
- Transitioned to new Records Management System on 11/1. We now use Watchtower Digital Software for all Incidents and Logs.

Rescue

- Confined Space Rescue equipment purchases being made
- Discussions ongoing for CMC Rope Rescue I/II training for all Rescue personnel
- Off-Duty Rescue training program being authorized for entire year effective January 2025.

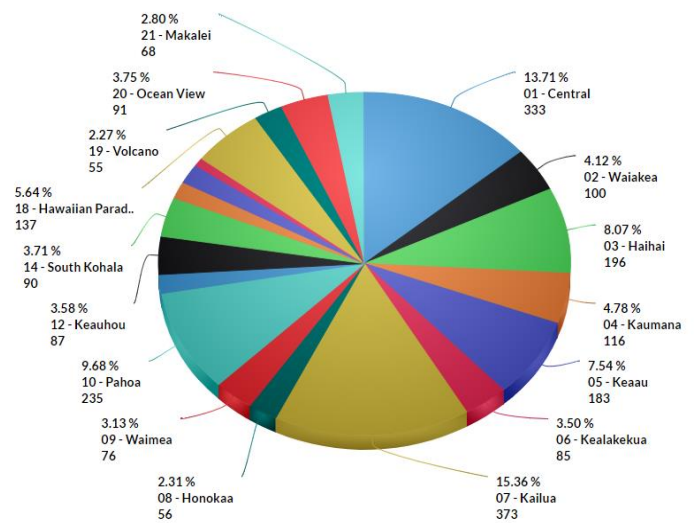
Incident heat map and YTD stats for November 2024

[Link for Station Call Volume Breakdown](#)



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Incidents by Stations
11/01/2024-11/30/2024



Total of Station: 2,428

SUPPORT SERVICES

Emergency Medical Services Branch



ALERT Training Support

Training and EMS Branch personnel assisted HPD with a three-day ALERT training class from November 25th – 27th. The first day of training took place at the HPD administration building, while the remaining two days were conducted at the Pohakuloa training facility.



New Medics Fabrication Progress

The four new medics that were procured with FY 23-24 funding will be completed in January 2025. These medics are currently in fabrication and will be assigned to the stations listed below:



- Sta. 1 Central
- Sta. 12 Keauhou
- Sta. 16 Waikoloa
- Sta. 20 Ocean View Estates



FY 24-25 Medics Pre-Construction Meeting



At the beginning of November, the ambulance fabrication team held an onsite pre-construction meeting at Braun Northwest Inc. in Chehalis, Washington. The four medics being procured with FY 24-25 funding will be assigned to the stations listed below and are projected to be completed in October 2025:

- Sta. 7 Kailua
- Sta. 5 Keaau
- Sta. 10 Paho
- Sta. 18 Hawaiian Paradise Park

Fire Medical Specialist II Assessment Center

The Fire Medical Specialist II assessment center was held on November 12th. There were five candidates who participated in this assessment center.



Haweo Award Recognition

On November 20th, FMS III Kilipaki Kanae was recognized by the County Council in Kona with the Haweo Award. Congratulations FMS III Kanae and thank you for your hard work and dedication.

Meet-and-Greet with Hawai'i Department of Defense

EMS Branch personnel attended a meet-and-greet with newly assigned Adjutant Major General Logan and Brigadier General Mallory from the State of Hawai'i Department of Defense.

Kona Community Hospital Trauma Meeting

EMS Branch personnel participated in the quarterly Kona Community Hospital trauma meeting.

Dignitary Standby Coordination

EMS Branch personnel assisted with coordination for dignitary standby.

Caregiver Resource Fair Participation

On November 14th, EMS Branch personnel participated in the Caregiver Resource Fair held at the Royal Kona Resort. Approximately 100 kupuna and caregivers gathered to meet with local social service agencies, medical insurance companies, and caregiver support groups.

Training Services Branch



Firefighter Two Pro Board Certification

The 53rd recruit class completed firefighter two Pro Board curriculum and is scheduled to complete certification in December.

SoCal Live Fire Training

Captain Roback attended SoCal Live Fire Training in Big Bear, California. This class focused on operations for the initial engine company, including quick masking up, fire attack, forcible entry, and search. The primary function of an engine company is fire attack, emphasizing the principle: "As the first line goes, so goes the fire." This highlights the importance of getting the initial attack line swiftly to the seat of the fire to improve conditions for the community and visitors. Truck companies (engines with aerial ladders) focus on forcible entry, search, ventilation, and ladder deployment. The course incorporated these functions under live fire conditions, with twenty-four hours of hands-on training.



Swim Week and Aquatics Competency Certification

The 53rd recruit class completed swim week and obtained Aquatics Competency Certification, Operations. This certification aligns closely with the United States Lifesaving Association Curriculum, covering skills such as a one-mile open ocean swim, water entry techniques, rescue approaches, victim tows, spinal precautions, tube rescues, a one-minute ten-pound brick tread, and PPE submersion survival. Swim week was held at Kona Community Aquatics Center, with a day at Hapuna Beach for ocean rescue skills.





Active Attack Integrated Response Training

The 53rd recruit class completed Active Attack Integrated Response Training at Pohakuloa Training Area. Two police recruit classes, police and fire dispatch personnel, and the 53rd recruit class participated in this course. It targeted police, fire, medical personnel, and telecommunicators responding to active shooter events. The training provided the knowledge, skills, and abilities to stop attackers, establish command, render medical aid, and promptly evacuate casualties to a higher level of care.

Volunteer Training Section

All Volunteer Companies during the month of November were trained on HFD administrative policies and procedures, hose handling techniques, and wet drills with an emphasis on cross lay deployments. Multiple Volunteer Companies attended the Waimea Community Association's Mahalo First Responders Dinner.

Fire Prevention Branch

Fire Inspections

Our current fire inspectors are conducting business inspections on a rotating calendar schedule. Currently for this month in District 1,3 and 7 and 9, utilizing EPR Fireworks and adding properties as inspections are completed.

11/15- East Prevention branch conducted an annual Fire Inspection of Hilo Benioff Medical Center with Stn.4 Kaumana

Community Outreach, Events & Social Media

Nov. 1- Fire Prevention Inspectors personnel participated in the Kealakehe High School Career Fair.

Nov. 1 - Fire Inspector Ahu participated in a fire safety talk at the Punana Leo o Hilo preschool. Station 5 Keaau brought their fire engine and brush truck to show the students some of the equipment and educated them about being a firefighter.

Nov. 4- Na Leo Safety Tips for the Month of January, February and March

Nov. 6- Chief Henderson met with all County Fire Departments to discuss amendments to the State Fire Code
East Hawaii Fire Inspectors attended a Code Enforcement Class put on by the Corporation Counsel at West Hawaii Civic Center



Nov. 7 & 8- Fire Prevention Inspectors worked with the recruits to cover IFSTA Fire Essentials Chapter 20 & 22 and also a site visit to pre plan as well as cover a basic fire inspection of the near completed Fire and Police Dispatch Center.

Nov.13 - Fire Inspector Requelman, T/A Inspector and T/A Inspector Durkan participated in a fire safety talk at Waimea Country School. The students got to learn about fire safety Waimea Fire Station brought their brush truck to show the students the different parts of it and what it does.

Nov. 14- Fire Prevention Inspector John Requelman, T/A Inspector Aaron Moniz, T/A Fire Inspector Monalisa Durkan and Fire Prevention Clerk Jordyn Carter attended the East Hawaii Career Expo. Students from most of the East Hawaii schools from 8th-12th grade attended Many different businesses and organizations from across the island got together to showcase their careers and share their knowledge about their jobs. The fire department shared their experiences and what the students should do if they choose a career in this field.



Nov.19-22- T. Goo assisted the training division for Swim Week and Fire Academy Episode 6

Nov. 20- Fire Prevention Inspector John Requelman and T/A Inspector Aaron Moniz attended the Hawaii Island Community Health Care Career Expo at Edith Kanakaole Stadium. Attendees were from various schools that had a career track program

Nov. 26 & 27- T. Goo accompanied the training division for ALERT AIR integrated training

Nov. 30- Fire Captain T. Goo and Inspector J. Requelman accompanied Station 2 "A" shift in the Annual Christmas Parade in Hilo with Paw Patrol Marshall and Ryder and candy to give out to the kids.

Plan Review / Active Construction

All plans in both digital and paper construction plans have been reviewed and completed within the maximum turnaround period for the month of November.



Fire Investigations / UAS Pilot Program

Current fire inspectors and TA personnel are working on Fire Investigation training topics: "Commercial Kitchens 1&2" this month. Current online classes are offered for anyone interested in learning more via CFITrainer.net.

Nov.12- Fire Captain T. Goo and Inspector J. Requelman attended a live webinar with UL FSRI on Lithium-Ion Batteries and Battery Fire Safety

Fire Investigations:
11/14-Dist.2 Andrews Street residential structure fire

Logistics, Emergency Communications, and Vehicle Maintenance Section

- Support services has hired a clerk. Please welcome Shantelle Ganon
- Fire ordering for Shopify:
 - 353 customers
 - 51 orders for the month of November
 - Approximate gross order sales, 14.9k of products
- Canopy tent for stations 15 and 7 are in the works
- The Program Support Technician position posting has closed and we will be working to fill it shortly
- Apparatus and equipment repair
 - Two hundred and twenty-four (224) total repairs/service.
 - Thirty-six (36) service calls or trouble calls.
 - Sixteen (16) contracted out and tows.

Emergency Communications

- FCO I had the opportunity to attend ALERRT training with the HFD and HPD recruit classes.
- FCO's are working out of HFD from 0800-2400
- Continuing forward progress with EFD implementation
- Began working with Spillman representatives to develop response plans for CAD
- Chief Domingo met with AP Triton to discuss aspects of Dispatch

Information Technology Highlights

- Meetings and site visits for Joint Communications Center. Certificate of Occupancy was issued on 11/1/24.
- Started of dispatch console CAD computer, monitor, and wiring installation.
- CradlePoint hardware VPN solution meetings with Ericsson (new CradlePoint company name) and Department of Information Technology (DIT). This solution would eliminate the need to use software VPN on CradlePoint equipped apparatus.
- Meeting and discussion with DIT on need to expand number of apparatuses with CradlePoints installed.
- Work on FireWorks Inventory and Item Check modules.
- Interviews for Professional Development Trainee (ISA I).

SAFETY SPECIALIST REPORT

This month has been dedicated to advancing our safety protocols and addressing immediate concerns. Our focus has been on the Respiratory Protection Program, aviation safety, and general safety measures. We've made strides in implementing the MSA FireGrid for better inventory and equipment tracking. We've successfully logged into the system and are in the process of uploading fit testing data, thanks to contributions from Chief Barco, with Captain Boteilho and Mantz's data expected shortly. Development of the Flight Safety & Survival training continues. We're collaborating with pilots to finalize necessary video content for this comprehensive module.

Other Safety Initiatives:

- The revamped bloodborne pathogens training plan ensures compliance and effective education.
- A productive meeting led to the establishment of a Safety Liaison Group among other County Dept.'s with Safety-oriented positions. HFD will present data at the upcoming Risk Management meeting in January.
- Following insights from Risk Management, we're developing formal policies to better manage workplace injuries.

Incident Reporting:

Two new Incident/Accidents were reported in November, highlighting the need for rigorous safety adherence.

New Developments:

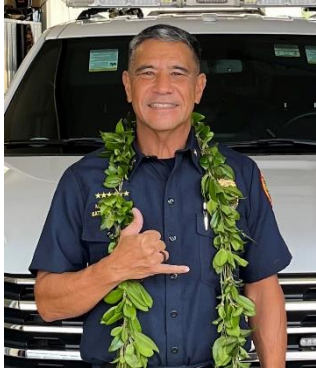
- Ocean Safety Mobile Office at Hapuna Beach: Post-evaluation, we've issued safety recommendations.
- Air Compressor Issue at Station #21: Due to high CO levels, all affected air bottles are being purged and refilled. The compressor remains out of service until resolved.

Upcoming:

- The next Safety Committee Meeting is planned for December 18.
- The annual Admin Safety Briefing video is online; new administrative staff are required to watch it.

The commitment to safety remains steadfast, with ongoing efforts to improve our safety framework for all department members.

AROUND THE DEPARTMENT



Retirement of Battalion Chief

Battalion Chief Michael Hayashida retired on Nov. 30 after a 32-year career in the Hawai'i Fire Department. Mahalo, Mike, for your extraordinary service. We wish you all the best in your well-deserved retirement!

Roof Repair Underway at Pahala Fire Station

The long-awaited roof repair project at Pahala Fire Station began in November. The department is grateful for the efforts that made this project possible and looks forward to its completion.



Operation Christmas Child

The Hawaii Fire Department spread holiday cheer by donating a number of gifts for Operation Christmas Child. This initiative was coordinated by retired FEO Stephen Meek. The boxes will be delivered to various countries, often in regions affected by poverty, conflict, or natural disasters, bringing joy and hope to children who might otherwise not receive gifts during the holiday season. Thank you to all of you who donated!

Follow up Items for Fire Commission Meeting 12/12/2024

Waiakea Fire Station – Mold Remediation/Repair Update.

- Personnel are back in station.
- Administration is working with DPW to have roof painted to prevent leaks.
- Safety Specialist Sloman has set up additional medical screening for Station 2 personnel that wish to get tested.
- Mold Testing is being added to the contract for station environmental testing.

Interisland Helicopter Transport

- Daniel R. Sayre Foundation is purchasing a H145 from Airbus with support from generous donors
- The Hawaii Fire Department has been lending our expertise in the management of a FAR135 compliant program and Helicopter Specification to the Sayre's to assist in the design and outfitting of the Helicopter.
- Meetings continue with the State EMSIPB, the Sayre Foundation, and Hilo Hospital over contract options for the management and funding of this resource.

FAR135 Issues

- Hawaii Fire Department is transitioning to managing the pilots on individual contracts as pilots retire. We have had gaps in Operational Control which was required to charge for service as part of FAR135. Lack of Operational Control does not stop HFD from conducting mission or transporting patients, it just curtails our ability to charge a fee for such service.

Fire Projects Transition Coordinator Duties:

- Former Deputy Chief Eric Moller has transitioned to the temporary role of Fire Projects Transition Coordinator. The intent of the position is to pass on projects he was managing to the new Deputy Fire Chief to provide a seamless transition as we change this level of leadership.

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