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ADMIN DIV: FISCAL BRANCH REPORT

Program Budget Goals	February	YTD	Goal
Invoice Settlement within 30 days	92%	94%	90%
Pay-out of CILV's within 90 days	83%	96%	95%
Dollar value of grants applied for	\$0.00	\$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	27,589,337.75	68.84	70.83
6221-6225	OCE	6,094,148.96	4,151,823.10	68.13	66.67
	Equipment	3,850,919.61	2,794,641.75	72.57	66.67
Grants & Misc	S&W	661,520.09	257,161.00	38.87%	70.83
6226	OCE	1,327,882.56	67,106.37	5.05	66.67
	Equipment	697,875.20	620,707.51	88.94	66.67
EMS	S&W	15,630,607.00	10,080,086.37	64.49	70.83
6227	OCE	2,889,425.33	1,297,530.86	44.91	66.67
	Equipment	3,220,637.02	3,113,843.53	96.68	66.67
Ocean Safety	S&W	5,483,856.34	3,018,889.04	55.05	70.83
6228	OCE	352,845.49	275,369.57	78.04	66.67
	Equipment	522,905.32	316,322.62	60.49	66.67
Total Budget		80,811,544.92	53,625,458.65	66.36	

Grants	Update
2023 CDBG	(3) Brush Trucks \$625,693 furnished by Orchid Isle Ford. Delivery pending.
2024 CDBG	Received (1) 2025 Kawasaki Mule Pro-FXT UTV for the Pahala Fire Station. Delivery pending on a trailer and fire pump skid. Office of Housing tasked with acquiring a brush truck for the Puna Volunteer Fire Station.
CDBG- MIT Wildfire Mitigation	Reviewing bids for (1) Mobile Command Vehicle, (3) Brush Trucks, and (1) Mobile Service Trailer.
FY 2021 AFG	Equipment received for Fire Base Station Refresh Project. The grant is 100% obligated as of 2/28/25.
FY 2023 AFG	Grant awarded establishing a Hazard Zone (IDLH) Incident Command and a Control Training Program to provide safe, effective, and efficient HFD emergency response Operations.
FY 23 USDA Volunteer Fire Capacity Project	The bid was awarded to Orchid Isle Ford for two (2) Brush Trucks \$411,097. Delivery pending
FY 24 USDA Volunteer Fire Capacity Project	Supplies and equipment continue to arrive for the Volunteer Operations section.
Kohanaiki Lifeguard Tower (Fair Share funds)	I.D.R. Surveyor Apex lifeguard tower furnished by Newport Laminates. Delivery expected in the second quarter of 2025.
Leleiwi Lifeguard Tower (Fair Share Funds)	Surveyor Junior lifeguard tower furnished by Newport Laminates. Delivery expected in early 2026.

ADMIN DIV: HR BRANCH REPORT

Program Budget Goals	February	YTD	GOAL
Process actions within 15 working days	29	56	100%
Recruitment Actions < 30 days	16	24	100%
Promotion Actions < 30 days	0	1	100%
Personnel Actions within 30 days, <10% error	58	76	100%

Internal Recruitment within Department

Position	Status Report
Battalion Chief (Emergency Operations)	Assessment held on 02/05/25; E&E received from DHR. Notified members of ranking scores.
Battalion Chief (Special Operations)	Screened applications, two (2) qualified applicants.
Fire/Hazardous Materials Specialist	Recruitment opened 02/02/25 and closed on 02/11/25.
Fire Prevention Inspector II	Recruitment opened 02/23/25 and will close on 03/04/25.

Open-Competitive Recruitment

Position	Status Report
Program Support Technician	Recruitment opened 02/16/25 – 02/25/25.
Fire Fighter Recruit (Temp)	PAE held 02/02/25; applications distributed to qualified individuals with deadline submittal of 02/18/25.
Fire/EMS Recruit	PAE held 02/02/25; applications distributed to qualified individuals with deadline submittal of 02/18/25.
Automotive Storekeeper	Interviews held. No selection made. Submitted RTF for new open recruitment.
Professional Development Trainee (Grants Specialist)	Non-selection (1 applicant)
Professional Development Trainee (Info and Education Specialist)	Per DHR, no names to refer.
Senior Account Clerk	Submitted RTF for 2 open positions.
Human Resources Program Specialist	Reinstatement to permanent position. Submitted RTF for open recruitment. Five (5) names referred to department.

OPERATIONS

Emergency Operations

Total Calls for Calendar Year 2025	February	%	YTD	%
Fire	95	4%	201	4%
Overpressure, Rupture, Explosion- no fire	0	0%	0	0%
Rescue and EMS	1675	68%	3571	68%
Hazardous Cond. (no fire)	8	0%	38	1%
Service Call	212	9%	443	8%
Good Intent calls	433	18%	931	18%
False Alarm / False calls	27	1%	59	1%
Severe Weather	0	0%	0	0%
Special Incident Type	6	0%	11	0%
Other (not completed yet)	0	0%	0	0%
Totals	2456	100%	5254	100%

Year	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025 (est.)
Total Calls	25,015	27,398	29,594	30,738	31,143	31,524

Response Times CY 2025

Statistic	Feb.	% that meet...		YTD	% that meet..	
Avg. Turn out time (Fire)	2:14	(80 sec.)	17.20%	2:17	(80 sec.)	20.60%
Avg. Turn out time (EMS)	2:04	(60 sec.)	20.32%	2:04	(60 sec.)	19.13%
Statistic	Feb.	% that meet 6 min.		YTD	% that meet 6 min	
Avg. Response Time (Fire)	9:48	23.16%		10:01	17.19%	
Avg. Response Time (EMS)	8:54	21.28%		8:54	20.61%	

Fire Impacts CY 2025

Call Type	February	YTD
Wildland calls (140, 141, 142, 143)	22	44
Acres burned	11	160
Structure Fires (110 & 111)	5	15
Property and Contents - Loss	\$444,300.00	\$1,355,300.00
Property and Contents - Save	\$230,000.00	\$685,600.00
Other fires (all other 100 series)	68	142
Property and Contents - Loss	\$0.00	\$500.00
Property and Contents - Save	\$0.00	\$0.00

Emergency Operations Highlights

Battalion 1, East Hawai'i

- 1/31, Inc #2730; Rescue: Wailoa St Park/District 1, vehicle in water with occupants, WSO and F2 in area assisted elderly couple to shore with assistance of other HFD personnel upon arrival, no significant injuries and no fatalities.
- 2/11, Inc #3716; Structure Fire: Kamanu St/District 10. 50% involved upon arrival with report of occupant still inside by HPD on SC, HFD personnel did primary search with negative findings. Person located outside of structure by HPD personnel. Victim with burns to large percentage of body treated and transported by M18 personnel. Fire extinguished and overhauled and Prevention personnel investigated. No other injuries noted and no fatalities.

Battalion 2, West Hawai'i

- 2/13, Inc# 3907; Rescue: Boat in Distress Located by C2, escorted back to Kawaihae harbor. No injuries
- 2/21 Inc# 4537 Structure Fire/Brush Fire: Ocean View Parkway Dist.20, no injuries. approx. 6.4 acres burned.
- 2/24, Inc# 4833 Rescue: Pebble Beach, Divers in Distress. Two scuba divers in distress, unable to return to shore due to high surf. Extricated by C2 & rescue swimmer via Billy Pugh net. No injuries.

Special Operations

Haz-Mat

- Discussions with the 93rd CST for annual Hazmat training exercises have begun. Training dates set for May 1-9.
- New X-vehicles nearing completion, vendor finalizing up-fitting of accessories.
- Confined Space Training completed on Feb 3-7, (8 personnel)

Ocean Safety

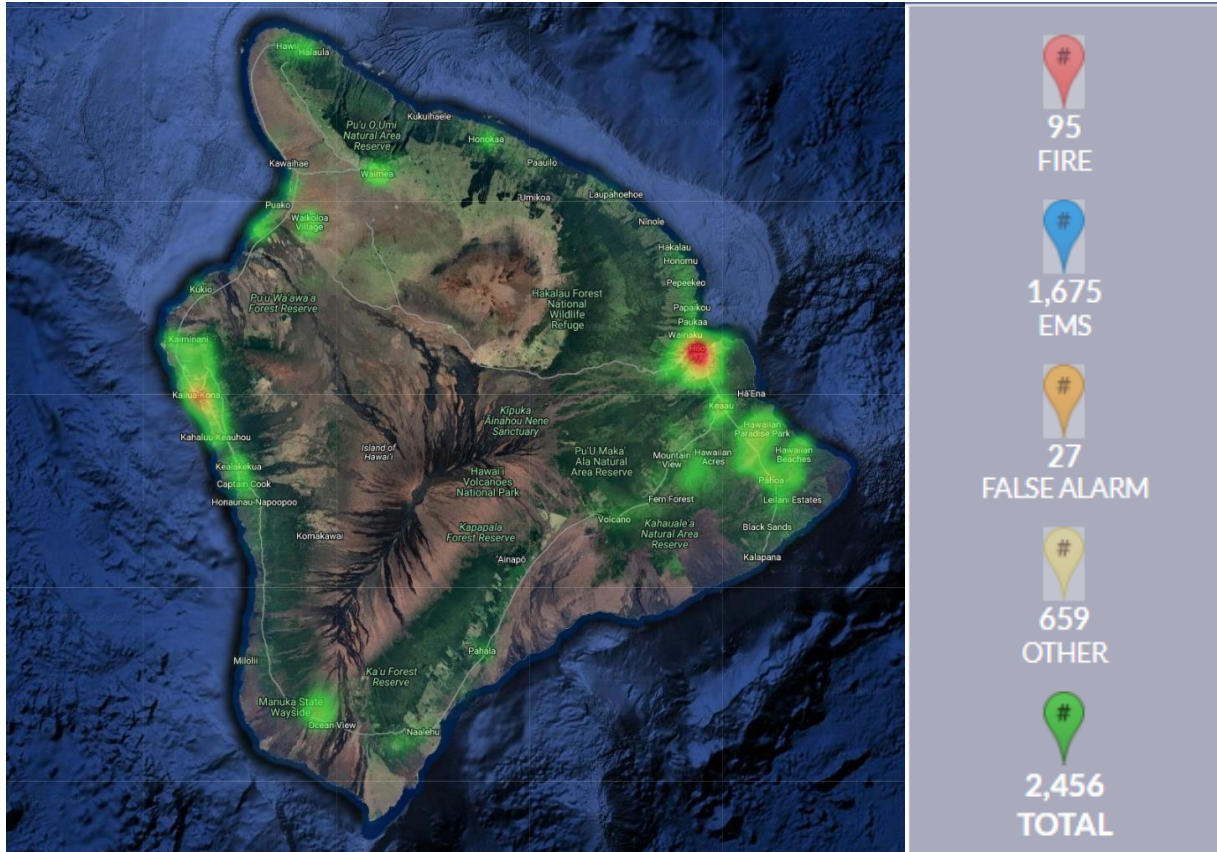
- WSO recruitment update: WSO V & I recruitments have been initiated.
- 1 RWC Operator attended the Operator train the trainer course on Oahu sponsored by Hawaii Lifeguarding Association (HLA) Feb 24-28.
- Planned discussions with DLNR for Pohoiki Dredging scheduled for 3/13

Rescue

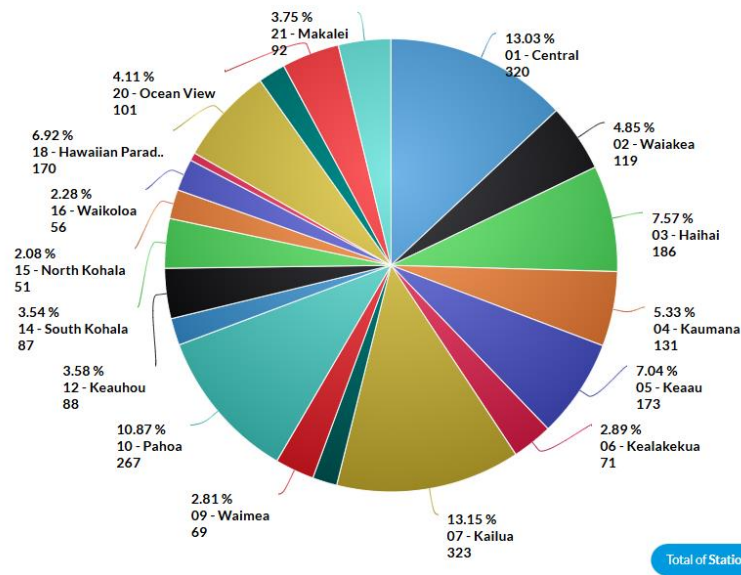
- Confined Space Rescue Training completed on Feb. 3-7 (16 personnel)
- Rescue Boat 2 fuel tank replacement completed and back in service
- Working on IFB for RB7-7 (Radon) repower to Outboards.

Incident heat map and YTD stats for February 2025

[Link for Station Call Volume Breakdown](#)



Incidents by Stations
02/01/2025-02/28/2025



SUPPORT SERVICES

Emergency Medical Services Branch

EMT Training Progress

The 53rd firefighter recruit class has completed the didactic portion of EMT training. They will begin their one-month long clinical rotation on March 3, 2025.
Paramedic Internship

The paramedic students have begun their first rotation of internship training.

Hands-Only CPR Training

EMS Branch personnel assisted with Hands-Only CPR training to all 10th grade students at Waiakea High School.

First Aid and CPR Class

EMS Branch personnel instructed an American Heart Association First Aid and CPR class for our mechanic shop personnel and personnel from DOFAW.

Electronic Narcotics Tracking Rollout

We have rolled out the Schedule 2IT electronic narcotics tracking program to all ambulance stations. This inventory management process is a way to enhance accuracy, streamline operations, and ensure secure and real-time access to inventory data of our controlled drugs. This transition will significantly improve our ability to manage narcotic medications effectively and comply with Hawai'i State and Federal regulatory requirements.



Fentanyl Task Force Meeting

EMS Branch personnel participated in a meeting with the Fentanyl Task Force at the Mayor's Office to discuss possible programs that could assist with Narcan and Buprenorphine distribution on Hawai'i Island.

12-Lead EKG Training

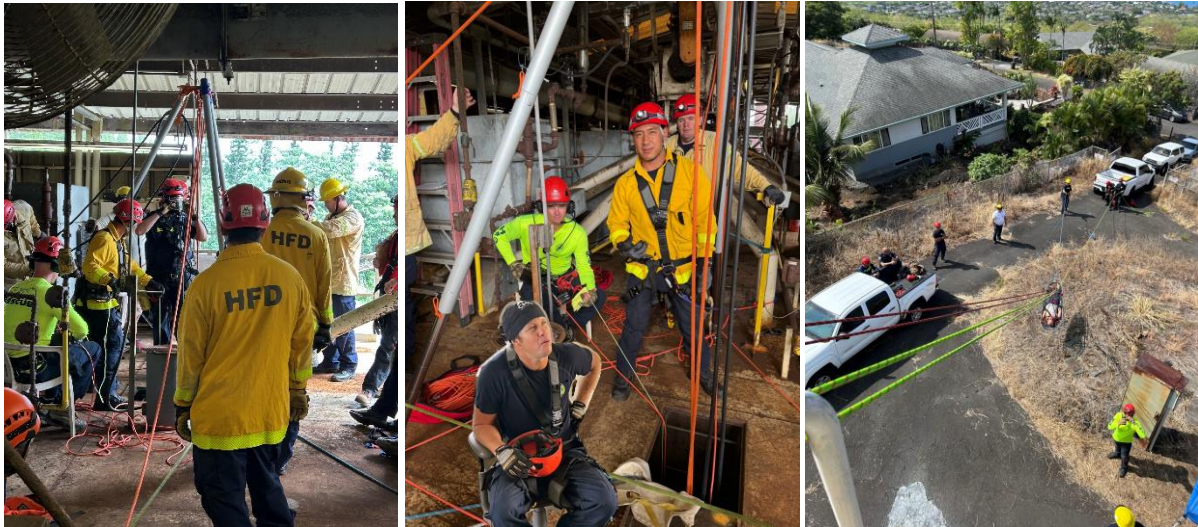
FMS III K. Kanae assisted with coordination of a 12 lead EKG class for our paramedic students at the EMS Training Center. Intensive care RN Jay Fincher from the Hilo Benioff Medical Center was the guest instructor. Both our paramedic students and the KCC EMS instructors provided very positive feedback about this training.

Training Services Branch

Confined Space Technician Certification

The Hawaii Fire Department certified twenty-five personnel for Confined Space Technician. The Confined Space Rescue Technician (CSRT) course covers concepts and techniques to enable small teams to undertake technical confined space rescues. Both

individual and team skills are extensively addressed. Topics that are thoroughly covered are hazard, gas detection, extensive loads and forces, building anchors, using pulley systems, use of tripod for entry and evacuation, lowering and hoisting of rescuer and victim, use of stretchers and various stretcher configurations in confined spaces, moving and evacuations from manholes, victim care, building horizontal span, situation analysis, incident management, and various scenarios.



Fire Attack Keystone Evolutions

Fire Attack Keystone Evolutions have commenced beginning with Battalion 1. Companies 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 18, and 19 have completed the evolution. Keystone evolutions are currently taking place for Battalion 2. The Fire Attack Keystone Assessment is a needs assessment for a simulated Single-Family Dwelling (SFD) which will help the Hawaii Fire Department evaluate and improve our fire attack operations by focusing on offensive interior fire attack. The goal is to measure our performance in

critical areas such as suppression times, fire attack techniques, and adherence to safety protocols. The desired outcomes are to set performance standards, identify areas for improvement, ensure firefighter safety, and improve fire ground efficiency.

Funeral Service for Chief Rowe

Chief Rowe served the Hawaii Fire Department for 29 years until his retirement in 2009. A service was held on Sunday, February 23, with a Pass in Review at Waiakea and past the Central Fire Station on the way to Dodo Mortuary.

Raymond "Lana" Kaulana Na Pua O Hawai'i Rowe Jr., 65, of Keaukaha, passed away on Thursday, January 16, 2025, at his residence. Born on November 7, 1959, in Keaukaha, he spent most of his career in Search and Rescue out of the Waiakea station and was one of the first to be recognized by the Sayre Foundation. He was an all-around athlete but an avid volleyball player, where he was chosen for a Junior Olympian team in Colorado and played with local teams, Rapp Center and Haili All Star. He was a devoted father and grandfather.



Volunteer Training Section

6-B (Kona Paradise)

Performed online Vector Solutions training during the month of February.

7-B (Kalaoa)

Dispatched to one (1) call during February and conducted training on the wildland interface.

8-A (Pa'auilo)

Responded to and assisted with one (1) brush fire and dispatched to two (2) "smell of smoke" calls. Conducted joint training with HFD Company 8 – Honoka'a on brushfires and relay pumping. Additional activities included driver training and vehicle maintenance.

9-B (Kanehoa)

Held two (2) company trainings in February focused on tactics and strategy in wildland firefighting. Also hosted a memorial for Guido Giacometti, founder of the A.O.K. 501(c)(3) that supported 9-B. He will be missed.

10-D (‘Āinaloa)

Responded to one (1) smoke visible call. Attended a Leilani Estates Community Association meeting for a short Q&A regarding volunteer opportunities with the Hawai‘i Fire Department.

16-B (Pu‘uanahulu)

Conducted vehicle maintenance and repairs on their brush truck and performed station clean-up.

20-A (HOVE)

Dispatched to multiple brush fires, rubbish fires, and structure fires during February. Responded to and assisted in fire suppression operations alongside HFD Company 11 during a structure fire that ignited a large brush fire.



Volunteer personnel lend a hand with pushing a stalled vehicle off the highway

Fire Prevention Branch

Fire Inspections

Our current fire inspectors are conducting business inspections in District 1 and District 7 utilizing EPR Fireworks and adding properties as inspections are completed.

Community Outreach, Events & Social Media

Feb 3: Inspector Reuelman and Jordyn Carter with Company 5 participated in Kamehameha Schools Middle School Hawaii Career Day.



Feb 7: Inspector Reuelman and Jordyn Carter with Company 4 participated in the Hilo High School Career Day.

Feb 13: Inspector Reuelman, T/A A.Moniz and Jordyn Carter participated in the East Hawaii Career Expo at Edith Kanaka‘ole Stadium.

Feb 21: Fire Inspector Reuelman, T/A Inspector Moniz and our HFD Mechanics attended Waiakea Elementary's 1st Grade Career Fair



Feb 21: Fire Inspectors Ahu and Reuelman attended the Chiefess Kapiolani elementary career fair with Central "A" Shift personnel



Feb 26-29: Fire Prevention personnel attended the Hawaii Wildfire Summit at the Outrigger Kona hosted by HWMO covering Fire Prevention topics, considerations, tactics and training with numerous county, state and federal personnel attending.

Plan Review / Active Construction

All plans in both digital and paper construction plans have been reviewed and completed within the allotted 14 day turnaround period for the month of February.

Active construction currently:

Dist. 3: UH Hilo Life Science Labs and Fire Alarm Completion

Fire Investigations

Feb 11: Dist.18 150122 Kamanu Street
Incendiary
BC Henderson/Capt.Goo

Feb 21: Dist. 20 Paradise Parkway
Undetermined
BC Henderson

Feb 23: Dist. 2 East Lanikaula
Incendiary
BC Henderson

Feb 24: Fire Prevention completed and outfitted a response vehicle for Fire Investigations, public events and the UAS program. The unit will be identified as P-1.



Logistics, Emergency Communications, and Vehicle Maintenance Section

- Support Services Clerk III, Carey-Dawn Shimizu is acclimating well and is learning quickly.
- Fire ordering for Shopify
 - 384 customers
 - 60 orders for the month of February
 - Approximate gross order sales, 17K of products
- Canopy tent for Station 7 has begun, some fabrication, still planning out final specs
- Mechanics Buyuan, Rowland, and Furtado did a great job presenting at Waiākeawaena Elementary School Career Fair
- Apparatus and equipment repair
 - Two hundred and twenty six (226) total repairs/service.
 - Forty-eight (48) service calls or trouble calls.
 - Fifteen (15) contracted out and tows

Emergency Communications

- Progress is continuing on the HCECC with the anticipation of moving our Emergency Communications operations at the end of April.
- Spillman trainings have continued to work on building response plans for our CAD to alleviate dispatching challenges.
- Chief Domingo attended the “911 Goes to Washington” conference in Washington, DC. Along with the Hawaii team, she was able to meet with our state delegates to advocate for Public Safety 911 professionals to be classified as a Protective Service Occupation and to request funding for the anticipation of moving to “NextGen911” upgrades in our current 911 system.

Information Technology Highlights

- Continued meetings for the Joint Communication Center.
 - Inet Fiber was completed, location has now been added to the County network.
 - Dispatch CAD computer configurations and quality checks on wiring.
 - Video wall PC configuration.
 - Targeted go live date in late April.
- Continued work on updating GPS settings for units with CradlePoints installed.
- Continued work on FireWorks Inventory and Item Check modules.
- Fixed E14 MDT power problem.
- Work on Power BI reports for roster and vehicles.

SAFETY SPECIALIST REPORT

February was a busy month for the Hawaii Fire Department’s safety initiatives, with advancements in compliance, training, and equipment upgrades. The Safety Committee met on February 19, 2025, tackling ongoing and emerging safety concerns.

Incident and Accident Reporting

Five incident reports and two accident reports were logged for February as of March 6, 2025, with three additional reports received in mid-February. The 2024 Safety Section Annual Report was approved and distributed via Wellness Wednesday on February 25, 2025, accessible in the Safety Documents section of the internal website.

Respiratory Protection Program

Annual training is assigned (due March 31, 2025), and a postponed visit to Station #10 for fit-testing data is being rescheduled due to OSHA 300 demands. East-side fit-testing data will be uploaded to MSA FireGrid soon.

Environmental and Station Concerns

Station #18’s suspected mold (from a leaking AC) and a crew-reported lead concern await Lehua Environmental’s results. A work order is submitted, and prior tests suggest no actionable lead levels. Waiakea Fire Station shows no new leaks, though ceiling tiles are still missing in sections. Central Fire Station’s relocation remains on track for May 1, 2025. Rescue #2’s boat hull has a fuel saturation issue post tank repair which is being closely monitored.

Training and Development

The Hazardous Communications Program training was distributed February 19, 2025, via Vector Solutions. The Safety Specialist will attend the National Fire Academy's Safety Program Operations course (March 9-14, 2025). Aviation's Flight Safety & Survival video is in final review, and SMS Manual planning (due May 2027) has started.

Equipment and Infrastructure

APX radio upgrades are planned via an Assistance to Firefighters Grant, and high-visibility Rescue/Hazmat shirts were referred to the uniform committee.

Policy and Compliance

The COOP exercise is set for the week of March 23, with design underway. Policy drafts (Return-To-Work, Drug/Alcohol Testing) and an Emergency Contact form are progressing, and OSHA 300A reporting was completed.

February reflects HFD's focus on safety amid challenges in equipment and policy timelines.

FACILITIES UPDATES

Updates and photos provided by Assistant Fire Chief Ian Chadwick.

Generator Installed at Kailua Fire Station

After waiting nearly three years, Kailua had a portable generator installed at their station.

Plymovent Installations Completed

The Plymovent drops were completed at the Waiakea and Kaumana Fire Stations. Due to space constraints, personnel at Hawaiian Paradise Park Fire Station declined the installation of a Plymovent drop for Brush Truck 18 (BR18).



Temporary Central Fire Station Construction Progress

Construction remains on track at the Central Fire Station relocation building with the contractor reporting the project is 71% complete. We are working with Banyan Networks on radio equipment installation, Spectrum for County fiber connection, and Hawaiian Telcom to have Central's numbers moved to the new location.



Security Fence at Pepeekeo Volunteer Fire Station

A new security fence was recently constructed at the Pepe‘eoko Volunteer Fire Station, thanks to the hard work of the Department of Public Works. Photos courtesy of Carlton and Toni Bello.



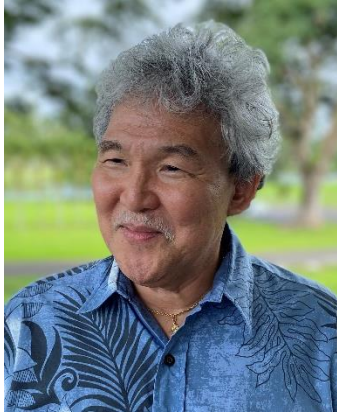
Further updates will be provided as facility and equipment enhancements progress.

SNAPSHOTS AND STORIES

2025 Hawai‘i Wildfire Summit

More than 300 wildfire professionals, community leaders, and experts from across the state gathered at the Outrigger Kona Resort & Spa on February 27–28 for the Hawai‘i Wildfire Summit. Hosted by Hawaii Fire Department and HWMO, the event provided a valuable space to share knowledge, strengthen partnerships, and advance strategies for wildfire resilience across the Islands. Attendees contributed insights and collaborated on practical solutions to help protect Hawai‘i’s communities and natural landscapes.





Farewell to Ray Miyaji

With heavy hearts, we share the passing of Ray Miyaji, Senior Account Clerk, who dedicated 35 years of service to the Hawai'i Fire Department. Ray passed away on February 28. Known for his quiet dedication, attention to detail, and endless supply of fruit, Ray played an essential role in ensuring everyone was paid. He will be deeply missed. A service for Ray will be held on Saturday, May 3, 1600 hrs, at Dodo Mortuary in Hilo.

E14 Naming Ceremony

On February 7, a naming ceremony for the new Engine 14 was held at the South Kohala Fire Station. The engine, donated by the Daniel R. Sayre Memorial Foundation, was named 'Auwaiakeakua by Kōmike Hawai'i, and refers to a waterway that originates on the slopes of Mauna Kea and flows makai through Waimea and Waikoloa, eventually finding the ocean at the shores of Puakō.



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