

COUNTY OF HAWAII FIRE COMMISSION  
FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT  
August 13, 2003

Presentations

- Introduction of 29<sup>th</sup> Firefighter Recruit class members
- HazMat Demonstration
- Firefighter Recruit Training Video

Budget

- Possible 10% budget reduction in EMS Program for FY 2003/04.

Alternative Funding and Grants

- *2003 Action Plan Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program*: \$150,000 awarded for design and planning of new Pahoehoe Fire Station. Looking at 56 acre parcel behind current fire station.
- *Department of Transportation Safe Communities Highway Safety Program*: Awarded \$44,000 for purchase of power extrication tools for Kaumana and Kawaiilani stations.
- *Hilo Shippers Wharf Trust*: Will be submitting grant proposals to purchase public education burn trailer, that will assist in fire prevention and safety issues presentations.

Capital Improvement Projects

- *Kalaoa*: No changes.
- *Fire Admin*: Site review in East Hawaii.
- *Training Facility*: Site review in East Hawaii.

Promotions and Hiring

- Second hire of Firefighter Recruits effective August 1, 2003.
- Promotion of Glenn Maesato to Chief Mechanic effective August 18.
- Upcoming internal recruitments: FASO, FRS, Prevention Inspector, Fire Dispatcher, Fire Mechanics.
- Statistical information from Civil Service on Firefighter recruitments:
  - Percentage of repeat applicants: 10%
  - Applications received during current 2003 recruitment: 519
  - Applications received during prior recruitment: 815
  - Percentage of females vs. male applicants: 5% female vs. 95% male
  - Numbers of latest police recruitment: 194 applicants

## Operations Division

- Initiation of quarterly meetings with Division Heads.
- *KMC Closure Update:* Submitted formal request to U.S. Army to extend closure date to January 2005.
- Ocean View Station update. No requests received for transfers.
- Invitations to all Commissioners to be on judging panel or attend Leadership Development graduation:
  - August 20 / 1330 – Schultz Siding
  - August 21 / 1330 – Schultz Siding
  - August 25 / 1330 – Kona police station

## Prevention Division

- Contract renewed for BC Kihara to October 28, 2003.
- Ongoing Fire Inspector shadowing with Honolulu Fire Department.
- *Honolii Fire Update:* Both inspectors (Fire & Insurance Company) working on trying to come to consensus on origin of fire. Right now, could be one of two different points of origin.

## EMS Division

- EMT class progressing.
- Working on a partnership MOU to give medic unit to EMS Training Center.

## Volunteer Training

Volunteer Fire Chief's meeting held July 19<sup>th</sup>:

- Thanks to commissioners for attending
- Letters of encouragement for volunteer chief's/companies

## Fire Auxiliary Services

## New Projects/Business

- RMS training ongoing - August 11-13, 2003.

## Public Relations

- American Cancer Society Relay for Life on July 19-20: Raised \$831.
- Ongoing Hawaii Island United Way/KTA Bag Brigades:
  - August 2: KTA-Keawe (raised \$771)
  - August 16: KTA- Waimea
  - August 23: KTA-Puainako & Keauhou
  - August 30: KTA-Waikoloa
- Fire Prevention Week: October 11, 2003 in Hilo.