

COUNTY OF HAWAII FIRE COMMISSION
FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT
March 12, 2003

Budget

- Request for comments from Commissioners following their review of final draft Strategic Plan.
- Meetings with Councilmembers on Strategic Plan & supplemental budget.

Alternative Funding and Grants

- Open period for USFA grant. Grant writing team attended workshop; met 3-11-03 to begin process.
- Received notification that our 2003 CDBG program design-New Pahoehoe Fire Station project proposal will be recommended for CDBG funding for \$150,000 and will be included in Draft County 2003 Action Plan to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Public hearings scheduled for April 15 and May 7.
- Deputy Chief Wery will be meeting with Civil Defense on March 13, 2003 to begin process for an ODP grant.

Capital Improvement Projects

- 2-12-03: Councilman Arakaki suggested floating \$2.5 million bond for Fire Admin with no specific location/plan.
- 2-20-03: Finance committee meeting on bond float. Passed first reading.
- 3-7-03: Finance committee meeting on bond float. Passed 2nd & final reading. Commissioner Bowles presentation. Will move on to full Council meeting.
- Met with Bolton, re: Kalaoa fire station. Met with Russ Oda, architect. Final draft given to Bolton on 3-12-03.

Promotions and Hiring

- Initiated process to fill vacancy of Fire Equipment Mechanic.
- Update on dispatch hiring. Closing date for applicant packets was 3-7-03; 13 applications submitted. Will begin background check process. Police will share info with us. Interviews will follow.

Operations Division

- Initiated process to standardize SCBAs.
- HOVE truck received. Training will be scheduled.

Prevention Division

- Follow-up with BC Kihara, re: Tyson Fire Investigations. (Request of Commissioner Ward). Per Kihara, believes National Fire Academy classes are more valuable in that they are certified.
- State Fire Council third quarter meeting held on 2-27/28 in Hilo.

Training Division

- Firefighter Recruit training starts Monday, 3-17-03.

Volunteer Division

- Puuanahulu Volunteer Fire Company station blessed. Working on the establishment of volunteer unit. No vehicle at present time.

EMS Division

- National Registry taken this past weekend. MICTs are out and running.

Fire Auxiliary Services

- Microwave project is continuing. 700 MHZ option is being reviewed.

New Projects/Business

- Start up of Aethers FireRMS project.
- Strategic planning session held 3-7-03. Initiation of monthly strategic sessions and staff meetings.
- First annual recognition & awards dinner on 3-16-03 at Nani Mau Gardens.

Public Relations

- EMS Week festivities confirmed for Sunday, June 1, 2003.
- Community service project on March 5 & 6—park improvement at old Kona airport organized by FF Gary Pries. Thanks to Commissioner Ward for participating.
- Bertram Carvalho—FF of the Year-North Hawaii
- Darren Rosario—FF of the Year-Aloha Exchange Club