

COUNTY OF HAWAII FIRE COMMISSION  
FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT  
April 9, 2003

**Budget**

- Budget review with Finance Committee meeting on 3-13-03.

**Alternative Funding and Grants**

- Denial of Hilo Shippers Wharf grant funding.
- Deputy Chief working with Civil Defense and Police Department on ODP (Office of Domestic Preparedness) grant to acquire HazMat and US&R equipment.
- USFA (U.S. Fire Administration) grant application to be submitted by this Friday, April 11 requesting equipment totaling \$414,900. County match is 30% or \$124,470.

**Capital Improvement Projects**

- Plans in draft for Kalaoa Fire Station.
- Received estimated costs from Public Works for construction of Fire Administration/Support complex.

**Promotions and Hiring**

- Dispatch applicant interviews scheduled for April 14, 2003. 12 candidates to be interviewed for two positions.
- Awaiting approval from Civil Service prior to implementation of our Internal Recruitment Procedures.

**Operations Division**

- Standardization committee approved MSA SCBA proposal. Will be working on purchase plan.
- Re: Fern Forest helicopter landing zone. Developing community sensitive and safety plans for rescue operations.

**Prevention Division**

- Working to renew Kihara's contract.
- Developing a partnership with Honolulu Fire Department for specialized training of inspectors.

**Training Division**

- HOVE Truck training on April 15-17, 2003.
- Recruit class update.

### **Volunteer Division**

- Volunteer Fire Chief's meeting held on 4-5-03 at HPP. Next meeting on July 19.

### **EMS Division**

- Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act (HIPPA) effective 4-14-03, re: patient privacy rights.

### **Fire Auxiliary Services**

### **New Projects/Business**

- Emergency cabinet meetings at EOC since war.
- Deputy Chief attends regular Project Kumiai meetings, a mechanism to bring together appropriate leadership in the community to focus on engaging citizens in homeland security for promoting community preparedness and family safety.
- Fire RMS update. Meeting on 4-14-03.
- SARS Virus update.
- World Sprints event (canoe regatta) on August 15-22, 2004.
- Results of 1<sup>st</sup> annual Recognition & Awards dinner on 3-16-03.

### **Public Relations**

- Mother's Day project-for American Cancer Society.
- EMS 5K Fun Run/Walk and Family Day on June 1, 2003 at Coconut Island.
- Sayre Foundation dinner on April 12.

### **Notes:**

- Distribute department telephone directory to Commissioners
- Return of SWOT analysis.