

HAWAII FIRE COMMISSION
FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT
March 14, 2007

Budget

- FY 2007/08 Budget: Mayor Kim presented his budget to the Council and included the following supplemental budget items:
 - Warehouse renovation \$20,000
 - PPE Program \$260,000
 - Safety Shoe Program \$40,000
 - 2 Rescue Apparatus \$1,060,000

Will be presenting our budget before the County Council on Friday, March 30, 2007, at 9:00 a.m.

Alternative Funding and Grants

- FEMA FY 2005 Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant: (Plymo-Vent) The projected start date is March 19. The contractor will not be doing the electrical at Central but wants to start there because it is the most difficult station and the representative will be here at the time. They will hook up the electrical later.
- FEMA FY 2004 Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant: (Burn Trailer) Still awaiting formal approval (MOA) from State Department of Transportation before training delivery can begin.
- FEMA FY 2006 Fire Prevention & Safety Grant: No word on our grant submittal, re: fire safety & education trailer.
- FEMA FY 2007 Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant: Open period for this grant application postponed (was supposed to be March 5).

Capital Improvement Projects

- Makalei Fire Station: Met with design consultant on February 19. Preliminary discussion on building and site requirements.
- Pahoa Fire Station: Site work begun with site grubbing; demolition of existing building have been completed. Construction contract executed effective February 27, 2007 with completion date by May 12, 2008.
- Fire Administration & Support Facility: Continuing to negotiate fee proposal with consultant for design.
- Central Fire Station: No new developments. Still awaiting approval to change of site use from Federal HUD (from housing to public service facility).

- Central Fire Station Retrofit Project: Pre-construction meeting held February 14, 2007 with contractor to iron out details of project. Site meeting to be held shortly at Central Fire Station to lay out plans. DPW currently reviewing General Contractor's submittal of materials, equipment and sub-contractor lists.
- Captain Cook: No new developments. Fee proposal still currently under review by Department of Public Works.
- Paauilo Volunteer Station: Continuing with design phase of project. Building recommendations and site planning issues being addressed.
- Naalehu Fire Station: Submitted request to Mayor Kim to request to the Governor's office for an executive order for Naalehu site near Waiohinu. Mayor responded and requested a comprehensive priority listing of all fire station needs.

Promotions and Hiring

Active recruits include:

Open-Competitive Recruitment

- Fire Fighter Recruits. Conditional offers for candidates of 36th class. Will be setting up medical screening. Target date of hire is June 1, 2007. Family orientation scheduled during May; will inform Fire Commissioners. Anticipate hire for 37th class in November or December 2007.

Internal Recruitment

- Fire Equipment Operator assessment held on February 17, 2007. Hoping to do promotions effective April 1.
- Internal Recruitment for Battalion Chiefs (EMS and FASO) closed on February 28.

Emergency Operations Division

- West Hawaii BC/Captains meeting completed. East Hawaii BC officers are working on having their meeting in March.
- FFI program deadline met and tallying of data on the personnel in the department ongoing in March.
- Working on ICS 100, 200 and 700 courses with line companies.
- BCs stressing to personnel the importance of the proper use of PPE.

Support Services Division

Auxiliary Services:

Communications

- The wireless project is to start soon, temporary upgrades to dispatch wiring to be completed this month. Installation of new hardware, training with new software and wireless testing to begin in April.

Warehouse

- Distributed Fire Extinguisher and Flammable signs to stations. This should complete all Support division activities for HIOSH remediation.
- Air Bag (Safe Highways 2006 Grant) distribution complete
- Met with Dave Heretrich (MSA) and Merrick Hee - Vivian, G Nakashima & J. Lum to finalize details of MSA distribution (SCBA Standardization Project).

Maintenance Shop:

- Received two 300 gallon replacement water tanks for BT 5 and BT 8. Installation to begin shortly.

New Apparatus

Received word that new engine for Captain Cook ready for final inspection and acceptance at Pierce Manufacturing.

EMS Bureau:

- We would like to thank FF/MICT Wayne DeMotta for his assistance with critical EMS supply distribution.
- Construction began on HMC's Emergency Room renovation project. Patient drop-offs by our medics are affected, however, our personnel are adapting well.
- AC2 met with staff at HMC to discuss current state of ambulance supply procurement. HMC and Kau Hospital does not want to continue supporting our current restocking system. Working on a price term agreement bid to secure a vendor to provide ambulance supplies

Inspection Bureau:

Three inspectors attended Fire Inspections Principles training on Oahu from Feb. 12-23, 2007 (two weeks).

Training Bureau:

Operations Section:

33rd Recruit Class has been promoted to Firefighter status as of March 1, 2007. They are currently finishing up the minimum requirements needed to be an assigned EMT on a Medic unit.

34th Recruit Class concluded their EMT-B clinical phase of training. They will be taking their finals this week and begin their EMT-I class on March 9, 2007. EMT-I will continue throughout April and end on May 11, 2007.

35th Recruit Class is finishing up their Fire Essentials Curriculum with skills testing and a written final exam. The Recruits successfully completed a Wildland Fire Training with the Department of Forestry and Wildlife Feb. 26 – Mar. 3. They will also be receiving a class on Propane Gas emergencies provided by the Gas

Company, followed by a week of Water Safety Lifeguard Certification Training in West Hawaii, and a week of Hazardous Materials First Responder Operations Training.

Volunteer Section:

- West Hawaii: Trained 89 volunteers (10 companies) in CPR/AED and First Responder
- East Hawaii: Met with 64 volunteers (12 companies) and worked with them on inventory and PUC issues.
- Mac Goddard of Ocean View Volunteers stated that their two new trainers are doing an excellent job.
- Next Volunteer Fire Chiefs meeting will be held on April 21 at the Pahala Fire Station.

Other Support Division Activities:

AC2 Working with FEMA for reimbursement of Oct. 15, 2006 earthquake costs.

AC2 Working with representatives from HPD and Data Systems in the selection of a consultant to design a new radio system.

AC2 Working with Public Works, Pacific Wireless, and Corporation Counsel on the Kapoho Radio Tower to Puna Geothermal transfer.

New Projects/Business

- F-1 attended NFA Executive Analysis of Fire Service Operations in Emergency Management (2-19 to 3-2) in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

PUBLIC EDUCATION/RELATIONS

- American Red Cross: Hats Off Campaign held at KTA-Puainako and Kailua on March 3. With our help, raised a total of \$4,954.05. Great partnership with The Gas Company.
- 5th Annual Employees & Awards Dinner: Postponed.