

HAWAII FIRE COMMISSION
FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT
June 13, 2007

Budget

- FY 2007/08 Budget: On June 1, 2007, the County Council passed the FY 07/08 operating budget.

Alternative Funding and Grants

- FEMA FY 2005 Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant: (Plymo-Vent) Duct work completed on nine stations (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 11, 17, and 20). Awaiting electrical installation and formal training before system is operational. The remaining stations to be completed by the end of June.
- FEMA FY 2004 Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant: (Burn Trailer) Still awaiting MOU from State Department of Transportation to relocate trailer to former airport site. Hopefully will be finalized soon.
- FEMA FY 2006 Fire Prevention & Safety Grant: Status quo. (No word yet on our grant proposal for fire safety & education trailer. Submitted in January; if successful, will work with committee on implementation.)
- FEMA FY 2007 Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant: Status quo. (Submitted our grant application on May 3rd for video teleconferencing equipment. Grant total request is for \$327,600 to purchase VTS equipment for 15 of our 20 fire stations (5 stations do not have basic technical capability to accommodate VTS), Training, Dispatch, and Administration.)
- State Department of Transportation Highway Safety Grant: Submitted grant proposal to acquire three electronic message boards. Total grant application \$29,500. Notification to be made in August or September.

Capital Improvement Projects

- Makalei Fire Station: Design planning is currently in the hands of the civil engineer for the project (DYA Design Group). Right now, they are awaiting a reply from the State Department of Transportation regarding the off site road improvement requirements for the project.

- Pahoa Fire Station: Construction continuing with site work and foundation. Per David Yamamoto, construction is slightly behind schedule; however, contractor should make up time once foundation is completed.
- Fire Administration & Support Facility: Fee proposal has been negotiated and preparing for award. Current fee proposal is \$1,704,115; however the consultant has been asked to include LEED (Leader in Energy Efficient Design) to the contract which may increase the design costs.
- Central Fire Station: In process of selecting consultant.
- Central Fire Station Retrofit Project: Pre-installation meeting held on May 15, 2007. Construction started on May 17 with start of second floor roof demotion. Tentative completion date is June 22. However, per Public Works, project is slightly behind schedule. Contractor is in the process of submitting a revised construction schedule.
- Captain Cook: Negotiated fee proposal is complete and preparing to award. Fee proposal also includes ADA compliance for Police and Fire to be paid through DPW funds. Fire Department share of design contract (apparatus floor only) is \$100,000.
- Paauilo Volunteer Station: Received a revised fee proposal from Architects Pacific based on revised site use that was agreed to with DPW. Total cost for Fire's share of the design costs is \$207,414.00 broken down as follows: Design Services \$149,146; Planning Services \$38,268; contingency \$20,000.

Promotions and Hiring

Active recruits include:

Open-Competitive Recruitment

- FF Recruit Candidates (re: 36th and 37th classes.) Candidates identified for 36th class, which is scheduled to begin on July 15, 2007. Looking at December/January for 37th class.
- FFR Family Orientation for 36th class will be held June 15 at 1730 at Aupuni Center Conference Room. Invitation open to all Commissioners.

- FF Recruit Open Recruitment: Announcement opened on June 10, 2007. Closing date is June 26, 2007.

Internal Recruitment

- Battalion Chiefs (FASO and EMS): Captain Michael Gahan promoted into FASO position; Captain Ralph Yawata into EMS position. Promotions effective June 18.
- Battalion Chiefs (Emergency Operations and Special Operations): Assessment center held on June 1 for these two positions.

Emergency Operations Division

- Emergency Proclamation by Mayor Kim made on June 5, 2007 due to dry weather conditions.
- Pastor Jason Meechan conducting Effective Communication Training with regards to CISD to West Hawaii station personnel.
- As requested by Commissioner Kudlo, contacted police department to determine status of arson investigation on brush fires at Punaluu/South Point area that have been going on for over a year. At this time, their investigations of the cases have been suspended.

Support Services Division

Auxiliary Services Bureau:

As reported earlier, Captain Michael Gahan selected as FASO.

FCCC

- Vivian Arai attended Geospatial Integration for Public Safety Conference in New Orleans. The Urban and Regional Information Systems Association (URISA) and the National Emergency Number Association (NENA) jointly presented their Second Annual Geospatial Integration for Public Safety Conference (GIPSC) from April 15-18, 2007 in New Orleans, Louisiana. This three-day conference brought more than 200 9-1-1 and GIS professionals, addressing coordinators, incident management and emergency response specialist together for the purpose of providing high quality and dynamic education on mapping and address in public safety and emergency management.
- Intergraph Mapping workshop. CAD map updated in training mode. Address points will be added to map in July. Map expected to be in "live" mode early July.
- Meeting with HPD and State DOT. New call boxes on line at Kiholo and Saddle Rd. New digital call boxes are accessible for the hearing impaired.
- Meeting with Watson Furniture representative - reconfiguration of ergonomic furniture for dispatch.

Warehouse Section

- Shredders distributed to medic stations for disposal of documents.
- MSA spare masks distributed
- New MSA units in service
- Stn. 20 - compressor delivered
- New Eng. 6 to Capt. Cook Station.
- Meeting with Volunteer Training Division Captains regarding equipment requests for volunteers.

Maintenance:

- Continue 4 apparatus refurbishment projects
 1. HFD 418 T11 – Fabricate pump panel and install differential lockers
 2. HFD 374 BT 15 – Install new tank
- Apparatus and equipment repair
 - 119 total repairs/service during the month of May
 - 24 of these repairs were road service calls or trouble calls
- Other projects
 - Install new tank on BT 5-completed
- New Apparatus
 - Received 1 John Deere Gator
 - Received 2 Wells Cargo Hazmat trailers

EMS Bureau:

- Capt. Ralph Yawata selected as EMS1
- Awaiting results of EMS supplies bid contract.
- MICT Class: On Oahu. Just completed their first clinical phase rotation at Kapiolani, Queens, and 3 ambulance stations. On June 10, they began their second rotation with preceptors that goes until July 14.

Inspection Bureau

Training Bureau:

Operations Section

Recruit Training:

34th Recruit Class- Graduation and Badge ceremony held at Nani Mau Gardens on May 12, 2007. Honored guest included Senator Lorraine Inouye, Commissioner Neil Brazier, and Chief Darryl Oliveira. Recruits given their first 24hr station assignment effective May 16, 2007. Recruits traveled to Oahu on June 3rd for their EMT National Registry skills testing. Anticipated completion of FFR status June 30, 2007.

35th Recruit Class- Driver Training, Station Orientation, and EMT preparation still ongoing. Eight recruits volunteered for Hilo High Grad Night on June 1st, eleven recruits volunteered for Waiakea High Grad Night on June 2nd with both events occurring at Hilo Yacht Club. EMT training began on June 12, 2007 with James Gray to instruct. One recruit already EMT State certified and will be assigned to Central Fire Station for duration of EMT training.

36th Recruit class- Formal offer sent on May 21, with acceptance deadline set for May 31, 2007. Orientation, personnel processing, PPE fitting, and SCBA fit testing set for June 15, at 1200 noon in Training Bureau. Family Orientation to follow same day 5:30 p.m. at Aupuni Conference Room. Recruit class scheduled to begin on July 16, 2007.

37th Recruit Class- COMPASS and interviews being scheduled. Tentative starting date is some time in December 2007 or January 2008.

On-Line Training:

- NFA direct delivery course "Courtroom Preparation and Testimony for First Responders" held on May 15 & 17 at Aupuni Conference Room.
- CERT Instructor Training held in East Hawaii on May 21 & 23, and West Hawaii on June 6.
- Hazardous Materials Technician Training tentatively scheduled for June (Chemistry of Haz Mat Materials) and July (Haz Mat Tactics and Strategies).
- Hawaii Petroleum Fire Protection Course tentatively scheduled for July at Honolulu Fire Department training center.

Volunteer Section

- Structure of Volunteer Program report.
- Combined East and West projects include:
 - 1) Tracking Volunteers in RMS for improved data collection on Volunteer responses to emergencies
 - 2) Picture IDs for volunteers for improved fire scene accountability and as a morale builder.
- License Agreement between Puuanahulu Community Association and County of Hawaii executed on June 12, 2007.

- Report by Tom Brandt.

Other Support Division Activities:

Consultant for new radio system selected (Macro Engineering) soon to begin work.

Kapoho Radio Tower to Puna Geothermal transfer project ongoing.

New Projects/Business

- Explorer Program: Pilot program will begin June 30. Tentatively have 13 students. Wal-Mart Hilo awarded us a \$500 grant in support of program.
- Ocean Safety Integration

Employee/Public Relations

- 5th Annual Employees & Awards Dinner: Confirmed date is Friday, August 17 at Hilo Meishoin.
- EMS Week: 7th Annual 5K Run/Walk/Keiki Run to be held on Sunday, May 27, at Liliuokalani Gardens. Best year ever with 724 registered participants.