

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

- Chief Oliveira on Oahu for HCC Fire Advisory Board meeting and HFCA Board meeting.

Budget

- FY 2008/09 Budget: Deadline to submit our program budget, as well as supplemental budget, to Finance is tomorrow, November 15. Have been meeting with Division heads to finalize our submittal. Will provide report at next month's meeting.

Alternative Funding and Grants

- FEMA FY 2005 Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant: (Plymo-Vent) Submitted our final close out grant award report has been closed out after we have met all criteria. Thanks to FF Neil Yoshioka.
- FEMA FY 2007 Fire Prevention & Safety Grant: Opened on October 22, 2007. Strategic Planning Public Education/Relations committee working to refine and resubmit grant proposal for safety and education trailer. Deadline for submittal is November 30.
- Firemans Fund Grant: Received \$18,000 to be used for training curriculum, building training library at stations and for volunteer companies.

Capital Improvement Projects

- Makalei Fire Station: Received the initial schematic from the design consultant KYA Design Group. Meeting held on November 13 with design consultant to review and discuss details of the schematic. We cleared up some issues and they will submit another schematic to include items of discussion.
- Pahoa Fire Station: Construction continuing. Targeted completion is May 2008.
- Fire Administration & Support Facility: On October 18, 2007, consultant kick-off meeting held. Design consultant from Anbe, Aruga, Ishizu Architects along with Civil, Mechanical, Electrical, Environmental Assessment, Telecom sub contractors met with Fire, DPW, Police & Data system representatives to discuss project. Harold Inouye is the lead project Architect. Project requirements include master planning site to include Fire Admin Bldg, Emergency Dispatch Bldg. Fire Training Building, Museum, Covered Training Area, Warehouse and Fire Station. The consultant will subdivide 5 acres for Fire Dept. use from a parcel of State property along Mohouli Extension. Initial timeline for design expected to take 12 to 14

months (contract executed 8/31/07). Inaba Engineering has already begun site marking of the parcel.

- Central Fire Station: DPW currently negotiating contract for design consultant for the project to include the EA. Site plan is at the corner of Wailoa/Ululani Streets.
- Central Fire Station Retrofit Project: On November 1, received Punch list of discrepancies from Architects Pacific that has been forwarded to Beach Side Roofing, the General Contractor for the project. There were a few discrepancies on the roof that needs to be corrected. The most significant discrepancies are on the solar panels. Ball valves and air vents need to be installed and the thermocouple wire needs to be replaced and conduit installed. Regarding the plaster work in the kitchen/dining room, it is yet to be determined whether the job will be bid out or the County carpenter shop will do the job. Daren Kodani to discuss with carpenter shop and make decision on that matter soon.
- Captain Cook: On October 15, 2007, submitted input regarding preliminary schematic to D. Yamamoto. Requesting that turning radius be included to demonstrate accessibility to new apparatus bay. Meeting scheduled with station personnel on November 27, 2007 at 1000. Presently, we do not have construction money for this project.
- Keaau: Meeting with Mayor Kim, Harry Yada, Fire & Police representatives originally scheduled for 11/2 however rescheduled to 11/28. This meeting scheduled to discuss Kamehameha's interest in working with the County for the development of a Fire/Police complex on property currently owned by Kamehameha Schools.
- Honokaa: 10/15/07: we notified Mayor's office and Finance of the possibility that Kamehameha Schools may be interested in considering negotiating with the County for property in the Honokaa area that we may be interested in obtaining for a Honokaa Fire Station site. We've been given the go ahead to assist Harry Yada in discussions.

Promotions and Hiring

Open-Competitive Recruitment

- **FF Recruit**: 37th Class candidates are undergoing medical screening. Start date tentatively January 1, 2008. 38th Class candidates submitted their applications; presently under review. Their tentative hire date is July 2008.
- **Ocean Safety**: Department of Human Resources will be conducting open-competitive recruitments for two temporary Water Safety Officer I (1/2 Time) positions due to incumbents on temporary assignments to other Water Safety Officer positions.

Internal Recruitment

- **Fire Captain:** Exam administered; candidates just received results. Next step is assessment center.
- **Fire Apparatus Trainer:** Applications received; currently being screened.
- **Fire Radio Dispatchers:** Will be hired on November 16.

Emergency Operations Division

- Prescribed Burn Project and Training Opportunity: Unfortunately necessary to postpone project again due to weather conditions and California brush fires.
- School Inspections: Line companies have been continuing their school inspections.

Ocean Safety

- Report by Captain John Kapsky.

Support Services Division

Auxiliary Services Bureau:

Communication:

- Dispatchers and BC Gahan met with Akimeka representatives to add district boundary layers on our CAD map system.
- BC Gahan participated in phone conference discussion about new AVL units purchased for fire vehicles.
- AC Mento and BC Gahan met with Michael Green of BAE Systems, who was introducing a product that would bridge communications gaps for all radios at emergency scene.
- BC Gahan attended Fire Communications Officer Training on Oahu.

Warehouse:

- Received 32 new sets of turnout gear.
- Received 27 new computers for the fire stations.
- Issued 330 new ESS goggles for firefighters on line.

Maintenance Shop Section:

Continue 2 apparatus refurbishment projects

1. HFD 374 BT 15 – Install new tank

Other projects

Started radio charger installation project

Heavy rescue committee

HFD 416- Refurbish pump and cafs system

Pump and tank for Kubota ATV-pump ordered

EMS Bureau:

- Five (5) MICT Interns completed training – awaiting National Registry testing to be conducted on Oahu on December 9th. Four (4) MICT Interns have been extended for one (1) month – will join the five (5) other on Oahu for the testing. December 16th is the projected date they all will be eligible to fill an MICT vacancy.
- ePCR Committee meeting discussed the soon to be released EMStat 5 module and Laurine Carvalho distributed eight (8) new Dell laptops for some medic units
- BC Ralph Yawata and Captain Tracy Yanagi attended two (2) conferences in October – 1) Emergency Preparedness for the disabled population, 2) Rural Health Association – Shortages of medical services in the rural setting.
- MICT Retraining conducted for all shifts – various topics – Alzheimer's, new EKG monitor from Zoll, Corporation Counsel – legal concerns, HFD Medical Director – patient transfer concerns, HPD – “Taser Orientation”
- Nine (9) personnel have shown interest for the January 14, 2008 MICT class – presently meeting once a week with “MICT Advisors”
- October Base Station Meeting featured speakers from Dept. of Health – Topic was “Introduction to Avian & Pandemic Influenza”

Inspection Bureau:

Training Bureau:

Operations Section

Recruit Training:

35th Recruit Class- Completed EMT-I classroom didactics and were sent out to Fire Stations and hospitals for clinical portion of EMT-I. Their graduation scheduled for Wednesday, November 28, at 1030 at Nani Mau Gardens.

36th Recruit class- Successfully completed Haz Mat and Aquatics Competency courses. They are now certified Haz Mat Operations level as well as American Red Cross Lifeguards.

37th Recruit Class- Currently planning course curriculum for projected starting date of January 2, 2008.

Explorer Program:

Second stage of program, engine ride-a-long, has been planed and scheduled for initial Explorer participants.

Second Explorer class started on October 13 with 10 boys and 1 girl. Classes will be conducted at the Training Bureau for the next 5 Saturdays introducing the participants to various firefighting skills.

Volunteer Section

- Puuanahulu Volunteer Company: Official blessing and opening of station held on October 27, 2007. Thanks to Commissioner Bowles for attending.
- Volunteer Incident Reports: With the inclusion of volunteer response being captured in RMS, we are able to provide monthly statistical data, as shown on this month's Chief's report.

West Hawaii

Trained 11 Companies – 80 Volunteers in Firefighter 1 Chapter 1, Joint C-2 training with paid personnel. Working on bid specification for Co-14A tanker.

East Hawaii

Trained 11 Companies – 50 Volunteers in Firefighter 1, Chapter 1. Working on bid specification of Fern Acres garage

- Report by Tom Brandt

Support Services Other Activities:

Working with Civil Defense, Police, Data Systems and State Civil Defense on a Statewide interoperability plan. Met on Oahu to present Hawai'i County's interoperability plan. Hawai'i County stands to gain 1.6 million dollars for communication improvements.

Demo'd new potential FCCC technology. Radio over Internet Protocol dispatch consoles.

Working with Civil Defense, Police, Data Systems and MACRO Engineering to develop a Countywide Communications plan. Phase 1 of the proposal submitted to the County. Not so good news, irrespective of the direction the County wishes to take regarding it's radio systems; a very expensive (>\$10,000,000) upgrade will be required in the next 5-10 years because of FCCC requirements.

Working with HELCO and Corporation Counsel to gain easement to Wailuku River via Manaolana St. for the purpose of testing fire pumps. Project ran into a hitch, one neighbor is against the plan. May need to have a community meeting.

New Projects/Business

- CERT

Employee/Public Relations

- Fire Prevention Week: Held on Saturday, October 13, at Hilo Bayfront. Great weather and event.
- Veterans Day Parade: FEO David Minor participated on planning committee for Veterans Day parade held in Hilo on November 10.