

**HAWAII FIRE COMMISSION
FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT
May 13, 2008**

- Chief Oliveira returning from Alaska today after attending a Western Fire Chiefs Association President's Forum.
- Deputy Chief Honda is on Oahu today attending a fire-labor management meeting.

Budget

- FY 2008/09 Budget: Are presently awaiting amendments, if any, from Council back to the Mayor.

Alternative Funding and Grants:

- FEMA FY 2004 Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant: (Burn Trailer) Still awaiting MOU for signature from DOT.
- FEMA FY 2007 Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant: (Video Teleconferencing Equipment) Committee members are working with Data Systems to finalize bid proposal—looking at the pros and cons of the various types of monitors.
- FEMA FY 2007 Fire Prevention & Safety Grant: Status quo. (Strategic Planning Public Education/Relations committee submitted grant proposal for safety and education trailer (\$103,606).
- FEMA FY 2008 Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant: Submitted grant application to pursue a health/wellness program, total budget is \$531,203.
- State Department of Transportation Safe Highways Grant: Grant period has not yet opened; will apply for OSHA approved safety vests.

Capital Improvement Projects

- Makalei Fire Station: County presently waiting on land auction scheduled through bankruptcy court. County is optimistic that we will receive land as originally agreed to. Also received revised project schedule from KYA design group. Next benchmark is the pre-final plan submittal scheduled for June 20, 2008. Environmental Assessment public comment period ended and final EA will be submitted to Office of Environmental Quality Control with Findings of No Significant Impact.

- Pahoa Fire Station: The construction issues have been somewhat resolved, however will cause a delay in the completion of the station, now estimated to be August/September.
- Fire Administration & Support Facility: On 4/23, met with police and data systems to review schematics with minor changes for police and data systems. Public comment period ended for EA, and final EA will be submitted to Office of Environmental Quality Control with Findings of No Significant Impact. Reviewed preliminary schematic. Minor changes for Fire portion of plans.
- Central Fire Station: 4/22: Final Environmental Assessment filed with Office of Environmental Quality Control with Findings of No Significant Impact to be published in the May 8, 2008 Environmental Notice. Will proceed to request for disposition of the property with HUD.
- Central Fire Station Retrofit Project: Stucco work in kitchen/dining room areas moving along slowly.
- Captain Cook: Public Works is expecting to go out on bid for ADA project in May or June.
- Keaau: No new developments.
- Honokaa: No new developments.

Promotions and Hiring:

Open-Competitive Recruitment

- Fire Fighter Recruit: COMPASS test and interviews completed. Background checks being conducted. Pending final selection of applicants.
- Ocean Safety: Interviews will be conducted on May 5 for WSO I ½ time and WSO I temp positions.

Internal Recruitment

- Fire Equipment Operator: Received written exam results. Preparing Assessment Center exercises.

Emergency Operations Division

- In response to Commissioner Kudlo's question on the levels of ICS training of our personnel: Everyone is trained to ICS 100, 200 and 700 levels. All officers (FEOs and higher) are at the ICS 800 level. There are several members trained at the ICS 300 and 400 levels.

- Volcanic emissions update report by BC Clint Coloma.

Ocean Safety

- Report by Captain John Kapsky

Support Services Division

(report by BC Michael Gahan)

- During April, Fire Auxiliary Services provided support for operations in the monitoring of SO₂ coming from volcano, to include dispatch support at the Hilo Operations Center.
- 4/18/08 SO₂ alarm system installed in dispatch. Instructions provided by Kevin Norris of Data Systems
- 4/02/08 QRAE's in warehouse for delivery to the Fire Stations to assist in the monitoring of SO₂ in their locations. Received 11.
- 4/14/08 15 APR Adapters in with 36 GMB Cartridges. Adapters used to attach to MSA Mask incase of fire companies encounter high levels of SO₂. Department ordered 36 adapter only 15 have come in so far.
- 4/18/08 Ordered equipment needed to monitor SO₂ levels and supplies needed to maintain the equipment.
- 4/29/08 SO₂ monitoring equipment in. In warehouse 2 RDks (Rapid Deployment Kit Monitoring Systems) Consisting of 4 Area RAE's each with host system.
- SO₂ monitoring system in place and maintained by the Hawaii Fire Department. System consist of 8 A REAs systems in various locations next to the plume. Systems hooked up to the internet and sent to Fire Dispatch. There is an alert system sent to Fire Dispatch Fire Chief Oliveira, and Chief Coloma. Fire Chief Oliveira and Chief Coloma received their information via a Blackberry phone system.

Maintenance Shop:

- Continue 2 apparatus refurbishment projects
 1. HFD 416 – refurbish pump and cafs system
 2. Install pump and tank for Kubota ATV.
 3. Start work on fuel trailer.
- Other projects

1. Install oil storage tank on completed cement pad. Build and install canopy over tank.
2. Build tire rack and shelves in lower garage area and begin use for repairs. Organize tire and parts storage.
3. Attend web demo for fleet management software 4/9

EMS Bureau:

(Report by BC Yawata)

- EMS Week Poster Contest entries judged, selected and will be notifying schools to do a presentation to the contestants.
- Attended 2nd Annual HEMSIS Conference on Kauai on April 16-18, 2008.
- Held a Pandemic Flu Committee meeting attended by 8 personnel on April 23, 2008. Meeting was facilitated by Captain Christian Wong with FF Michael Brigoli assisting.
- Captain Tracy Yanagi, FF Melanie Keolanui and Pahoa "B" participated in Pahoa Intermediate School Career Day on April 25, 2008.
- Attended final planning meeting with BC Robert Bailey on Hilo Airport's Tri-Annual exercise to be held on May 28, 2008.
- Attended Basic Disaster Life Support training sponsored by the Department of Health held on April 28, 2008. Total of 22 HFD personnel attended. Field exercise to be held on July 10-11, 2008.
- Captain Tracy Yanagi participated along with North Kohala "C" and Hazmat 21 "C" in Kohala Hospital's Annual Drill involving a unknown hazardous substance held on April 30, 2008.
- Attended Annual Hawaii Island Rural Health Association Conference in Kona on April 30, 2008.

Training Bureau:

(Report by BC Yawata)

Recruit Training:

36th Recruit class: Currently commencing with their didactics portion of EMT-I.

37th Recruit Class: All 18 recruits completed and passed their skills and written finals for Fire Essentials. Also completed and passed their Aquatics Competency course and is now American Red Cross Lifeguard Certified.

38th Recruit Class: Completed 7 days of oral interviews for over 60 candidates.

Explorer Program: Third Explorer Class concluded their Phase I training and held their final family demo and completion ceremony on April 26 at NAS pool.

CERT Training: Kukio community completed their training and held their final drill on April 26. Fifteen members of the community completed the training and are now certified.

Volunteer Section

- 24 hours of volunteer company drills during April in East Hawaii.
- Attended wildland brushfire class in Waikii.
- 53 hours of volunteer company drills in West Hawaii.
- Report by Tom Brandt

New Projects/Business

(AC Murasaki)

- Refurbishing Project at Central: Four Rotary clubs finished their refurbishing of the Central dorms and locker room areas by painting walls and lockers, installing new lighting, ceiling fan, faucet sets, air conditioning units.

Employee/Public Relations

- Baskin-Robbins: Participated in Baskin-Robbins 31 Cents Scoop Night on April 25. Nationwide, they will contribute \$100,000 to the National Fallen Firefighters Association.
- EMS Week: To be held on Sunday, May 25, at Liliuokalani Gardens.