

**HAWAII FIRE COMMISSION  
FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT  
June 18, 2008**

**Budget:**

- FY 2008/09 Budget: Mayor vetoed budget presented to him by Council. Council has until end of June to decide on special hearing or let it become effective on July 1.

**Alternative Funding and Grants:**

- FEMA FY 2004 Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant: (Burn Trailer) Still awaiting MOU for signature from DOT. Working with DLNR to see if we can get different parcel— area where we are currently doing driver training. Goal is to make trailer available to all--both paid and volunteer personnel.
- FEMA FY 2007 Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant: (Video Teleconferencing Equipment) Committee members continuing to finalize bid proposal and will submit in early July. Committee has set timeline of December 31 to have equipment installed at stations.
- 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: Status quo. (Pursue a health/wellness program, total budget is \$531,203.)
- State Department of Transportation Safe Highways Grant: Submitted for DOT/OSHA approved safety vests for all fire fighters and volunteer fire fighters. Total grant application \$20,113.70.

***Capital Improvement Projects:***

- Makalei Fire Station:
  - On June 5, final foreclosure auction in bankruptcy court. Judge ruled on auction which Grammercy Corp retained ownership of property. Grammercy was original owner and deed owner who committed to have station built.
  - Architects continue work on pre-final schematics. Continue to provide details on equipment, furniture, etc.
  - Final EA published by OEQC with Finding Of No Significant Impact.

- Pahoa Fire Station:
  - Completion expected late summer (Aug/Sept). Construction continuing and currently working on interior, installing apparatus ceiling, vent system, walls in apparatus bay as well as fueling station/yard maintenance shed construction.
  - DPW in discussion to resolve some building design issues.
  - Awaiting resolution on highway improvements with State DOT.
- Fire Administration & Support Facility:
  - Comments on preliminary schematics forwarded to consultants. Basic floor plan has been agreed with. Architects will begin design development stage.
  - Met with Telcom consultant, HFD, HPD, DPW representatives to begin discussions on more specific information that will be needed during the design development phase, particularly with the Telcom equipment and power requirements.
- Central Fire Station:
  - Final EA published by OEQC. Proceeding with land disposition from HUD. HUD will be reviewing the submittal to transfer property to COH. No timeline provided.
- Captain Cook:
  - David preparing contract to be publicized for construction bid in June.

## **Promotions and Hiring:**

### **Open-Competitive Recruitment**

- Fire Fighter Recruit: On June 15, Human Resources posted announcement for fire fighter recruit recruitment.
- Ocean Safety: Hired one WSO½ time position on June 1 and one on June 2. Also hired five 5 WSO temp positions on June 2 for summer coverage.

### **Internal Recruitment**

- Fire Equipment Operator: Preparing assessment center exercises. No date but should be coming soon. Will inform Commission on date should they wish to attend as observers.
- Fire Captain: Recruitment opened June 16, will close June 26. Received info from HR that testing for Captain recruitment is set for August 20 (Hilo and Kona on same day).

## **Emergency Operations Division**

- Volcanic Emissions Update

## Ocean Safety

- Report by Captain John Kapsky

## Support Services Division

- Retirement of AC Mento effective June 1. Status of long term projects that he was working on, specifically, upgrade of 911 system in dispatch.

## EMS Bureau:

- EMS career ladder
- MICT students (7) on Oahu and have begun their clinical & intern rotations.

## Training Bureau:

### **Recruit Training:**

**36<sup>th</sup> Recruit class:** Should be completed with EMS by June 20. Will be taking their National Registry practical on July 27. Graduation on July 30.

**37<sup>th</sup> Recruit Class:** Half of class is in driver training; the other half doing station orientation. All recruits received their DCC Permits and are currently driving on the roadways.

## **Volunteer Section**

- Report by Tom Brandt (not present).

## New Projects/Business

- Arson Canine Program: Donation of \$23,000 (canine and training) in process of being accepted by Council. Presentations to Mayor, Prosecutors, Police, State Fire Council. Scheduled for news conference with State Farm on June 19. Will be agendaized at next month's meeting.

## Employee/Public Relations

- EMS Week: Held on Sunday, May 25, at Liliuokalani Gardens. Very successful with over 500 participants. All proceeds to go to Alzheimer's Association-Aloha (Big Island) chapter and Project Lifesaver.
- 4<sup>th</sup> of July Pool Splash: Invites all Commissioners to attend 4<sup>th</sup> of July pool splash at NAS pool from 1100 to after fireworks. Lots of food, games and entertainment for families and kids. Sponsored by the Relief Association.