

**HAWAII FIRE COMMISSION
FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT
July 9, 2008**

- **Arson canine presentation**

Budget:

- FY 2008/09 Budget: Council failed to override Mayor's veto of the budget; however, the County is still short \$2.3 million from having a balanced budget. Included in our 2008/09 budget will be \$1.6 million for a replacement chopper.

Alternative Funding and Grants:

- FEMA FY 2004 Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant: (Burn Trailer) Received word from State DOT on July 2, 2008 that FAA approved MOA to utilize State airport land to house our burn trailer. Awaiting official documents.
- FEMA FY 2007 Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant: (Video Teleconferencing Equipment) Committee members close to finalizing 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: (Health/wellness program, total budget is \$531,203.) On June 19, we received an e-mail indicating a favorable review of our grant application.
- State Department of Transportation Safe Highways Grant: Status quo (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:

- 6/23: Received pre-final schematics for review. Review in progress. After comments, next benchmark is the final schematics scheduled for completion 7/18/08.

Pahoa Fire Station:

- 6/08: DPW has submitted necessary changes requested by DOT. Have received preliminary approval, however still awaiting final approval by State DOT for the

design of the highway improvements in order to proceed to bidding out the construction.

- 6/17: Met with PWC to discuss radio installation for Pahoia station. Received equipment list and costing for installation. Currently following up with DPW to secure CIP funding.
- Target opening date during September.

Fire Administration & Support Facility:

- Design development on Phases 1 & 2 continuing. Met with Macro consultant to better understand anticipated equipment changes for future that will impact equipment and space requirements for the Communications Building. Continuing to work with Telcom consultant for power requirements based on anticipated radio equipment to be installed based on these requirements.
- 6/26: Met with representative of Alster communications regarding dispatch furniture.
- Bond Authorization 08-106 authorizes \$8.6M for construction of Phase 1.

Central Fire Station:

- 6/08: To date, no word on approval of land transfer from HUD. HCDCH is proceeding with demolition of all vacant houses at Lanakila including those on the parcel identified for the fire station.

Captain Cook:

- 6/08: Project has been advertised for bids. Bids expected to be opened at the end of July.
- Bond Authorization 08-106 authorizes \$690,000 for construction.

Promotions and Hiring:

Open-Competitive Recruitment

- **Fire Fighter Recruit:** Hiring postponed to September 2, 2008.

Internal Recruitment

- **Fire Equipment Operator:** Preparing assessment center exercises. No date scheduled yet. Will inform Commission on date should they wish to attend as observers.
- **Fire Captain:** Internal recruitment conducted from May 16 to 26, 2008. However, it was terminated on July 1, 2008 due to issues with first responder recertifications.
- **Accountant I:** Internal recruitment will be conducted from July 14 to 28, 2008.

Emergency Operations Division

- All line operation personnel submitted ICS certificates to the Training Bureau. All personnel current with ICS 100, 200, 700, 800 except 35th recruit class members, some Support personnel, and mechanics.

- Missing aircraft in the Kau district located after 5 day extended search. No survivors.
- Missing opihi picker in Kau district. Body parts found along with some personal items.
- AC and all line BCs to attend ICS 300 course scheduled for July 7-9, 2008.

Ocean Safety

- Report by Captain John Kapsky

Support Services Division

EMS Bureau:

- BC Yawata served on Honolulu City & County EMS oral interview promotional board for their newly created Mobile Emergency Care Specialist II (MECS II) - preceptor position on June 3, 2008.
- Monthly ePCR Committee met on June 9, 2008 – continuing focusing on PCR completeness according to the mandatory fields' requirements by the DOH EMS Branch.

Auxiliary Services

Communication:

- County's eventual transfer to 700 MG system, which will cost \$89 M.

Warehouse:

- 6/06/08 Identified need to purchase warehouse shelving and fork lift by the end of June 2008.
- 6/09/08 Identified specs for distribution center shelving and fork lift.

Maintenance Shop

Training Bureau:

Recruit Training:

36th Recruit class: Completed EMT-B on June 20. Waiting to take EMT-I written exam. Currently assigned to Training Bureau to work on driver training hours and audit. Class graduation to be held on July 30 at 1100 at Imiloa. Commissioners welcome to attend.

Volunteer Section

- Report by Tom Brandt.

Prevention

- 4th of July fireworks activities and incidents. Responded to nine fires and 1 minor injury (refused treatment) over the holiday weekend. 51 fireworks permits sold this year, as compared to 30 last year.

New Projects/Business

- HFCA Conference: HFD will budget/fund attendance to all future HFCA conferences for the Chair and Vice Chair. This will include: air fare, vehicle, hotel, and conference registration fee. Expenses such as dinners, golf, shirts and caps, as well as guest expenses, are at the expense of the individual Commissioners.

Employee/Public Relations

- Dream Come True: Eric Kunitomo unable to attend.
- 4th of July Pool Splash: Lots of food, games and entertainment for families and kids. Sponsored by the Relief Association.