

**HAWAII FIRE COMMISSION  
FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT  
October 14, 2009**

**Introduction:**

- Introduction of our new Accountant IV, Robert Belcher.

**Budget:**

- FY 2009/10 Budget: FY 2010/11 budget kick off meeting held on September 14. Mayor asked each department to cut as much as they can. Budget submittal due to Finance on November 15.

**Alternative Funding and Grants:**

- FEMA FY 2007 Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant: (VTC Equipment): Connectivity issue resolved at Keauhou Fire Station. All VTCs are up and running.
- FEMA FY 2008 Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant: (Health/wellness program)
- State Department of Transportation Safe Highways: (25 EZIO units and 20 digital cameras for medic units). No updates.
- FEMA FY 2009 Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant: (254 turn out coats and 251 pants. Total grant is \$379,672) No updates.
- FY 2009 Assistance to Fire Fighters Fire Station Construction: Received notification of award on October 2, 2009 for \$4,113,686 (\$3,898,239 for construction and \$215,447 for equipment). Performance period September 25, 2009 to September 24, 2012. Stringent requirements; already needed to submit first quarter report; a FEMA environmental and historic preservation (EHP) compliance process underway and due October 16, 2009. Meeting with Finance Director and Public Works on October 16, 2009.

## **Capital Improvement Projects:**

- Makalei Fire Station:
- Pahoa Fire Station: Keys turned over to us on September 30, 2009.
- Administration & Support Facility: Meeting to be held on October 15, 2009 with Architect, Pacific Wireless Communications, Clayton Yugawa, Data Systems, Civil Defense, and Police, re: public concerns of radio tower.
- Central Fire Station: Awaiting formal notice of transfer of property to County.
- Pohoiki Radio Relocation:

## **Promotions and Hiring:**

- Open-Competitive Recruitment :

**FF Recruit:** Interviews held October 5-9. Target hire date March 2010.

- Internal Recruitments:  
Assistant Chiefs/Battalion Chiefs promoted effective October 16, 2009:  
Rosario: Emergency Ops AC  
Yawata: Support Services AC

Iyo: BC 2B

Luke: BC 2A

Sumida: BC 1A

Kosaki: Special Ops

Any comments from Commissioner Louis Kawaii, who attended assessment center?

Fire Hazardous Materials Specialist: Promoted effective October 1, 2009.

## **Emergency Operations**

- Ocean Safety
- Assisted Parker Ranch with prescribed burn of gorse off Mana Road. Utilized Phos Check fire foam as quick firebreak. Preliminary evaluation of product showed positive outcome with its utilization and potential help it can provide at wildland fires.
- Report by Captain John Kapsky.

## **Support Services Division**

### **EMS Bureau:**

- Fire Fighter Chris Honda selected as the 2009 National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians Paramedic of the Year. He will be honored at the national awards program on October 27 in Atlanta. We would like to recognize him before the Fire Commission at its November 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. (release attached)
- Completed N-95 Fit Testing for all operational personnel in September. Developing a spreadsheet to track annual fit testing compliance.
- Continued medic stations controlled medications inventory and audit & glucometer quality control checks on September 2, 2009. Also installed “scan” feature at the medic units to assist in scanning documents – refusals & Medicare forms – to patient care reports.
- Yawata attended meeting with Aaron Ueno, DOH Acting District Health Officer and CD-1 Quince Mento with State DOH to determine distribution/administration of H1N1 vaccinations arriving the first week of October on September 9, 2009.
- MICT personnel (15) attended a one day training entitled PROMISE (Professionals Redefining Our Mentally Ill through Skills and Education) sponsored by the Big Island Multi-Agency Committee (BIMAC) on September 9, 10, & 11, 2009.

- MICT Advisory training held at the EMS Training Center on September 10 & 24, 2009 for potential candidates interested in the January 2010 MICT class.
- Yawata conducted pre-construction meeting via teleconference with vendor Braun Northwest and HFD Ambulance Spec. committee member on September 23, 2009. Estimated completion date April 2010.

## **Auxiliary Services**

### **Communications:**

- Increased the computer memory for our dispatch CAD computer
- On 9/15/09, signed final review and submittal of PSIC Grant Specification to Purchasing. Specs are for Fire and Police Dispatch's Telex Radio Counsels and the installation of a Public Safety Interoperable Communications System.
- On 9/22/09, EMD QA Committee meeting with Chief Oliveira and Corp Counsel's William Brilhante. Committee discussed with Corp Counsel possible legal issues involved with dispatch and the use of our new EMDQA program.
- 09/23/09: Emailed information needed for the programming of 38 new Minitor V Pagers purchased from Industrial Communication for HFD Volunteer Companies. Received two pagers from Industrial Communication for test purposes 10-02-09. Tested pagers when received, pagers work. Request to have rest of pagers sent.

### **Distribution Center:**

- 09/30/09: Received keys for New Pahoa Fire Station

### **Maintenance Shop:**

Apparatus and equipment repair  
 102 total repairs/service  
 14 service calls or trouble calls

### Refurbishment Project

HFD 342 – Motor rebuild-COMPLETED-back in service

HFD 498 –1500 gpm pumper from Maui County –in service

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### Other Projects

Prebuild teleconference meeting for 2 Ambulances for Stations 9 & 12 was held on Sept 23, 2009

## **Training Bureau:**

### 38<sup>th</sup> Recruit class:

- 9 FF recruits completed their EMT-I program on September 18, 2009 and took their National Registry EMT-B written exam on that day.
- The 38<sup>th</sup> class had their graduation ceremony September 19, 2009 at the Hilo Yacht club. There were a total of 11 recruits that had participated in the ceremony. One member of this class, FF Donovan Roque, will be completing his IP on November 30, 2009 and chose not to participate in the ceremony with the others.
- FF recruits J. Maki and A. Miller had completed their IP on September 30, 2009 and began their 24 hr. station assignment on October 1, 2009. FF recruit D. Roque also was assigned to a station on a 24 hr. shift on October 1, however, he will not be reallocated to a SR17 level because his 1 yr. IP ends on November 30, 2009.
- The IP for the rest of the 38<sup>th</sup> FF recruit class was extended for a period not to exceed 6 months while they await their State of Hawaii EMT license. Upon receipt of this license, they will be reallocated to the SR17 FF level. The anticipated date of this is on October 16, 2009.
- The class is scheduled to take their EMT-I National Registry written exam on October 5, 2009 in Hilo and will fly over to Honolulu on October 11, 2009 to take their National Registry practical skills exam.
- The 38<sup>th</sup> FF recruit class will continue to earn their 50/30 requirement on the ambulances prior to getting their 24 hr. station assignment.

### Other Training:

- Conducted 2 First Responder refresher classes for the WSO in West Hawaii. By going over to do this training, travel time as well as mileage claims for these WSOs to attend the class in Hilo were eliminated.
- The Hazmat Technician retraining class makeup is scheduled for October 13, 2009.
- Swiftwater training classes were held at the Wailuku River on September 28 and 30, 2009 to familiarize our rescue personnel in East Hawaii with the various conditions, entry points, and trails.
- We are beginning to catch up on some of the driver audits for 2009. In the process of training more driver auditors to assist with this.
- Met with FF recruit Paul Kekela who was out on military leave. He is scheduled to return to work on November 1, 2009. A tailored training schedule has been set up for him.

- The lead instructors for the proposed Rescue Basic Training program has been identified and a course curriculum is currently being developed. Our next scheduled meeting is in October.
- We are still in the process of updating our CPR certs. I have some classes scheduled in October to recert. our instructors.
- Still ongoing is the updating and tracking of information in regards to PUC, Hazmat, CPR, drill reports, DCC (with qualifying certifications), HDL, DTR, and other classes such as the N95 and Hazwoper.

## **Volunteer Section**

- East Hawaii: 40 hours of company training.
- West Hawaii: 32 hours of company training
- Volunteer Chief's meeting to be held on September 12, 2009 at 14A (North Kohala Volunteers). Map disseminated.
- Report by Tom Brandt.

## **Prevention**

### ***PREVENTION BUREAU 2009 Activity***

	<b>AUGUST</b>		
	<b>EAST</b>	<b>WEST</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>Fire Protection/Detection System Inspections</b>	16	18	34
<b>Fire Investigations</b>	4	3	7
<b>Business Inspections</b>	33	28	61
<b>School Inspections</b>	10	1	11
<b>Complaint Investigations</b>	8	5	13
<b>Occupancy Enforcement</b>	4	4	8
<b>Certificate of Occupancy inspections</b>	11	9	20
<b>Safety Classes to public</b>	8	0	8
<b>Agricultural Burn Site Inspections</b>	3	0	3
<b>Tent Permits/ Inspections</b>	6	8	14

**AST/UST/LPG tank Inspections**

**Fireworks Site Inspections**

**Meetings/Conferences**

**Plans Review**

0	6	6
0	0	0
14	16	30
18	33	51

**New Projects/Business**

- HFCFA Conference Updates: Conference to be held on November 19-21 at the Hilton Waikoloa Village. Will get registration forms to Fire Commissioners very soon.
- Daniel Robert Sayre Foundation Awards dinner (Saturday, Sept 5)
- Relocation to County Building: Fire Admin will be moving back to County building; should be by Thanksgiving.

**Employee/Public Relations**

- Fire Prevention Week (October 4-10)
  - Ironman to be held October 10.
  - Checking with KTA for Bag Brigades at Puainako, Kailua and Waikoloa on October 3.
  - Partnership with HPM
  - Adopt a school. Can take FF safety guides into school with them.
  - Public demonstration in Kona.