

**HAWAII FIRE COMMISSION
FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT
November 4, 2009**

Introduction:

- Introduction of newly promoted Assistant Fire Chiefs and Battalion Chiefs.

Presentation:

- Special presentation to Fire Fighter Chris Honda, who was recently selected as the 2009 National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians 2009 Paramedic of the Year. He was presented with this prestigious award at the NAEMT annual national awards program in Atlanta, Georgia, on October 27, 2009. National award winners received a \$1,000 award stipend, free travel, lodging for three nights and registration for the EMS Expo 2009.

Fire Fighter Honda was nominated by Assistant Fire Chief Ralph Yawata to recognize his role in maintaining the department's EMT training program when it was going to be severely delayed by a lack of EMT instructors available through the community college. Honda took on the challenge of instructing the department's 36th recruit class despite the commitment required, and for the next six months, he devoted hundreds of hours, including much personal time, to assure that his students received comprehensive instruction. This involved taking a loss in pay due to coming off the 24-hour fire line as well as temporarily foregoing what he loves best in his fire department career—providing advanced life support care for patients.

Fire Fighter Honda was recognized for making personal sacrifices to assure that the future of the department and the recruit training schedule wouldn't be jeopardized.

Budget:

- FY 2009/10 Budget: Working on our budget submittal for FY 2010/11. Due to Finance on November 15.

Alternative Funding and Grants:

- FEMA FY 2007 Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant: (VTC Equipment): Working on few remaining issues, to include technical training for Data Systems staff.
- 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: (\$4,113,686 award). Submitted EA documents as requested. Public Works preparing documents for bid proposal.

Capital Improvement Projects:

- Makalei Fire Station
- Pahoa Fire Station: Station operational effective Sunday, November 1, 2009. Formal blessing to be held on Saturday, December 12.
- Administration & Support Facility:
- Central Fire Station: Still awaiting formal notice of transfer of property to County.
- Pohoiki Radio Relocation

Promotions and Hiring:

- Open-Competitive Recruitment :

FF Recruit: Conditional offers will be extended and non-select letters will be sent out. Targeted hire date is March 2010.

- Internal Recruitments:

Assistant Chiefs/Battalion Chiefs promoted effective October 16, 2009

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

Fire Captain (Emergency Operations & Training Bureau): Recruitment process initiated. Targeted hire date is 4/16/10.

Fire Equipment Operator: Recruitment process initiated. Targeted hire date is 4/16/10.

Fire Rescue Specialist (temporary): Temporary position. Incumbent G. Cameron on extended leave NTE 3/1/10.

Emergency Operations

Ocean Safety

- Report by Captain John Kapsky.

Support Services Division

EMS Bureau:

- Conducted initially planning meeting for ambulance specification for Medic 11, 14, 15 on October 13, 2009.
- Attended Child Passenger Safety conference on Oahu on October 15-16, 2009. Total of seven (7) personnel attend from our department.
- MICT Advisory training held at the EMS Training Center on October 8 & 22, 2009 for potential candidates (7) interested in the January 2010 MICT class.
- Chief Yawata attended along with MICT Chris Honda the DOH EMSIP quarterly EMSAC meeting and quarterly BME meeting on Oahu on October 21, 2009.
- Monthly Base Station Meeting held by Dr. Judith FitzGerald at Kealakehe Police Station on October 22, 2009. Topics covered were review of spinal immobilization in the field, new recommendations for administration of TPA in Stroke candidates and Case Study on Field Triage.
- Began H1N1 voluntary vaccination of operational personnel on October 23, 2009.

Auxiliary Services

Communication:

- 10/01: Installation of phone into New Pahoia Fire Station.
- 10/08: Installed drop box in dispatch breezeway with attached memo with guidelines for suggestions box.
- 10/14: BC Gahan met with Retired Admiral Richard Schultz at Civil Defense. Admiral Schultz informed personnel of the many programs he is a part of and was looking for suggestions on location and possible candidates to work in his programs. He also identified programs coming through Big Island and if any of the programs can be used by the County.

- 10/14: BC Gahan met with Volunteer Training Capts H. Desa and C. Komatsu to notify them that all the pagers from Industrial Communications were tested, working and available for pick up. Notified Fiscal that authorization for payment for pagers okay.
- 10/15: BC Gahan met with new Fire Dispatch Building Committee. Chief Oliveira had request for helpful information from all participants of project about the safety of radio tower for nearby residence.
- 10/19: BC Gahan met with Mary Davin of Intergraph about the timeline for the installation of the new CAD system and training needed. Mary also notified HPD and HFD of her visitation of the dispatches to see what is being done and how she can help maximize the new CAD system.

Distribution Center:

- 10/07: Inventoried 610 Safety Vests.
- 10/12: Warehouse received Black Fire Helmets from Maui Fire Department for HFD Fire Explorer Program by way of Young Brothers.
- 10/23: FASO and E. Kalehua delivered kitchen table, and six chairs to New Pahoia Fire Station. FASO delivered master key and Action Plan to Fire Capt N. Aoki for all station Capts to use.
- 10/28: Delivered all keys for new Pahoia Fire Station to Capt N. Aoki.
- 10/30: Pacific Wireless hook up of radio communications wire at new Pahoia Fire Station.

Maintenance Shop

Training Bureau:

38th Recruit class:

- 9 FF recruits took their National Registry written and practical exams and all of them passed. They also all received their State of Hawaii EMT licenses.
- The class is all still currently working on their 50/30 requirement and will all be completed by November 15, 2009. They are scheduled to be reassigned to their 24 hr. shifts beginning on November 16, 2009.

Other Training:

- The Hazmat Technician retraining class makeup was completed on October 13, 2009.

- 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.
- The lead instructors for the proposed Rescue Basic Training program have been identified and a course curriculum is currently being developed. We are anticipating holding the class early next year.
- We are still in the process of updating our CPR certifications. Chief Kosaki has done some instructor recertification classes to update our department 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: 44 hours of company training.
- West Hawaii: 44 hours of company training
- Report by Tom Brandt.

Prevention

PREVENTION BUREAU 2009 Activity

	OCTOBER		TOTAL
	EAST	WEST	
Fire Protection/Detection System Inspections	20	24	44
Fire Investigations	3	3	6
Business Inspections	22	18	40
School Inspections	11	4	15
Complaint Investigations	6	2	8
Occupancy Enforcement	7	9	16
Certificate of Occupancy inspections	5	8	13
Safety Classes to public	6	11	17
Agricultural Burn Site Inspections	2	0	2
Tent Permits/ Inspections	17	6	23
AST/UST/LPG tank Inspections	2	8	10

Fireworks Site Inspections

Meetings/Conferences

Plans Review

1	1	2
14	8	22
26	32	58

New Projects/Business

- HFCA Conference Updates:

Wednesday, November 18: Everyone Goes Home Program-Courage to be Safe Train the Trainer

Thursday, November 19:

- About 50 participants: NFFF Golf Tournament, Mauna Lani Resort Golf Course, 12:30 p.m.
- Icebreaker (6:00 p.m.)

Friday, November 20:

- Lt. Governor Duke Aiona, Mayor Billy Kenoi (opening remarks)
- Keynote speaker: James Juneau “The Ten Commandments of Apparatus Safety
- About 84 tables
- Break Out Sessions (1300-1600):
 - ✓ Paratech
 - ✓ GEBCO - Accountability, Credentialing, and Validation
 - ✓ RAE Systems
 - ✓ Phos Check
 - ✓ Clerical Support Staff

Saturday, November 21:

- Keynote Speaker: USFA Administrator Kelvin Cochran
- Sam Choy “Cooking from the Heart” (about 82 signed up)
- Group Discussion

Employee/Public Relations

- Hawaii Island United Way: campaign this month. Winding down in-house contest for station/division who brings in the greatest percentage of pledges. Winners will be determined soon.