

**HAWAII FIRE COMMISSION  
FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT  
December 9, 2009**

Chief Oliveira and Deputy Chief Honda are unavailable for today's meeting due to their attendance at a hearing in which they were subpoenaed.

**Budget:**

- FY 2009/10 Budget: Submitted our FY 2010/11 budget to Finance on November 30. In light of budget restrictions, net result depicts a 1.71% overall budget increase, with primary factor contributing to 5% across the board salary and wage increase for Unit 11 scheduled for July 2010.

**Alternative Funding and Grants:**

- FEMA FY 2007 Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant: (VTC Equipment): Audio Visual will conduct technical training with Data Systems staff during January. Data Systems working on moving our VTC to new conference room.
- 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: Formal blessing to be held on Saturday, December 12 from 0900 to 1300. Invite all Fire Commissioners to attend.
- Administration & Support Facility:
- Central Fire Station
- Pohoiki Radio Relocation

## **Promotions and Hiring:**

- **Open-Competitive Recruitment :**

**FF Recruit:** Conditional offers due 12/1/09 (18 accepted, 1 declined, 1 outstanding) Will be scheduled for pre-emp. medical screening in Jan 2010. Targeted hire date is March 16, 2010.

**Internal Recruitments:**

Fire Captain (Emergency Operations & Training Bureau): Recruitment process initiated. Targeted hire date – 04/16/10.

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**

- Responded to 4 structure fires with a total fire loss of \$130,070.00. 1 significant fire in Kailua, 1 minor in Keahou, 1 minor in Waimea, and 1 minor in Hilo.
- Responded to 10 passenger vehicle fires with a fire loss of \$50,000.00.
- Responded to 1 Storage warehouse fire in Waimea with a Fire loss of \$125,000.00

**Ocean Safety**

- Report by Captain Chris Stelfox.

## **Support Services Division**

**EMS Bureau:**

- Personnel from Companies 14 & 21 participated in Fairmont Orchid & Mauna Lani Bay Hotel annual employee health fair on November 13 & 18, 2009. They provided blood pressure screening and fire safety tips for hotel employees.
- AC Yawata attended All-Hazards Type III Communications Unit Leader Course on November 17-19, 2009 held at HPD Training Center in Waipahu, Oahu.
- Completed initial phase of H1N1 voluntary vaccination of operational personnel on November 10, 2009. Total of 234 (70%) personnel received either the shot or nasal vaccine.

## **Auxiliary Services**

**Communication:**

- 11/09/09: Fire Dispatchers and Emergency Medical Quality Assurance Team received training in the operational use of ProQA. ProQA is a tool used by Fire Dispatch to enhance the dispatchers ability to formulate proper medical questioning used for correct EMS response. Training done by ProQA representative Michelle Tate.
- 11/25 AC-1 and AC-2 conducted Distribution Center Inspection. After inspection AC-1 and AC-2 devised action plan to enhance distribution center operations.
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**Maintenance Shop**

**Training Bureau:**

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

- 9 FF recruits had completed their criteria for their IP and was assigned on a 24 hour schedule beginning November 16, 2009.
- All of the 38<sup>th</sup> FF recruit class had met their requirement to be reallocated to the Firefighter step of SR 17 and the process will be completed soon.

Other Training:

- 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 has been identified and a course curriculum are currently being developed. We are anticipating holding the class early next year.
- We are still in the process of updating our CPR certifications. I have some 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.
- The PUC appointments for 2010 are being scheduled and the first quarter appointments will be sent out this month.

**Volunteer Section**

- East Hawaii: 36 hours of company training.
- West Hawaii: 36 hours of company training
- Report by Tom Brandt.

**Prevention**

**Fire Protection/Detection System Inspections**

<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
<b>EAST</b>	<b>WEST</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
14	33	47

<b>Fire Investigations</b>	4	4	8
<b>Business Inspections</b>	9	45	54
<b>School Inspections</b>	10	3	13
<b>Complaint Investigations</b>	9	6	15
<b>Occupancy Enforcement</b>	8	6	14
<b>Certificate of Occupancy inspections</b>	2	12	14
<b>Safety Classes to public</b>	7	3	10
<b>Agricultural Burn Site Inspections</b>	0	0	0
<b>Tent Permits/ Inspections</b>	12	9	21
<b>AST/UST/LPG tank Inspections</b>	4	8	12
<b>Fireworks Site Inspections</b>	0	6	6
<b>Meetings/Conferences</b>	8	18	26
<b>Plans Review</b>	23	62	85
<b>K-9 Training Hours</b>		81	81
<b>K-9 Investigations</b>		2	2

### **New Projects/Business**

- HFCA Conference

### **Employee/Public Relations**

- Hawaii Island United Way: Winners of HIUW campaign are:
  - #1: Fire Admin (12 of 14 or 86% participation)
  - #2: Dispatch (9 of 15 or 60% participation)
  - #3: Captain Cook (9 of 16 or 56% participation)

Total donations \$10,514 from 100 employees.

- Station Decorating Contest: To be announced by early next week.