

**HAWAII FIRE COMMISSION
FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT
March 10, 2010**

Presentation:

Recognition of Volunteer Company 7-Bravo for completion of FF1 & II training in accordance with the standards as set forth in NFPA 1001 Standard for Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications (those in red are confirmed to attend)

Company Officer/Driver Derrek Domingo	FF Mike Medins
Driver/FF John Bertsch	FF Kaiwa Punahaole
Driver/FF Chad Kinney	FF Kip Rietow
Driver/FF Greg Limbacher	FF Dylan Springmeier
FF Twila Ashley	FF Greg Stephens
FF Mike Dixon	FF Brad Willeford
FF Matt Loper (current HFD recruit)	Assistant Eric Jackal

Notes:

- Volunteer Company 7-Bravo was one of the busiest volunteer companies in the County for the last five years. Last year, they responded to 108 calls.
- In order to accomplish their company's goal of getting everyone certified in 2008, the company met every Monday and Wednesday for the year leading up to the December final testing. They are currently beginning another course for their new members.

Budget:

- FY 2010/11 Budget: Will be presenting our budget to Council on Monday, March 29, at about 1330 (following Office of Aging), Hilo Councilroom.

Alternative Funding and Grants:

- FEMA FY 2007 Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant: (VTC Equipment)
- FEMA FY 2008 Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant: (Health/wellness program) Committee has asked for standardization of purchase of stepmills and heart rate monitors and transmitters. Peer fitness team scheduling certain individuals for next component of assessment, i.e, treadmill test.
- FEMA FY 2009 Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant: (254 turn out coats and 251 pants): No new updates.
- FY 2009 Assistance to Fire Fighters Fire Station Construction (Makalei): Working with Consultant and Public Works on Federal EA reporting requirements. Working with consultant and pw on this.
- FY 2010 CDBG – Replacement Pahoia Apparatus: FF Kazuo Todd did awesome job in writing application; however, Housing asked if we could reduce price as they could not support the \$600,000 price tag. On February 24, 2010 we received notification that this grant application was not included in the County's 2010 Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.
- FY 2010 CDBG – Tanker/Tender – Pahala Fire Station: On February 25, 2010, we received notification that this project will be recommended for CDBG funding for \$250,000 and will be included in County's 2010 Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Hawaii County Housing Agency and County Council will be acting on this measure on April 6 and 21, 2010.

Capital Improvement Projects:

- Makalei Fire Station: Public Works is optimistic that we can go out on bid this summer.

- Pahoa Fire Station: Few odds and ends to tie up: door bell has been installed, obtained window covers; apparatus doors taken care of. Still working on phone lines, and waiting on lawnmower.
- Administration & Support Facility: no movement.
- Central Fire Station: Continuing to work with Mayor's office. Waiting on appraisal that needs to be taken care of.
- Kawailani: Moved up on CIP list: re: Machado acres subdivision, as property earmarked for passive park and given to county. Will need to meet with community to see how they feel about fire station.
- Volunteer Garages: Will try to see if can accommodate moving parking stalls at Pahala. On Naalehu, Wayne Baji and Captain Clyde Komatsu will go to look at Wainohinu baseyard. Access to fuel, hydrant on site, secure.
- Paauilo: Will meet with Warren Lee on plans for their baseyard at 35mm on highway 19.

Promotions and Hiring:

- FF Recruit: 18 recruits in 39th class. Hire date is March 16, 2010. Family orientation to be held on March 12.
- Internal Recruitments:
 - **Fire Captain** (Emergency Operations & Training Bureau): Assessment Center scheduled for March 9, 2010.
 - **Fire Equipment Operator**: Assessment Center scheduled for March 29 & 30, 2010.

New Projects/Business:

- Tsunami (February 27, 2010): Everything went really well. Tremendous response by off-duty members of Operations division. Members were prepared for the worst and reported promptly to duty as requested. During the events peak, 0600-1400hrs, a total of 10 calls were reported. 6 EMS, 3 public service calls, and 1 cancelled call. There was no impact to emergency services due to road closures. Chopper-1, Chopper-2, and private helicopter from Manulwa airways provided evacuation of campers in remote locations such as North Hamakua valleys, HVNP, and Ka'u. Preliminary estimated costs as of March 5, 2010 is \$42,482.78 (see attached report by Robert)
- Status of Replacement Chopper 1
- Review of Barge Fire Incident (July 4, 2004): at request from LEPC, Meeting held February 18, 2010 with representatives of DOT-Harbors Division, US Coast Guard, LEPC, Civil Defense, Hazard Evaluation & Emergency Response (Hilo and Oahu). Basically, we need to stay current with familiarization of operations.

Emergency Operations

- Responded to 1,587 total calls.
 - a. 77 fire calls. 2 structure fire calls with a \$120,000.00 estimated loss.
 - b. 1,153 Emergency Medical Services calls.
 - c. 14 Rescue calls
 - d. 12 Hazardous condition calls.
 - e. 100 Community Service calls.
 - f. 212 Good intent calls.
 - g. 19 false calls.

Hazmat:

- Monthly meeting on February 23 and discussed many issues including updating our SOGs, equipment concerns, supplies procurement, and upcoming training.

- There will be a CST drill in March during the first 2 weeks for the hazmat teams and our company personnel. This will encompass regular skill drills as well as scenario type tactics response.
- The SOGs have been reviewed and are being finalized by the station captains.
- We are looking at procuring new equipment such as a Rae systems multi-rae with PID capabilities and leasing the equipment rather than purchasing. Also, looking to update our sampling kits for Kaumana and get a kit for HM 21.
- A new HM tech class is scheduled for April 2010.

Rescue:

- Monthly meeting on January 21st and discussed issues including updating the SOGs, training concerns regarding TA personnel, USLA vs. ARC, new Heavy Rescue truck, and equipment procurement.
- There is a confined space rescue class coming up in March that SCD is sponsoring for our USAR team members. We are sending 4 personnel.
- We are developing a lesson plan for the Aquatics Competency Program for our dept. and will be implementing this program in the near future.
- We have developed a plan for the Project Lifesaver maintenance to be done by the engine companies.
- New C-1 helicopter due to arrive in March 2010.
- New trailer for RB-7 quote given to Laura Mallery-Sayre to proceed with the purchase. Other price quotes were also given to Laura as requested.

Ocean Safety:

- Lifeguard tower dedication took place in February 5 and 19 for the Isaac Hale, Laaloa, and the Spencer beach parks.

- Punaluu position recruitment scheduled tentatively for May, lifeguard training and CPR classes scheduled for April 5-16, 2010. We are looking to recruit 2 half time and one full time position.
- Sayre fund equipment purchases arrived including 5 rescue boards, 4 AEDs, and 6 binoculars.
- In the process of getting the necessary permits to erect the Punaluu tower.
- Report by Captain Chris Stelfox.

Support Services Division

EMS Bureau:

- AC 2 attended Hawaii Island Rural Health Association (HIRHA) quarterly meeting on February 8, 2010 at Ke Anuenue office in Hilo.
- Monthly ePCR committee meeting held on February 9, 2010 at Dispatch Training Room along with speaker phone to South Kohala and Kailua. Discussion was on this year's HEMSIS conference on Maui, completion times and MICT Ian Smith selected as secretary.
- AC 2 attended quarterly Kau Hospital QA/QI meeting with M-11 personnel, Kau Hospital staff, Dr. Judith FitzGerald and AMR on February 11, 2010.
- Ambulance Specification committee meeting held at the Training Room with VTC to Pahala & South Kohala regarding M-11, M-14 & M-15 on February 17, 2010.
- AC 2 participated in UH Hilo Job Fair with three (3) personnel from our department attended on February 22, 2010.

- Monthly Base Station Meeting held by Dr. Judith FitzGerald at Kailua Fire Station/VTC – Waikoloa, Honokaa, Kaumana, South Kohala (speaker phone only) on February 25, 2010. Members from Kona Community Hospital reported on their first month of their Trauma Activation Protocol. Results of February 9th “Triage Tuesdays” were reported and will expand to North Hawaii Community Hospital on March 9th. Power point presentation on the topic of using hemostatic agents in the field.
- All Central “C” shift personnel along with MICT’s Patrick Springer & Reyn Shimooka taught thirty-one (31) faculty & staff “Heartsaver CPR” on February 26, 2010. This was led & facilitated by MICT Chris Honda.

Auxiliary Services

Communication:

- FASO attended meeting with HRs Ann Ignacio and AC-2 Yawata to go over Fire Dispatchers Job Description.
- FRD III D. Will, K. Bugado, D. Kaide, and Data Systems L. Carvalho attended Intergaphs Train the Trainer Computer Aided Dispatch training from Feb. 22 – 25, 2010. Class provided informational training in the up graded CAD that will be installed in our dispatch center. Training received with Police Dispatch and their Communications Center Personnel. Training provided good opportunity to share with police concerns each group has with the CAD system and an opportunity to help each other.
- Auxiliary Bureau involved in the evacuation of their warehouse, mechanic shop, and fire dispatch from tsunami threat. Operations ran smoothly with minor discrepancies.

Distribution Center

- FASO called Gene Schick Corporation to check on status of technicians to repair departments Viking Stoves. FASO was notified by Gene Schick that they have a new manager with new technicians to repair Viking Stoves. Called technicians said they have just received their training and are able to repair our stoves. FASO scheduled appointments to repair stoves.

- FASO notified PWC to standardize HFD Tac channel numbers. PWC will standardize Tac channel as they program all XTS 5000 radios to receive transmission on Tac channels from freq. II.
- Warehouse personnel removed extra ladders from distribution center to rail road avenue warehouse. Warehouse personnel removed shelving to make room for movement of fork lift from front to rear of distribution center.
- Fire Inspector Captain G. Andrade coordinated with FASO the equipment needed to provide fire companies for fire connections for water catchment systems.

Maintenance Shop

Apparatus and equipment repair

- 81 total repairs/service
- 11 service calls or trouble calls

Other Projects

- HFD 410 –old brush truck 6 –convert into fuel truck

Training

- Fire Mechanic Kirk Roark attended a 2 day Husky Foam Training class at Burton's Fire in Modesto CA.

Training Bureau:

- Still in the process of updating our CPR certifications. BC Kosaki continuing to do 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.
- PUC appointments have gone out for the 2nd quarter. Regarding PUC appointments, we need to ensure that our personnel are using the correct forms.

- There will be a CST drill on March 3 through 5 and on March 8 through 12 for the hazmat teams and our company personnel. This will involve HM 4 and 21 for these exercises.
- There is a confined space rescue class coming up in March that SCD is sponsoring for our USAR team members.
- The 39th FF recruit class will begin on March 16, 2010 with 18 candidates. The adjunct instructors have been identified and will be working in their schedules.
- ACC program draft was completed and the instructor outline and curriculum will be completed shortly.

Volunteer Section

East: 44 hours of company training
 West: 34 Hours of company training

- Report by Tom Brandt.

Prevention

**Fire Protection/Detection
 System Inspections**
Fire Investigations
Business Inspections
School Inspections

FEBRUARY		
EAST	WEST	TOTAL
11	18	29
2	6	8
42	102	144
5	1	6

Complaint Investigations	5	6	11
Occupancy Enforcement	6	0	6
Certificate of Occupancy inspections	6	12	18
Safety Classes to public	9	2	11
Agricultural Burn Site Inspections	1	0	1
Tent Permits/ Inspections	12	0	12
AST/UST/LPG tank Inspections	5	8	13
Fireworks Site Inspections	0	0	0
Meetings/Conferences	13	15	28
Plans Review	48	37	85
Arson Canine training (hours)		66	66
Arson Canine Use		4	4

New Projects/Business

Employee/Public Relations

- American Heart Walk – Held February 20. Thanks to Kawaiiani station for support (\$850 donations collected) and Cheryl Brezowski (\$400). Total donations from Fire Department almost \$2,000.
- EMS Week: Sunday, May 30, Liliuokalani Gardens. Theme is Any Time, Any Where, We'll Be There.