

**HAWAII FIRE COMMISSION
FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT
April 14, 2010**

Introductions:

- Captain Chad Toyomura, promoted April 1, 2010. Has nearly 10 years in our department.
- Introduction of 39th Fire Fighter Recruit class.

Budget:

- FY 2010/11 Budget: Presented our budget to Council on Monday, March 29. Thanks to Commissioner Robinson for his testimony, and to he, Kaoiwi and Bowles for attending.
- Commissioner Bowles requested briefing on non-department budgets impacting the department (land purchases for stations-CIP)

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)
- FEMA FY 2009 Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant: (254 turn out coats and 251 pants): On April 1, 2010, received e-mail from FEMA that our application was favorably reviewed by panel; request for response to further questions submitted on April 7, 2010.
- FY 2009 Assistance to Fire Fighters Fire Station Construction (Makalei): Continuing to work with Consultant and Public Works on Federal EA reporting requirements.

- FY 2010 CDBG – Tanker/Tender – Pahala Fire Station: On April 6, 2010, attended public meeting on recommendation for CDBG funding for \$250,000 to be included in County's 2010 Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Favorably considered.
- 2010 DOT Highway Safety Grant Program: FEO Neil Yoshioka working on proposal to apply for extrication training. Deadline for submittal is May 5, 2010.

Capital Improvement Projects:

- Makalei Fire Station: Public Works is optimistic that we can go out on bid this summer.
- Pahoa Fire Station
- Administration & Support Facility
- Central Fire Station
- Kawailani Fire Station
- Volunteer Garages
- Paauilo

Promotions and Hiring:

- Open-Competitive Recruitment
 - FF Recruit: 39th Class hired on March 16 with 18 recruits.
- Internal Recruitments:
 - Fire Captain (Emergency Operations & Training Bureau): Promotions effective April 1, 2010.
 - Fire Equipment Operator: Assessment Center held on March 29 & 30, 2010. Targeted promotion date is May 1, 2010.

- Fire Rescue Specialist (temporary). Incumbent on restricted-duty assignment. Extension of temp. position pending incumbent's medical status.

Emergency Operations

- Responded to 1,751 total calls.
 - a. 56 fire calls. 1 structure fire calls with a \$110,000.00 estimated loss, and 7 vehicle fires with a estimated loss of \$18,000.00
 - b. 1,306 Emergency Medical Services calls.
 - c. 17 Hazardous condition calls.
 - d. 115 Community Service calls.
 - e. 236 Good intent calls.
 - f. 20 false calls.
- Knox Box keys received and distributed to apparatus that were without keys. All Fire Companies now have Knox Box keys to utilize for entering secured properties with a Knox Box station.
- Assisting Hilo Airport Crash Fire with planning of their Triennial Drill set for May. Assistant Chief of Operations as well as Battalion Chief of affected Platoon attended the table top drill pertaining to the actual hands on drill set for May.
- Fire Captain vacant positions filled. Presently there are no vacancies at the Fire Captain level.
- AC of Operations attended Key Government classes offered by Corporation Council such as Procurement laws and investigation procedures.
- AC of Operations currently is working on Typing HFD resources according to the NIMS Typed Resource Definitions. Required for NIMS Compliance.

Hazmat:

- Held annual CST drills in March that consisted of some technical training on our monitoring equipment and some dexterity drills utilizing our level A and B suits. There were also various scenario based drills at various locations such as KMR, the airport, Hilo Pier, and the State Courthouse. All of these scenarios were WMD based and utilized both of our hazmat teams as well as our in district engine companies.
- The SOGs have been reviewed and are still 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 and the refresher classes is scheduled for June.

Rescue:

- Our Heavy Rescue vehicles are currently in use and it's usefulness is being realized.
- We are developing a lesson plan for the Aquatics Competency Program for our dept. with the help of Capt. John Kapsky 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. A memo has gone out and the schedule for the recording of the maintenance is up on the coh08 all battalions folder.
- New trailer for RB-7 quote was given to Laura Mallery-Sayre to proceed with the purchase.

Ocean Safety:

- We are currently working toward the erecting of the Punaluu tower and getting the necessary permits. However, in the interim, we may be using a temporary pop up tent for shelter. We have 1 WSO II Kevin Ohara that have expressed an interest in moving to that location.
- 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. The 6th rescue board should be arriving shortly. These items will be assigned as soon as the resolution is passed through council.

Support Services Division

EMS Bureau:

- Monthly ePCR committee meeting held on March 9, 2010 at Dispatch Training Room via VTC to South Kohala and Kailua.
- MICT students (5) participated in the 93rd CST exercise on March 10, 2010. Their role was providing assistance in the Medical Branch (triage) of the operation section.
- Conducted two (2) training sessions of First Aid/CPR/AED/Infant for the Department of Health, Public Health Nursing on March 17 & 23, 2010.
- Monthly Base Station Meeting held by Dr. Terrence Jones at North Hawaii Community on March 24, 2010. Power point presentation on the topic of managing spinal patients in the field.
- Captains Lance Uchida & Garret Komatsu began their orientation of the EMS Bureau of our department.

Auxiliary Services

Communication:

- FASO attended an investigative Interview Class at the Aupuni Center Training Room given by William Brilhante and Diane Noda. Class gave instructions on how to conduct an interview for an investigation.
- FASO and Captain Paul Austria did demonstration for Operations Battalion Chiefs for the Incident Commanders Radio Interface (ICRI) at Fire Admin.
- Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) switched out with new Computers in Fire Dispatch.
- FASO attended the States Communication Interoperability Plan meeting in Honolulu. Meeting was to identify the new Federal Interoperability Plan and to intertwine the State Plan with the Federal Plan.

Distribution Center

- FASO met with Bart Mc Cool and Darryl Kim of LN Curtis to discuss upcoming HFD PPE specs.

Maintenance Shop

Training Bureau:

- The 39th FF recruit class began on March 16, 2010. There are 18 recruits in this class. We are using some adjunct instructors to deliver the FF curriculum along with the HFD peer fitness team to do the physical training.
- We are still in the process of updating our CPR certifications. Kosaki is 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.

- ACC program draft was completed and the instructor outline and curriculum will be completed shortly.
- There will be a newly promoted training officer, Captain Chad Toyomura heading the training division.
- There will be a 160 hour Hazmat technician class on April 19 to 30 and May 17-28, 2010.
- The Hazmat tech refresher will be in June.
- The First responder refresher class is also scheduled for June.

Volunteer Section

East: 33.5 hours of company training

West: 37 Hours of company training

- Report by Tom Brandt.

Prevention

PREVENTION BUREAU 2010 Activity

	MARCH		
	EAST	WEST	TOTAL
Fire Protection/Detection System Inspections	17	26	43
Fire Investigations	3	3	6
Business Inspections	24	47	71
School Inspections	3	4	7
Complaint Investigations	8	6	14
Occupancy Enforcement	9	9	18
Certificate of Occupancy inspections	13	8	21
Safety Classes to public	9	2	11
Agricultural Burn Site Inspections	2	0	2
Tent Permits/ Inspections	16	1	17
AST/UST/LPG tank Inspections	2	3	5
Fireworks Site Inspections	4	0	4
Meetings/Conferences	17	11	28
Plans Review	25	39	64
Arson Canine training (hours)		82	82
Arson Canine Use		2	2

New Projects/Business:

- Replacement Chopper 1 update.
- Bowles requested follow-up on problem with brush truck at Waipio Valley during tsunami.

Employee/Public Relations

- EMS Week: Sunday, May 30, Liliuokalani Gardens. Theme is Anytime, Anywhere, We'll Be There.