



FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

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ADMIN DIV: FISCAL BRANCH REPORT

Program Budget Goals	June	YTD	Goal
Invoice Settlement within 30 days	99%	94%	90%
Pay-out of CILV's within 90 days	99%	99%	95%
Dollar value of grants applied for	\$5,372,585	\$27,850,085	\$5,000,000
Dollar value of grants received	\$ 0	\$ 488,723	\$5,000,000

Budget	Category	Adj Appropriation	YTD Expenditures	% Used	Goal
Fire	S&W	40,268,922.00	39,367,299.08	97.76	100.0
6221-6225	OCE	6,315,948.96	6,065,846.21	96.04	100.0
	Equipment	3,906,999.61	3,800,660.58	97.28	100.0
Grants & Misc	S&W	661,520.09	257,161.00	38.87%	100.0
6226	OCE	1,327,882.56	408,899.64	30.79	100.0
	Equipment	697,875.20	406,626.50	58.27	100.0
EMS	S&W	15,430,607.00	13,974,408.10	90.56	100.0
6227	OCE	3,006,425.33	2,193,753.31	72.97	100.0
	Equipment	3,303,637.02	3,254,903.50	98.52	100.0
Ocean Safety	S&W	5,093,856.34	4,276,352.29	83.95	100.0
6228	OCE	358,618.49	313,746.07	87.49	100.0
	Equipment	518,905.32	388,328.58	74.84	100.0
Total Budget		80,891,197.92	74,707,984.86	92.36	

Grants	Update
2023 CDBG	(3) Brush Trucks \$625,693 furnished by Orchid Isle Ford. Delivery pending.
2024 CDBG	Received (1) 2025 Kawasaki Mule Pro-FXT UTV and trailer for the Pahala Fire Station. Delivery pending on a fire pump skid. Bid for a brush truck for the Puna Volunteer Fire Station awarded to Rebel Strike LLC.
CDBG- MIT Wildfire Mitigation	Bid for three brush trucks awarded to Rebel Strike LLC. A Mobile Service Trailer was awarded to Hawaii Specialty Vehicles. The Mobile Command Vehicle will be awarded in FY 2026..
FY 2023 AFG	Grant awarded establishing a Hazard Zone (IDLH) Incident Command and a Control Training Program to provide safe, effective, and efficient HFD emergency response Operations. Grant is 16.28% spent as of 6/30/25.
FY 23 USDA Vol. Fire Capacity Project	The bid was awarded to Orchid Isle Ford for two (2) Brush Trucks \$411,097. Delivery pending
FY 24 USDA Vol. Fire Capacity Project	Supplies and equipment continue to arrive for the Volunteer Operations section. Pending approval of time extension request.
Kohanaiki Lifeguard Tower (Fair Share funds)	I.D.R. Surveyor Apex lifeguard tower furnished by Newport Laminates. Delivered and installed June 2025..
Lelewi Lifeguard Tower (Fair Share Funds)	Surveyor Junior lifeguard tower furnished by Newport Laminates. Delivery expected in early 2026.

ADMIN DIV: HR BRANCH REPORT

Program Budget Goals	May	YTD	GOAL
Process actions within 15 working days	28	297	100%
Recruitment Actions < 30 days	32	118	100%
Promotion Actions < 30 days	27	44	100%
Personnel Actions within 30 days, <10% error	53	248	100%

Internal Recruitment within Department

Position	Status Report
Battalion Chief (Special Operations)	Pending selection. Effective 7/01/25.
Battalion Chief (FASO)	Selection made. Effective 6/16/2025.
Fire/EMS Specialist III	Three candidates applied; interviews scheduled for 7/23/25.
Fire Captain	Twenty-five candidates accepted for interviews; interviews scheduled 6/12/25.
Fire Equipment Operator	Eight candidates accepted for interviews; interviews scheduled for 6/20/2025.
Fire/Hazardous Materials Specialist	Selection made. Effective 8/1/25.
Fire Prevention Inspector II	Selection made. Effective date 05/16/25.
Fire Prevention Inspector I	Two applicants were selected for the position. Effective date 8/16/25.
Fire Rescue Specialist	Selection made. Effective date 8/1/25.
Water Safety Officer III	Position opened. No names referred yet.
Water Safety Officer IV	Position opened. No names referred yet.
Water Safety Officer V	Interviews scheduled for 7/3/25.

Open-Competitive Recruitment

Position	Status Report
Account Clerk	The position opened due to backfill.
Fire Fighter Recruit (Temp)	Five alternates medical exams were scheduled for the end of May.
Fire/EMS Recruit	Recruits were sent official offer letters
Fire Communications Officer I	Thirty-five candidates referred from DHR. Interviews in- process of being scheduled.
Fire Maintenance Worker	Five candidates were selected for interviews 07/01 and 07/02
Senior Account Clerk	Position opened due to backfill
Water Safety Officer I	Twelve candidates selected for interviews; interviews scheduled for 6/3/25 and 6/4/25.

OPERATIONS

Emergency Operations

Total Calls for Calendar Year 2025	June	%	YTD	%
Fire	88	4%	559	4%
Overpressure, Rupture, Explosion- no fire	0	0%	0	0%
Rescue and EMS	1790	72%	10850	71%
Hazardous Cond. (no fire)	18	1%	96	1%
Service Call	188	8%	1186	8%
Good Intent calls	337	14%	2440	16%
False Alarm / False calls	40	2%	181	1%
Severe Weather	0	0%	0	0%
Special Incident Type	10	0%	35	0%
Other (not completed yet)	4	0%	4	0%
Totals	2475	100%	15347	100%

Year	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025 (est.)
Total Calls	25,015	27,398	29,594	30,738	31,143	30,702

Response Times CY 2025

Statistic	June	% that meet...	YTD	% that meet...
Avg. Turn out time (Fire)	2:25	(80 sec.) 14.77%	2:20	(80 sec.) 18.17%
Avg. Turn out time	2:52	(60 sec.) 17.42%	2:12	(60 sec.) 18.52%
Statistic	June	% that meets 6 min.	YTD	% that meet 6 min
Avg. Response Time	14:27	6.82%	11:10	13.77%
Avg. Response Time	9:34	18.89%	9:02	20.86%

Fire Impacts CY 2025

Call Type	June	YTD
Wildland calls (140, 141, 142, 143)	22	135
Acres burned	26	271
Structure Fires (110 & 111)	9	38
Property and Contents - Loss	\$308,600.00	\$2,518,150.00
Property and Contents - Save	\$3,000.00	\$3,478,600.00
Other fires (all other 100 series)	57	386
Property and Contents - Loss	\$805,000.00	\$944,950.00
Property and Contents - Save	\$19,315,200.00	\$19,319,700.00

Emergency Operations Highlights

Battalion 1, East Hawai'i

- 6/8, Inc# 13546; **Rescue:** Pohoiki/District 10, Swimmers in distress, WSO's rescued father and daughter from the ocean. No injuries or fatalities.
- 6/12, Inc# 13908; **Brush Fire:** Kalopa Mauka/District 8, Brush fire, ¼ acre, No injuries or fatalities.
- 6/13, Inc# 14044; **Structure Fire:** Kea Rd/Dist. 5, 1300 sq. ft. two-story, single-family dwelling fully engulfed, No injuries or fatalities.
- 6/19, Inc# 14491; **Rescue:** KPUA/District 4, Male pt with injuries from fall in river. Pt extricated from river using Chopper 1 and transported to HBMC.
- 6/19, Inc# 14505; **Rescue:** Piihonua/District 4, male party with injury from jumping into water. Pt extricated from river using Chopper 1. Pt treated and transported to HBMC.
- 6/20, Inc# 14578; **Structure Fire:** Uau Rd/District 10, 1200 sq. ft. single-story, single-family dwelling fully engulfed, No injuries or fatalities.
- 6/21, Inc# 14639; **Brush Fire:** Kahawai Rd/District 8, ¼ acre, on Hwy 19 @40mm, roadway briefly shut down, No injuries or fatalities.

Battalion 2, West Hawai'i

- 6/1, Inc# 12972; **Structure Fire:** Dist. 7 Units responded to an approximate 1500sq ft home. Fire was accidental ignition and confined to garage area with limited damage to residential living area. No injuries or deaths.
- 6/8, Inc# 13506; **Structure Fire:** Dist. 14. Units responded to a 7,100sq ft. Mega-Single-Story, Single-Family Residence with smoke coming out of the eaves upon arrival. This was the second call at the residence that night. Fire contained to one corner of the house. No injuries. \$20mil in value saved.
- 6/17, Inc# 14321; **Rescue:** Kawaihae harbor. YMCA youth's sailboat club with 2 sailboats blown on to the rocks. SKI 2 helped pull both vessels safely back to the boat ramp. No injuries.
- 6/23, Inc# 14808; **Scrapyard Metal Fire:** Dist. 7 Units responded to a significant size fire. Evacuations of multiple business downwind of the fire. Hazmat Co. 21 assisted with air quality monitoring. Cause unknown. No injuries.

Special Events:

- 6/24, Ho'omau Fire Academy (Kea'au High School) Haihai Fire Station Visit/Tour

Special Operations

Haz-Mat

- 4 personnel requesting to attend Hazmat Continuing Challenge, working on travel and registration processing.
- New X-vehicles are just about finished on Oahu and expected to be shipped in late July.

Ocean Safety

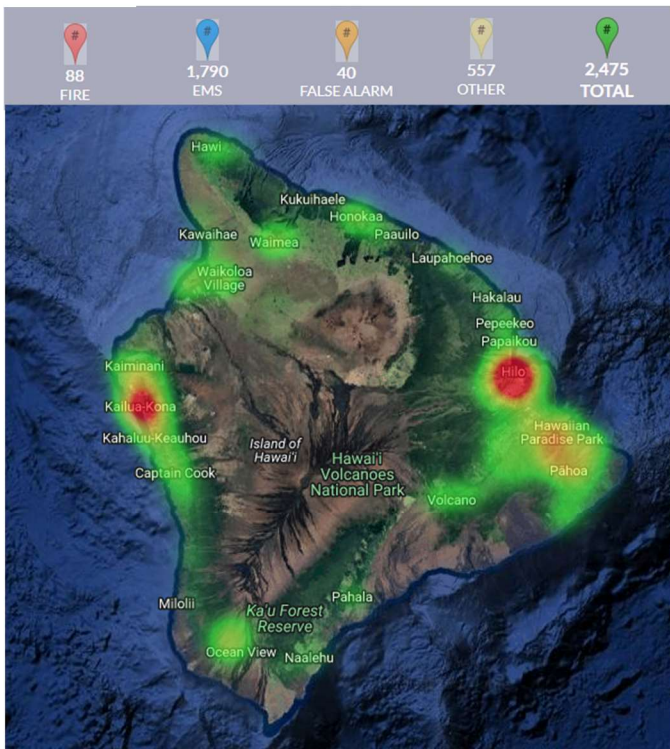
- WSO recruitment update:
 - WSO V: Awaiting final scores and E&E from DHR
 - WSO I: Interviews completed and preparing for new hires following promotions.
 - WSO III and IV: application periods closed, DHR doing MQ review
- Kohanaiki tower blessing completed and official start of service June 13.

Rescue

- Bid contract for RB7-7 (Radon) repower awarded to Riddle Marine.
- Working on processing new equipment purchases with new budget
- New Billy Pugh net received for C1.

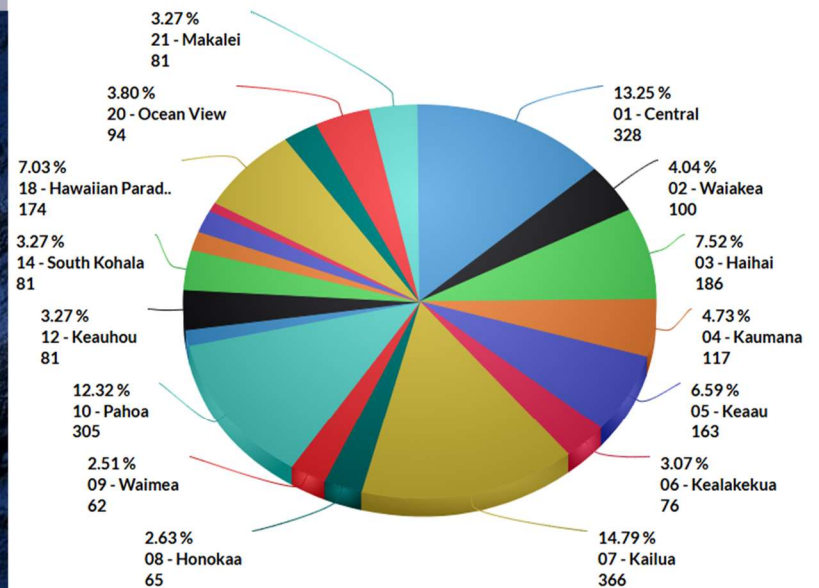
Incident heat map and YTD stats for June 2025

[Link for Station Call Volume Breakdown](#)



Incidents by Stations

06/01/2025-06/30/2025



Total of Station: 2,475

Aviation

Flew a total of 22.6 hours in June. 10.8 hours dedicated to critical wildfire response for the Honokaa and Paauilo brush fires. Provided targeted water drops and aerial support, aiding ground crews in containment and protecting nearby communities. Chopper 2 flew a total of 7.5 hours. 4.8 hours were dedicated to DLNR shark surveys.

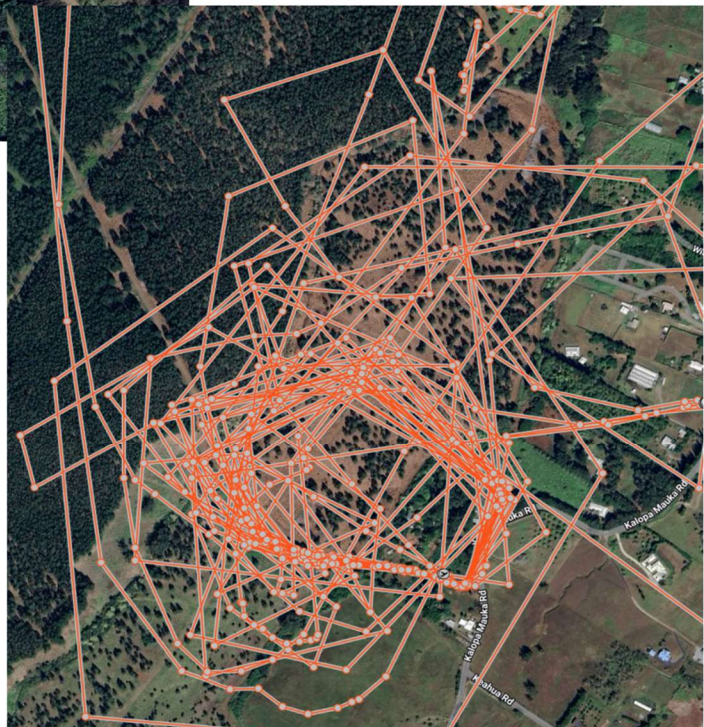
Honokaa Brush Fire Bucket Drops



Notable Responses

- Rapid response for patient extraction in Waimanu Valley due to convulsions/seizures in a remote location.
- 911 search and rescue calls in vicinity of Boiling Pots, Eagles Nest, report of a helicopter crash offshore Waipio Valley, and multiple swimmer/boater in distress calls.
- A multiday DLNR shark survey in the vicinity of Mauna Kea beach.

Paauilo Brush Fire Bucket Drops



Training

- Training at Boiling Pots
- Lifeguard bailout training
- FAA Part 135 training with the FAA
- Pilot long line proficiency training

SUPPORT SERVICES

Emergency Medical Services Branch

Ambulance Inspection and Delivery

Emergency Medical Services Branch

The ambulance fabrication team went to the Braun Northwest ambulance factory in Chehalis, Washington for a pre-delivery ambulance inspection. These four new ambulances are expected to be on island at the beginning of July and hopefully delivered to the stations by the beginning of August. These units will be assigned to the stations listed below:

- Station 5 Keaau
- Station 7 Kailua
- Station 10 Paho
- Station 18 Hawaiian Paradise Park



EMS Replacement SUVs

The two new EMS replacement SUVs have arrived in Honolulu and are currently at Banyan Networks for radio installation.

Equipment Symposium

The EMS Branch Equipment Committee attended a symposium hosted by Kapiolani Community College, featuring guest lecturer Bob Page. This event provided insightful information on EKGs, capnography, and high-performance ventilation.



Paramedic Class Update

The current paramedic class completed their fourth rotation and final testing requirements at the end of June. These individuals are currently working on final state and national requirements for licensure from the DCCA.

AMR Coordination Meeting

On June 5th, Fire Administration and the EMS Branch met with AMR management discussing expanding mutual aid opportunities.

State EMS Meeting

On June 9th, The Hawai'i State Department of Health EMS Branch held a meeting with all EMS agencies statewide announcing changes to the MICT standing orders. Directive from the EMS Branch will be coming out shortly.

Trauma Center Review

On June 18th, EMS Branch personnel participated in a roundtable meeting with representatives from Kona Hospital and the American College of Surgeons (ACS). This review process is mandatory for the hospital to maintain their trauma center status.

Shopify Store Data

EMS Shopify Store – Supply Orders Data for the Month of June:

- 76 orders
- Approximately \$38K in gross order sales

Community Paramedicine Engagement

Our community paramedicine program continues to support community members and high utilizers of the 911 system. For the month of June, EMS Branch personnel had 9 engagements, helping individuals access resources and providing donated durable medical equipment.

Training Services Branch

ARFF Training and Certification

The 53rd Recruit class has completed three weeks of Aircraft Rescue Firefighting with a live burn evolution conducted at Ellison Onizuka International Airport. They have successfully completed ARFF ProBoard Certification.



High-Rise Training Completion

The 53rd Recruit class completed high rise training over a two-day period. The training included classroom, a review of the Marco Polo fire and high-rise skill stations. Day two was held at Bayshore Towers and included lobby control, emergency elevator

operations, evacuation/fire attack stair well operations, fire floor operations, FDC connections and a fifteen-story stair climb in full PPE.



Final Wildland Evolution at PTA



BC Kaaina Keawe, BC Troy Gibson and BC Matthew Ho participated in the 53rd recruit class final wildland evolution at PTA. The evolution incorporated the Calm the Chaos command structure which was implemented in the wildland evolution. The scenario was based on the initial dispatch to a ¼ acre fire, that was wind driven and rapidly spreading in dry grass. Multiple units were available to be dispatched as needed. Trigger points and decision-making opportunities were injected to challenge the IC's abilities to manage the wildland scenario. Key points were LCES, fire behavior awareness, resource management, incident priorities, communications, and decision-making framework.

Engine and Truck Operations Final Evolution



Engine and Truck Operations Final evolutions. The 53rd Recruit class conducted their final evolution incorporating truck and engine functions at PTA. The week prior was spent reviewing forcible entry, search and rescue, ladders, hose deployment and movements, RIT, FGS, and firefighter down CPR.

Ho'omau Fire Academy Engagements

Ho'omau Fire Academy attended a talk story session at Station 3 with Captain Santiago and the on-duty crew. Captain Santiago answered questions about the fire service and station life. Ho'omau Fire Academy also had a chance to talk with the 53rd recruit class about recruit training. Ho'omau Fire Academy also attended the 53rd recruit class skills review at PTA, with a chance to flow water utilizing both the 1 ¾ and a 2 ½" Handlines

Volunteer Training Section

1-A (Pepee'okeo)

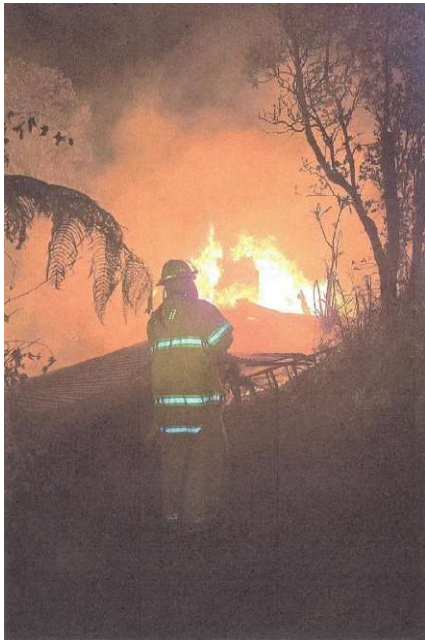
Company 1 Alpha Pepee'okeo-Volunteer Company 1A performed 2 community service/outreach events. One being a static display and the other event was at

Kulaimano Community Center’s Summer Fun Program. The kids at the summer fun program really enjoyed the festivities of running under the water dispersed by Volunteer Engine 1A.



5-B (Hawaiian Acres)

Company 5 Bravo Hawaiian Acres-Volunteer Company 5B had a busy month of June. They started the month by doing training, and admin duties which consisted of installing a new water tank cover and vehicle maintenance. They also assisted company 5 and 19 on a structure fire. They also assisted company 10 on another structure fire and put out multiple car fires. 5B is also working with Vibrant Hawaii on helping distribute food for the keiki in the community. 5B’s association also had a blessing of the future community center build site and with that blessing the kahu also blessed the volunteers that were there, our firehouse, and 5B apparatus’.



5-C (Fern Forest)

Company 5 Charlie Fern Forest-Volunteer Company 5C attended the apparatus blessings on 6/5/25 for the 2 new brush trucks for the volunteers, Oceanview 20A and Fern Forest 5C. 5C and 19A continue to have joint training with FPTC Eric Moller. 5C had 2 fire calls, one vehicle fire and one structure fire. 5C is also working in conjunction with Co 19A to install the new fire standpipe at Cooper center on the dedicated fire suppression tank.

5-D (Fern Acres)

Company 5 Delta Fern Acres-Volunteer Company 5D responded to 3 fire calls and held training in car fires and PPE. Members of 5-Delta also participated in the Kaukau 4 Keiki program that is put on by their Local HUB location and Vibrant Hawaii.

7-B (Kalaoa)

Company 7 Bravo Kalaoa-Volunteer Company 7B was dispatched to 4 calls during the month of June. Their training for June focused on the wildland urban interface.

8-A (Pa'auilo)

Company 8 Alpha Pa'auilo-Volunteer Company 8A performed vehicle maintenance and driver training during June.

9-A (Waiki'i)

Company 9 Alpha Waiki'i-Volunteer Company 9A has successfully built another warehouse type garage to house their apparatus. The structure was built through monetary donations, and the labor was donated from Volunteer Captain 9A and company, and other members of the community.

9-B (Kanehoa)

Company 9 Bravo Kanehoa-Volunteer Company 9B assisted in a fire at Kalopa Mauka. They also held two trainings practicing hose tactics and strategies in the WUI interface. 9-B also had a station cleanup along with maintenance on the apparatus.

10-D (Ainaloa)

Company 10 Delta Ainaloa-Volunteer Company 10D assisted their career counterparts with a vegetation fire at Sand Hill and a pallet fire in Kalapana Seaview, as well as several unauthorized burns. 10-Delta also conducted a wet drill and conducted multiple hours of driver training.

11-A (Na'ālehu)

Company 11 Alpha Na'ālehu-Volunteer Company 11A participated in the Na'ālehu parade and performed training on hose handling techniques and pump operations.

11-C (Discovery Harbor)

Company 11 Charlie Discovery Harbor-Volunteer Company 11C participated in the Na'ālehu parade, performed various maintenance on their assigned vehicles and station, completed assignments on Vector Solutions, and held training which focused on pump operations and hose handling.

16-B (Pu'uanahulu)

Company 16 Bravo Pu'uanahulu-Volunteer Company 16B had 23 man hours of driver training, vehicle maintenance and repairs on Engine 16B.

19-A (Volcano)

Company 19 Alpha Volcano-Volunteer Company 19A performed numerous volunteer hours during June. They conducted vehicle maintenance, station maintenance/improvements, and training on hose handling techniques along with pump operations.

20-A (HOVE)

Company 20 Alpha HOVE-Volunteer Company 20A attended their regularly scheduled training with their Volunteer Training Captain and have 2 possible new candidates entering the initial phase of becoming a volunteer.

Fire Prevention Section

Fire Inspections

Our single active Fire Inspector continues to conduct business inspections within Designated Area 1. To improve coverage and efficiency, inspectors will now be permanently assigned to three designated area groupings, evenly split across island-wide districts. When conducting high-hazard inspections, inspectors may notify the local fire station in advance to allow participation by station personnel.

Community Outreach, Events & Social Media



June 13: T. Goo provided media coverage for the final day of the ARFF Live-Burn Scenario with the recruit class.

June 18: T. Goo and J. Reuelman participated in multiple Home Assessments in District 16 in collaboration with HWMO.

June 18: T. Goo attended a strategic meeting with Chief Okinaka and N5 Sensors regarding wildfire sensor placement and implementation.

June 20: T. Goo attended a PTA training exercise with Chief Ho, Keawe, and Gibson, applying Calm The Chaos principles to a live brush fire scenario during the final Fire Academy evolution.

June 24: Chief Henderson and T. Goo conducted a site visit with retired Chief Hayashida and KS Properties staff to discuss renovation plans, access improvement, and water development.

June 25: R. Henderson served as a guest speaker at the Vibrant Hawai'i Resilience Academy, addressing fire prevention and safety.



June 25: T. Goo supported Chief Springer and the Training Branch during a High-Rise Training involving fire alarm systems, riser and sprinkler identification, Knox box use, and elevator control.

June 26: Participated in a Firewise Community Assessment with HWMO and DOFAW in District 7 – Hualalai Colony.

Plan Review / Active Construction

All plan reviews and submitted shop drawings in the EPIC system were completed within the required 14-day turnaround period.

Active Construction Projects:

G. Ahu

- Attended plan review meetings for Eb DeSilva and Volcano School of Arts & Sciences
- Completed final inspection for a Residential Sprinkler System in Honomū

E. Kawasaki

- Conducted Hydro Rough-In inspections for the New Parker Gymnasium and Hale Makoa

Fire Investigations/UAS Program

June 9: Fire Investigation – District 14, 68-1029 Pauoa



Incident #250013509

- Investigators: T. Goo, G. Ahu, and J. Reuelman
- Determined Cause: Electrical fire

UAS Program: No new developments/active use for June.

Internal Recruitment:

On June 23, interviews were held for the Fire Prevention Inspector I internal recruitment. Two personnel were selected post interview to fill current vacancies.

Auxiliary Services Section

FASO Promotion

There was a new FASO promotion on June 16, 2025. BC Matthew Komata joins the warehouse team – formerly the East Hawaii Volunteer Training Captain.

Shopify Sales Summary

Shopify orders 116, Customers 94, total sales 161.429.88

Fixed Asset Inventory

The Fire Department conducted its annual fixed asset inventory and would like to thank all the individuals who hunted for the items assigned to their stations. With the help of HFD's IT personnel, the items have been added to our FireWorks RMS program and the hope is that this will make next year's inventory a lot easier.

Facility Work Orders

There were 20 work order requests for various repairs and installations for fire facilities in the month with most being addressed within a few days of submission. Please remember to send completed work order requests to the Fire Warehouse email address.

Maintenance Shop Report

1. Apparatus and equipment repair
 - Two-Hundred sixty (260) total repairs/service.
 - Sixty-eight (68) service calls or trouble calls.

- Twelve (12) contracted out and tows
2. FEM Supnet attended final inspection at Braun Northwest in Chehalis, Washington for 4 new ambulance units
 3. 134 annual DOT Inspections performed island-wide
 4. 2025 Toyota Tacomas received (1) Ocean Safety and (1) Auxiliary Services

Emergency Communications

NENA 2025 Conference Attendance

SFCO Karen Bugado had the opportunity to attend the NENA 2025 Conference in Long Beach, California.

Motorola Product Demonstration

Chief Domingo and Captain Kaneshiro participated in a demonstration of new Motorola product "Command Central Aware".



Arrival of BC – Emergency Communications Vehicle

The BC – Emergency Communications vehicle arrived mid-June.

Interdepartmental Meetings

Chief Domingo and Captain Kaneshiro participated in meetings with various sections, including EMS, Safety, IT and Fiscal for ongoing issues and concerns.

Monthly ECC Call Data Reporting

Call data will now be reported monthly, to include the total of number of calls received in

the ECC for HFD. Calls will be broken down into 911 calls and admin calls. For the 911 calls, average duration of the call as well as the percentage of calls answered in less than 10 seconds will also be reported.

June HFD Call Data

911			Admin (non emergency)	Total
# of calls	Avg duration	% answered < 10 sec	# of calls	# of calls
2,448	2:59	88.2%	2,130	4,578

Information Technology

CradlePoint VPN Solution Update

The CradlePoint VPN solution has been completed. For vehicles with a Cradlepoint installed the step of having to use software VPN with your County of Hawai'i username and password is no longer needed. CradlePoints are also transmitting GPS data directly to the Spillman CAD server instead of from the MDT. This is something that Technical Services has been working on for a long time and is a huge step forward for the department.

Inventory

Working on updating inventory for submission to finance. After final submission to Finance in July, FireWorks inventory will be updated to match submission to finance with any new additions that for FY 24 – 25 that finance did not add. For FY 25 – 26, inventory will be done in Fireworks. We are working on instructions on how to do this.

iPads and Cases Setup

iPads and cases for each station have been received and we will work on setting them up. Each station will receive 2 iPads for doing inventory and vehicle maintenance checks in FireWorks.

IP Configuration Update

Fire Warehouse, EMS, new Prevention office (old dispatch), has been changed from static IP assignment to automatic (DHCP). This finally gets this location on the same IP configuration as the rest of County of Hawai'i locations.

FireWorks NERIS transition work has been started.

SAFETY SPECIALIST REPORT

A summary of Safety's notable issues for June 2025: The Respiratory Protection Program progressed with west-side HIOSH compressor inspections completed and east-side inspections scheduled for July; Pahala's compressor is back in service pending air sample results, and the east-side Porta-Count machine resumed fit testing. FireGrid is on hold as IT evaluates FireWorks for PPE tracking. Our stock of Class B foam was fully disposed of by AKW Environmental, with materials shipped to a certified landfill on the mainland. Station #18's air sampling showed no elevated mold levels, and Station #2 had consistent particle counts post-abatement but elevated humidity, with regular follow-ups scheduled. The COOP exercise for October 7 is in planning, with the new Emergency Communications Center as the primary location. The Active Threat Emergency Response Plan for Admin advanced with HPD providing a walkthrough and security recommendations. Site surveys at Stations #10, #6, and #21 identified some issues with R&M work orders submitted. A survey for ANSI-compliant first-aid kits identified a need for 45 Class A kits throughout all facilities. The Safety Committee met June 18, with minutes on SharePoint. The next meeting will be July 16th. Mahalo for keeping safety first!

SNAPSHOTS AND STORIES

ICS 100 Pilot Class



On June 6, the Chief Todd and Barry Perriatt of Hawai'i County Civil Defense partnered to host a pilot ICS 100 course at the Office of Aging Conference Room in Hilo. This introductory course—the first in the Incident Command System (ICS) series—welcomed over 20 participants from seven County departments. Following the session, participants completed an online exam to earn their ICS 100 certification. More offerings will be planned to support countywide emergency preparedness.



Brush Truck Blessing Ceremony

On Thursday, June 5, HFD held a blessing ceremony at the County Building in Hilo for two new brush trucks: BT20A, assigned to Ocean View, and BT5C, assigned to Fern Forest. Fire Chaplain Renee Godoy led the blessing, and Fire Captain Grant Baclig shared the names selected for the vehicles—*Waio' ahukini* for BT 20A and *Anulipoa* for BT5C.



Mahalo to those who joined us in celebrating this special occasion!

Kohanaiki Tower Blessing

On June 13, HFD held a blessing ceremony at Kohanaiki Beach Park to mark the start of lifeguard services at the new tower. The ceremony included remarks from Chief Todd and Deputy Managing Director Merrick Nishimoto, with a blessing led by Dr. Holeka Inaba.



Coffee with the Chief

On June 7, Chief Todd hosted a Coffee with the Chief session to discuss the department’s mission and vision statements and engage in an open Q&A with attendees. The mission and vision portion of the event is available for viewing on [Youtube](#). Additional sessions will be held in the future to continue the conversation and provide more opportunities for dialogue.



Incident Response Pocket Guide



Executive Volunteer Bob Becker was featured on *Firehouse Magazine’s* website for his article on the *Incident Response Pocket Guide*—a compact, field-ready tool supporting wildland firefighting. He covers its evolution since 1994, its adoption by the National Wildfire Coordinating Group, and recent updates, including a shift from hand signals to electronic communication. [Read the full article here.](#)

ICS 305 Training

Five HFD personnel attended an ICS 305 course held June 23–27, at the Kamehameha Schools Kapālama Campus on O’ahu. Hosted by the Honolulu Incident Management Team, the course featured HFD’s own BC Ho and BC Gibson as instructors, following their recent completion of ICS 449. The remaining three HFD attendees are currently progressing through the Hawai’i IMT certification process. Participation in this course strengthens our department’s operational readiness and brings us closer to being able to deliver classes in-house.



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