

CHIEF'S REPORT (08/14/2013)

I. Budget

- FY 2012/2013
- FY 2013/2014

II. Alternative Funding and Grant

- FY 2012 CDBG Grant for Pahoia Tanker
- FY 2012 Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant application
- FY 2012 Assistance to Fire Fighters Prevention Grant Application
- FY 2013 CDBG Grant for Waiakea Quint

Capital Improvement Projects: A current overview of ongoing projects may include but not limited to:

- Kawaiiani Fire Station replacement

III. Goals and Objectives update

IV. Human Resources Division

1) Recruitments

a. Internal recruitments within the Department

- Fire Hazardous Materials Specialist – Promotion effective August 1, 2013.
- Fire Prevention Inspector I – Promotions effective August 1, 2013.
- Fire/Emergency Medical Services Specialist II – Assessment Center scheduled on August 12, 2013.

b. Internal Recruitment within the County

- Human Resources Assistant – Recruitment conducted July 9-18, 2013; referral list pending.

c. Open-competitive recruitments

- Water Safety Officer I (Temp) – One WSO I (Temp) for Puna district hired May 16 not to exceed August 15, 2013. Two WSO I's (Temp) for South Hilo district will end on August 15, 2013 due to end of summer.
- Accountant IV

- 2) Labor Relations
 - a. Arbitrations:
 - a. Arbitration hearing (Termination) pending Arbitrator's decision.
 - b. Grievances
 - a. Step 2 meeting for Fire Fighter was held on July 15, 2013. Issue involved loss of compensation due to expired State of Hawai'i Medical Examiner's Certificate.

V. Emergency Operations Division

OPERATIONS:

SPECIAL OPERATIONS:

Ocean Safety:

- 1) Our three (3) temporary WSO summer hires will be ending their term in August and September. We will also be recruiting for 2 new full time positions to cover the Punaluu tower. We are currently soliciting for any WSO who would like to transfer into those positions.
- 2) The Big Island Jr. Lifeguard championships were held on July 20 at the Hapuna beach. The state Jr. Lifeguard championships were held on July 27 on Maui. Our island Jr. Lifeguards came in second place only losing to Kauai. We took over 27 participants for this event and everything went smoothly as planned.
- 3) Our WSOs assisted with the Richardson's annual rough water swim held on July 28. This is an event that is sponsored by the County of Hawai'i.
- 4) All of the act 190 signs have been repaired or replaced by parks maintenance. It was a collaborative effort and support by many departments and individuals.

Training:

- 1) The 41st FF recruit class has been assigned to the stations and is working to fulfill their 40 hours of driver training minimum requirements. They are also working on their 25/15 medic runs and about half of them have completed all their requirements.
- 2) The 42nd FF recruit class has completed their Fire Essentials curriculum and skills requirement. They are now in their driver training program lead by FEO Chris Carvalho.

- 3) FEO Chris Carvalho was promoted into the training bureau on July 1 and is an asset to our department with his apparatus skills and also with his computer background.
- 4) We have completed our First Responder recertification for the department and will be conducting this training in west Hawai'i in August.

Volunteer:

- 1) The resolution to accept the 5-ton truck donated by Rick Crosby was approved by the County Council. We will be registering the vehicle under the County of Hawai'i and will be meeting with Glenn from the maintenance shop to identify what needs to be done to put this vehicle in service.
- 2) DPW checked on the water tanks at the Volcano volunteer station for safety concerns. As of 6/25, it was noted that the hatch is still open and the ladder on the tank has not been removed.
- 3) Volunteer 7A has procured a truck from 16A and is currently working to get it on line. This truck should be ready in about 2 months.
- 4) Beginning to conduct driver audits for the volunteers in east and west Hawai'i.

VI. Support Services Division

EMS BUREAU:

1. Well over 500 people have been trained in Hands Only CPR within the community thus far. The following high schools have committed or expressed strong interest doing the program this coming school year; Hilo High, Waiakea High, Kona High, Honokaa High, Keaau High, HPA and Kohala High schools.
2. The USDA computers have been set up by IT and are being sent out to their respective stations. The replacement computers from State EMS however, are on back order. No ETA was provided.
3. Six personnel have been accepted into the upcoming MICT Class scheduled for Aug 19th, 2013. A class orientation is scheduled for Aug 14th at the EMS Training Center where former students and spouses will talk about the class experience and the challenges and rewards associated with MICT training.
4. Preparing for the 13th annual EMS Fun Run set for August 3rd at Liliuokalani Park in Hilo. Beneficiaries for this year's event are TGCF, Dream Come True Hawai'i Chapter and the WJSF.
5. Sat in a webinar demo for software solution "First Watch". The program looks powerful with a tremendous amount of potential. The program has the ability

to do program interfacing, data mining, real time situational awareness and resource allocation as well as, quality assurance with performance measures.

PREVENTION BUREAU:

- 1) Continued to preach fireworks safety throughout the 4th of July Holiday season and also provided enforcement at 5 fireworks displays/shows.
- 2) Conducted our second project with regards to collecting and destroying unwanted and unused fireworks from our Big island communities. We collected and destroyed over 2000 fireworks.
- 3) Attended the SFC FPC meeting to discuss the final language with regard to HRS 132-D, NFPA 1730 with regard to Fire Prevention programs, HRS 132 with regard to state owned facilities, and proposed State requirements with regard excess accumulation of grease in kitchen hood and duct systems.
- 4) Conducted 166 inspections, 4 fire investigations, and 76 plans reviews.
- 5) Prepared probationary program for 2 new FPB Inspector 1's starting Aug 1, 2013.

DISPATCH:

- 1) Installation of Intrado 911 cabinets and necessary wiring by Intrado and Haw'n Tel Com.
- 2) Installation of Intrado positions to be used for dispatcher training.
- 3) FRD I Trainees completion of Emer. Med. Dispatcher's course; continued training.

AUXILLIARY SERVICES/WAREHOUSE

- 1) Received and issued 18 beds to Pahala, HPP and Waiakea Stations.
- 2) Donated used beds to Salvation Army, Habilitat for Humanities and East Hawai'i Homeless Shelter.

MAINTENANCE SHOP

- 1) 106 total repairs/services including 25 service or trouble calls and 15 contracted tows.

New Projects/Business

- Hawaii Fire Chiefs Association Conference

Employee/Public Relations