

CHIEF'S REPORT (11/25/2015)

I. Budget

- FY 2015/2016
 - Currently at expected and targeted expenditures
- FY 2016/2017
 - Submitted November 3, 2015
 - Budget meeting with Finance scheduled for December 22nd

II. Alternative Funding and Grant

- 2012 Assistance to Fire Fighters (AFG) Prevention Grant
 - Smoke detector installation program
 - Work continuing with additional detectors
 - Recently meeting with Red Cross to tie in their program
- 2014 AFG Operations Grant
 - Driver Training Simulator Project
 - Delivery expected Mid- December
- 2014 CDBG
 - Delivered November 5, 2015
- 2015 CDBG
 - Pahoia Brush Truck Apparatus Project
 - Invitation for bid opened. Closes November 16th.
- 2016 CDBG
 - Approval Granted to submit application for funding
 - Project proposal submitted for new Engine 11, Pahala.

III. Human Resources Division

1) Recruitments

Open-competitive recruitments

- Fire Fighter Recruit – Hired 24 on September 1, 2015, 1 on September 16, 2015, and 2 on October 1, 2015. One termination (due to injury) effective September 21, 2015 and one resignation effective September 22, 2015.
- Clerk III – temporary position not to exceed September 11, 2019. Pending interview and selection process. Targeted hire date is December 1, 2015.
- Water Safety Officer I – Performance assessment exercise held October 30, 2015. 35 applicants were scheduled. Targeted hire date is December 1, 2015.

- Fire Radio Dispatcher I – realistic job overview session scheduled on November 9, 2015. Targeted hire date is January 4, 2016.

Internal within department recruitment

- Fire Equipment Operator – Assessment Center was held on September 28, 29, & 30, 2015. Pending selection.
- Fire Captain – Assessment Center was held on October 15 & 16, 2015. Pending selection.
- Fire Prevention Inspector I – Assessment Center was held on October 1, 2015. Pending selection,
- Fire/Hazardous Materials Specialist – Assessment Center was held on October 2, 2015. Pending selection.
- Fire Prevention Inspector II – Assessment Center to be scheduled.
- Fire Radio Dispatcher III – Temporary vacancy (Sept. 1, 2015 not to exceed August 31, 2016. Temporary appointment may lead to conversion to permanent appointment). There were no applicants. Further action to be determined.

IV. Emergency Operations Division

OPERATIONS:

East Hawai'i

- 1) October 2, 2015: BC Lum meeting with Hilo Airport regarding communications and staging areas for HFD. This meeting is tied into the AAR for the Cessna plane crash in Aug.
- 2) October 7, 2015: Rescue at Piihonua Falls; 18 year old male drowning victim-located but unable to revive.
- 3) October 10, 2015: Provide C-1 assistance for Ironman Triathlon
- 4) October 14, 2015: Provided C-1 for damage assessment of Kealakekua area for Council member Maile David and Drew Kanuha.
- 5) October 25, 2015: Missing Diver District 10 (Kapoho). Search terminated.
- 6) Installation of new radios into HFD vehicles throughout the month.
- 7) Hi-Performance CPR training.

West Hawai'i

- 1) October 3, 2015: Home Depot Static display Fire Prevention demo- Company 21.
- 2) October 10, 2015: HFD IMT team observing in Race Operations Center (ROC) for Ironman Triathlon Community Events.
- 3) October 17, 2015: Brush fire District 14 (Puako), Inc # 19725 – Origin, vehicle in the brush
- 4) October 17, 2015: Blue Zone Kickoff at Kahilu Theater- Company 9
- 5) October 17, 2015: Hawai'i Wildfire Management Organization - Fire extinguisher demonstration for Waikoloa Village. BC Farias and Company 16 personnel.

- 6) October 18, 2015: HPA Pumpkin Patch standby - Company 9.
- 7) October 22, 2015: Tanker 16 in Station 16 - personnel training/familiarizing with new apparatus
- 8) Throughout month - Assisted Fire Prevention personnel with displays and demonstrations.

SPECIAL OPERATIONS:

Hazmat:

- 1) Identified specific locations near PGV to deploy our Area Rae monitors in the event of an incident at PGV. We are procuring Ipads through Civil Defense that we will use at hotspots upon implementation of our new guidelines.
- 2) Three HFD personnel attended this year's Hazmat Continuing Challenge on September 8-11. They identified equipment at the conference that we could use to update ours. We will be submitting a request with a supplemental budget.
- 3) There will be a large scale CST exercise that will take place in March 2016. The initial planning conference will take place in October.
- 4) BC Kosaki met with EPA officials to address the executive order (EO 13650) implementation. This will be done initially on Oahu but will lay the foundation for inspections here.

Rescue:

- 1) There were a few incidents involving missing swimmers and divers in the streams and ocean throughout the island.
- 2) We are working with the Sayre Foundation to purchase equipment that were requested at the last awards dinner. Funds for the equipment have been secured at the dinner.
- 3) We had a rescue Captains meeting for East Hawai'i on September 22 and will have a meeting in west Hawai'i in the near future. One of the things discussed was the updating of the Rescue Field Operating Guidelines (FOG). This will be reviewed by the rescue Captains and revised as needed.

Ocean Safety:

- 1) Our Rescue Water Craft program continues to pay dividends as it conducted numerous rescues during the recent tropical storms. Waves as high as 20-25 feet hit our eastern shores with many surfers and swimmers out. However, there were no casualties.
- 2) The Ocean and Water Safety Advisory will be having their next meeting on December 1, 2015. A task force will be identified at this meeting that will commence in 2016.
- 3) There will be a USLA Board of Directors meeting and conference in November that will be held here on the Big Island at the Marriott. Representatives from throughout the US will be here to meet at this conference. We will also be holding a demo during this conference.
- 4) We are in the process of filling our 4 vacant positions in East and West Hawai'i. We have conducted our Performance Assessment Exercises and interviews and anticipating hiring on December 1.

- 5) We have one more lifeguard tower that needs replacing. This is on the south end of Kahalu'u Beach. We are installing a PA system on the current tower with a solar system. This will be transferred to our new tower when it arrives.

V. Support Services Division

TRAINING:

- 1) 44th Fire Fighter Recruit class on schedule and progressing as expected.
- 2) Recruits finished Rescue week and Station 14 Ladder/ Chopper 2 operations orientation.
- 3) Secured a 4th NFA class (Training Operations in Small Departments) for next calendar year.
- 4) Collaboratively working with Captain Wong regarding Company Officer training.

VOLUNTEER TRAINING:

- 1) Scheduling of volunteer vehicles Island-wide for change out of mobile radios. East side completed. West side - two more vehicles for change out.
- 2) Staff Meeting October 26, 2015.
- 3) Initiate scheduling for Wildland Fire Training with Captain Bergin at HPA Campus, November 16-20, 2015. Four Volunteers will attend. Also, scheduling for Driver Training Class for December 17-24, 2015. 15 volunteer slots for this class which will be held in Hilo.
- 4) Finalized volunteer Award Money for volunteers.
- 5) Completed PUC scheduling (on our end) with Dr. deSilva and Dr. Wang.

EMS BUREAU:

- 1) High Performance CPR training for all Operations personnel has been completed in the month of October. Feedback has been very positive and personnel are excited to improve outcomes. HFD did experience its first HP CPR documented save shortly after the completion of the training.
- 2) Conducted 1st quarter review of the EMS Budget. Expenditures are on target and on track as projected.
- 3) Our first ever Liquid Spring retrofit project was approved for M – 11 and has been scheduled for November 30. The awarded vendor is flying to Hilo to train and assist our HFD Maintenance Shop personnel with the removal and replacement of the current Air Granning ride suspension with the new Liquid Spring hydraulic suspension. The new LS system has been tested on our latest new build ambulances with positive feedback from our providers.
- 4) Received notification of award of three DOT grants; replacement airbags (\$46,000), Traffic Incident Management System (\$78,451) and continuation of HFD's Child Passenger Safety inspection clinics (\$17,340).
- 5) Our eight MICT students are doing well and are currently wrapping up MICT 150 and 160 didactic curriculums.

PREVENTION BUREAU:

- 1) Prevention personnel took the passed the Certified Fire Plans Examiner Test through NFPA.
- 2) Prevention Bureau continuing inspections of all restaurants and apartment/condos buildings Island-wide.
- 3) Prevention Bureau continuing smoke detector/home inspection program.
- 4) Approximately 18,000 Firefighter Safety Guide Booklets were delivered to Elementary school students in Grades K-6 Island-wide for our Annual program for Fire Prevention week which is in October.
- 5) Prevention Bureau conducted 27 fire safety assemblies at elementary schools across the island reaching approximately 6,500 kids age K-6th grade.
- 6) Arson K9 Kaimi was recertified in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

AUXILLIARY SERVICES

Dispatch:

- 1) Finalize vacation policy.
- 2) Request for hiring of additional Fire Radio Dispatcher I positions.

Maintenance Shop:

- 1) Mechanic 2 traveled to Wisconsin for pre-construction of Engine 1 and 18.

Warehouse:

- 1) Mobile radio inventory with Pacific Wireless Communications.

VI. New Projects/Business

- Various Fundraising Events scheduled for FF Yurik Resetnikov who was critically injured in a surfing accident while on vacation.
 - GoFund Account under teamyurik
 - Polo Event fundraiser in Waikii Ranch
 - Golf event

VII. Employee/Public Relations