

## CHIEF'S REPORT (06/08/2016)

### I. Budget

- FY 2015/2016
  - Final Bids on BC vehicles
  - CBA increases
- FY 2016/2017
  - Initial Budget Meeting held with Finance Director and Budget Staff

### II. Alternative Funding and Grant

- 2014 AFG Operations Grant
  - Driver Training Simulator Project
    - Expected delivery by end of January 2016
- 2014 CDBG
  - Pahala Brush Truck apparatus
  - Apparatus in service effective December 11, 2015
- 2015 CDBG
  - Received notification of awarding of Grant Project
  - Pahoia Brush Truck Apparatus Project
  - Notice to Proceed executed to expected vendor.
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- 2016 CDBG
  - Application submitted for a Wildland Pumper Apparatus with Compressed Air/Foam capabilities for Pahala Fire Station.

### III. Human Resources Division

#### 1) Recruitments

##### Open-competitive recruitments

- Water Safety Officer I – Six (6) temporary positions were filled on May 16, 2016.

##### Internal within department recruitment

- Fire Prevention Inspector I – Promotions pending.
- Fire Rescue Specialist – Selections pending.

#### 2) Classification

- Water Safety Officer I to II reallocations.
  - One (1) Water Safety Officer position reallocated to Water Safety Officer II position effective March 16, 2016.

### IV. Emergency Operations Division

## **OPERATIONS:**

### **East Hawai'i**

- 1) May 9-13 - Ten Rescue personnel from Stations 2 and 7 completed confined space training.
- 2) May 9-14 - Ten Operations personnel, including Battalion Chief Joseph Farias III, completed a National Fire Academy course on Management Strategies for Success
- 3) May 10 - Company 11 assisted with the Hands Only CPR class at Ka'ū High School
- 4) May 13 - Company 2 responded to and rescued two lost Maile pickers off of Steinback Highway, incident #008903.
- 5) May 15 - BC-1 and Company 1 attended a special service event at Bayfront by request of the Mayor for the dedication of two canoes for children with disabilities.
- 6) May 15 - Company 5, E-19 and T10 responded to a structure fire that was allegedly set by a family member, incident #009068.
- 7) May 26 - Brushfire at Kaloli point/ WH Shipman property. 1 acre contained at nightfall. Remote and inaccessible area. No dozers utilized, only extended handlines and bucket drops.

### **West Hawai'i**

- 1) May 7 - Brush Fire, Queen Liliuokalani Trust Camp grounds, Incident # 8545 Alarm Time 0331, one acre. Possibly started by homeless.
- 2) May 12 - Alli Kai Park Dedication Ceremony, BC2 and Company 7 in attendance.
- 3) May 15 - Brush Fire, HWY 190 4/5 Mile marker, Incident# 9049 Alarm Time 0857. 8000 square feet. Cause undetermined.
- 4) May 16 - Inspection North Kohala Fire Station.
- 5) May 21 - Brush Fire, Highway 19 & Puakō Beach Road, Incident# 9436 Alarm Time 0539, 3 acres. Cause undetermined.
- 6) May 21 - Medic 6 Stand-by at Konawaena High School graduation.
- 7) May 21 - Funeral Services for Chief Kahumoku, BC2A, BC2B, Company 7 and Company 21.
- 8) May 26 - Active Shooter Drill at Palamanui with Company 7 & 21
- 9) May 26 - PIA MVA Highway 190 with Company 9, BC2, EMS1. Subjects of concern; Multiple Patients, EMS protocol and better communications.
- 10) May 27 - Company 9 Stand-by at HPA graduation.
- 11) May 28 - Company 7 Stand-by at KTA Centennial Celebration. KTA Kona from 0900-1400 hours.

## **SPECIAL OPERATIONS:**

### **Hazmat:**

- 1) We held our tactics portion of the Hazmat Technician class from April 25 to May 6. There were 12 personnel who completed the class and are now qualified to work on the Hazmat team.
- 2) Twenty-five of our rescue personnel completed the confined space training program. Our hazmat team will be conducting annual drills with them to

- assist with air monitoring, usage of supplied air breathing apparatus, and ventilation at a confined space incident.
- 3) There was an incident on 5/16/16 involving a package that arrived by mail to the Kaiser business office with white powder leaking out. After contacting the post office, it was stated that the package was screened there but no information was given. I later contacted the Postal Inspector who informed me that the only mail that is screened (for Anthrax) is on regular sized envelopes. Although they have the capability to do radiation/air monitoring and ID sampling, none is done as a regular practice. Information was given to dispatch and the two hazmat teams.
  - 4) We received our 4 new Ludlum radiological monitors (2 for Kaumana and 2 for Makalei). These were funded by the LEPC at a cost of approximately \$10,000.

**Rescue:**

- 1) We held our confined space training in April and May at the Mauna Loa Mac Nut facility for all of our rescue personnel. Twenty-five personnel completed the class with three of them being identified and trained as instructors. There will be another session to train those who could not attend the initial classes as well as those who are only assigned to one of our rescue stations on a temporary basis. We have also revised our SOG in response to confined space incidents with the recommendations of HIOSH.
- 2) We are repairing RB 7-7 but we are still looking to renovate the Radon (RB 7) to protect the electrical equipment and add a safe entry step into the boat during dive operations.

**Ocean Safety:**

- 1) The Drowning and Aquatic Injury Prevention Advisory Committee will be holding their next meeting on May 31, 2016. We are in the process of developing a local task force to address resident drowning here on the Big Island. State-wide stats reveal that east Hawaii has the highest amount of resident drownings. This task force will try to address ways to reduce injuries and prevent drownings of local residents.
- 2) We have hired 6 temporary Water Safety Officers to fill positions for Hilo, Puna, and South Kohala. Four of these positions are for the summer and the other two are to fill positions of personnel on long term leaves.
- 3) The PA system that will be added to the north tower at Kahalu'u will be ready for installation by June 2016. This will give the WSO a stronger voice to alert beach patrons and surfers of the imminent hazards. This system was procured from a donation through the Sayre Foundation at a cost of nearly \$5,500.

V. Support Services Division

**TRAINING:**

- 1) Hazmat tactics training completed on 5/6. HFD now has 12 new firefighter hazmat technicians.

- 2) NFA 6-day off-campus training course “Management Strategies for Success” completed by 13 HFD personnel on 5/14.
- 3) Phase 1 of HFD officer development curriculum “FEO development course” presented to Fire Administration for potential implementation later this year.
- 4) One firefighter recruit/MICT passed his evaluation period. 6 out of 7 firefighter recruit/EMTs passed their evaluation period. One firefighter recruit/EMT was extended for an additional evaluation period.
- 5) Reports from the field suggest that all 17 firefighter recruit EMT students are performing to acceptable standards during their KCC clinical evaluation period.
- 6) Remote-site closed course refresher/remedial driver training now being offered through Fire Apparatus Trainer Akau. In May, Stations 15 and 16 requested and received assistance with closed-course driving.

### **VOLUNTEER TRAINING:**

- 1) May 10, 2016: Ethic Board Meeting at County Council Chambers regarding the Lokahi Giving Tree Project. Attending this meeting was myself (Vol. 1-1) along with Toni Bello, of Company 1-A. Our position (Fire Department) was to see if it was acceptable to use the Pepeekeo Fire Station as a drop off point for donated items as well as using the station for storing these items. The committee voted 3-1 in favor of the project.
- 2) May 12, 2016: Meeting with FIRE-1 regarding the benefits of the volunteers.
- 3) May 14, 2016: Volunteer Captains meeting at Aupuni Center. Kalaoa (7-B) was the host. Next scheduled meeting will be on August 13, 2016, in Pa’auilo.
- 4) May 19, 2016: Inventory all of the Volunteer Section PAK Radios. Boxed and housed the radio’s in warehouse for delivery.
- 5) May 23, 2016: Issued PAK radios to 8-A
- 6) May 24, 2016: Issued PAK radios to 5-C/19-A
- 7) May 26, 2016: Will issue PAK radios to 1-A/9-A

### **EMS BUREAU:**

1. All eight MICT Students successfully passed their 2<sup>nd</sup> rotation internship assignments and are back on Hawai’i Island. Everyone agreed that the experience on Oahu was invaluable. The class started their 3<sup>rd</sup> rotation assignment on Medics in Hilo, Kawailani, and Kailua.
2. Hands Only CPR wrapped up its 3<sup>rd</sup> academic school year with Ka’ū and Hilo High Schools in the month of May. Over 7,000 people to date have been trained in Hands Only CPR.

#### **Elementary Schools:**

1. Mt. View Elementary
2. Kea’au Elementary
3. EB De Silva Elementary
4. Waiakeawaena Elementary
5. Kalaniana’ole School

#### **Intermediate Schools:**

1. Hilo Intermediate
2. Waiakea Intermediate
3. Keaau Intermediate

**High Schools:**

1. Kea'au High School
2. Hawai'i Prep Academy
3. Konawaena High School
4. Pāhoa High School
5. Kealakehe High School
6. Waiākea High School (students and faculty)
7. Ka'ū High School
8. Hilo High School

**University:**

1. UH-Hilo

**DOE Administration:**

1. Puna District principles and admin.
3. EMS Evaluation Period for eight state licensed Fire Recruit personnel was completed in May. All but one individual successfully passed the evaluation period. One Recruit personnel will repeat the month long evaluation process in the month of June.
4. Attended a State EMS Providers meeting to review the legislative session, strategize and prioritize for next year's legislative session and discuss agency budget proposals. Out of the five EMS Bills (requests for ambulances / special response units) introduced during this session, none advanced.
5. Participated in After Action Review for Dengue response with all stakeholders. The MDT concept of providing screening and outreach to the vulnerable populations were discussed and captured.
6. Mobile Integrated Healthcare / Community Paramedicine pilot project in partnership with the Hawai'i County Office of Aging (funding source) continues to move forward. Program objectives with measurable outcomes are being drafted for submittal.
7. Three-day Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) Peer Support Team training was completed in the first week of May. Twenty-four personnel completed the certification training. A few days after the training, the Peer Support Team was activated and responded to its first debriefing. Personnel involved had only positive things to say about the debriefing and appreciated the process.

**PREVENTION BUREAU:**

- 1) The Fire Prevention Bureau conducted 89 inspections.
- 2) The Fire Prevention Bureau reviewed 102 construction plans.
- 3) The Fire Prevention Bureau Investigated 2 fires 1brush fire and 1 structure fire. The arson K9 was used at both fires with positive alerts at the structure fire which led to an arrest by HPD.

- 4) The Fire Prevention Bureau conducted 41 residential fire safety inspections and installed over 200 smoke alarms.
- 5) Two Fire Prevention Personnel attended the NFA No824 Management Strategies for Success training delivered in Hilo.

## **AUXILLIARY SERVICES:**

### **Dispatch**

- 1) Moving forward with four Fire Radio Dispatcher I after initial three month training period.
- 2) Began monitor design process for dispatch consoles – new Motorola radio system.

### **Mechanic**

- 1) Chief Mechanic did the pre-delivery inspection of the 3000 gallon tanker which will be stationed at Central.
- 2) Chief Mechanic, AC2, BC Todd and Mechanic Kirk Roarke traveled to Wisconsin to do the pre-delivery inspection on two new pumpers. They will be assigned to Central and Paradise Park.
- 3) Introduced BC Todd to the details regarding pre-delivery inspections and custom apparatus construction.

### **Warehouse**

- 1) Mapping out processes to come up with an organized plan on getting things in and out of the warehouse.
- 2) 200 volunteer radios were inventoried and the process of distribution has started.
- 3) Received all new pack radios; still need to inventory 40.

## **VI. New Projects/Business**

- Increasing Grant Research and applications due to outlook of FY 16/17 budget.
- Meeting with new State EMS Director to propose EMS Community Based Supervisor position for West Hawai'i as well as Basic Life Support Units to augment our Advanced Life Support Units.
- Utilizing Grant funding earmarked for training to send personnel to Wildland training conferences that County funding could not support.
- Providing additional training opportunities to members of HFD All Hazard Incident Management Team with Maui Fire AHIMT during upcoming Hazmat Drill and Prescribed Live Burn exercise. Funding provided through grant opportunities.

**VII. Employee/Public Relations**

- Exchange Club of Hilo Annual Firefighter of the year award ceremony set for March. Memo requesting nominations for Fire Chiefs Selection went out.
- Employee disciplinary actions.