

## CHIEF'S REPORT (08/17/2016)

### I. Budget

- FY 2015/2016
  - See attached report
- FY 2016/2017

### II. Alternative Funding and Grant

- 2015 CDBG
  - Pahoehoe Brush Truck Apparatus Project
  - Estimated delivery date is August 31, 2016
- 2016 CDBG
  - Application approved for a Wildland Pumper Apparatus with Compressed Air/Foam capabilities for Pahala Fire Station.
  - Bid Specifications Completed
    - Awaiting approval to post.
  - Notified to await confirmed HUD funding.
- 2015 AFG Grant
  - Application Submitted for replacement of Self Contained Breathing Apparatus inventory.
  - Received Notification of Award
    - FEMA share approximately 1.5 million dollars
    - County share approximately \$136,000
- 2016 Office of Aging Grant
  - \$100,000 grant funding for a Community Based Paramedic Pilot Program out of West Hawai'i.
  - First program of this magnitude in the State Of Hawai'i.
  - Still finalizing Approval from Department of Human Resources and Finance Department.
  - Department moving forward on contingency plans for implementation.

### III. Human Resources Division

#### 1) Classification

- New temporary Fire/EMS Specialist III position for West Hawai'i was approved effective July 1, 2016 not to exceed June 30, 2017. Position Number is OO-04960.

#### 2) Labor Relations

- Pay adjustments effective July 1, 2016
  - BU 03, 04, 63 – one time lump sum payment for all employees employed as for June 30, 2016. Amount was prorated for employees who are less than full-time.
  - BU 11 & 34 – 5% ATB increase.
  - BU 14 – New bargaining unit for Water Safety Officers. The salary schedules were restructured and employees' salaries were adjusted accordingly.

### 3) Recruitments

- Internal Recruitment with Department
  - Battalion Chief (Emergency Operations) – recruitment was conducted July 1-10, 2016.
  - Assessment Center scheduled for September 9, 2016.
  - Fire/EMS Specialist III (Temporary position for West Hawai'i) – recruitment was conducted from July 18-27, 2016.
  - Assessment center scheduled for August 23, 2016
- Open-Competitive Recruitment
  - Fire Fighter Recruit – recruitment was conducted July 3-12, 2016. Written examination scheduled on August 24, 2016 in Hilo and August 27, 2016 in Kona.

### 4) Miscellaneous

- Desk audit of the collection site for drug and alcohol testing for our helicopter pilots was recently completed. This is a Federal Aviation Administration requirement.

## IV. Emergency Operations Division

### **OPERATIONS:**

East Hawai'i

#### Incidents:

- 1) 7/15 - Incident # 12871 Aircraft Emergency - Report of smoke in cockpit. Hilo International Airport. Landed without incident.
- 2) 7/16 - Incident # 12966 Lost Hikers - Captain's Trail (District 19) - Hikers extracted via C-1 without injury.
- 3) 7/17 - Incident # 13002 Missing swimmer Pohiki Boat ramp (District 10) - Swimmer located without injury.
- 4) 7/18 - Incident # 13103 Ocean/Surf Rescue - Hakalau River (District 1) - 4 children and 2 adults swept out to sea from heavy flooding in river. All parties extracted and accounted for.
- 5) 7/28 - Incident # 13739 Swift Water Rescue - Piionua Bridge (District 4)- 2 females sustained injury while on a flotation tube going over the waterfall. Patients extricated with C-1 and transported to HMC for further treatment and evaluation
- 6) 6/24 - Honoka'a High School Active Shooter Evaluation (BC Hayashida).

### Training and Education:

- 1) 7/12- Base Station meeting
- 2) 7/13-15- "B" Shift EMT Refresher class
- 3) 7/19- AHIMT- Sharepoint meeting with IT personnel

### Special Events and Services:

- 1) 7/4- Co. 19 "A" Participate in Volcano Village Independence Day Parade.
- 2) 7/9- Co. 2 "B" Standby at Civic Auditorium for "Convoy of Hope"
- 3) 7/13- Co. 1 "A" Static display at Camp Aloha- Kapiolani St.
- 4) 7/16- Co.2 "B" Standby at "Relay for Life"

### West Hawai'i

Battalion 2 had eight brushfires (two of which were rekindles from the Waiki'i Ranch brush fire on PTA land), four structure fires (1 total loss, none with injuries or fatalities), one hazmat call in Seaview Circle (CO detector with negative findings).

### Incidents:

- 1) 6/29 Incident #11873 - BF PTA Waikii rekindle.
- 2) 7/2 - Incident #12061 - Ocean rescue. SKI 2 assisted paddleboarder to Hāpuna.
- 3) 7/4 - Incident #12198 - Vehicle fire 47mm DKI.
- 4) 7/6 - Incident #12314 - BF PTA Waiki rekindle.
- 5) 7/7 - Incident #12377 - BF Kakahiaka - Lokahi Apts.Inc.
- 6) 7/8 - Incident #12442 - BF HWY 190 28.5mm.
- 7) 7/9-14 - Incident #12481 - BF Kakahiaka St - Lokahi Apts.Inc.
- 8) 7/13 - Incident #12703 - SF Kuakini Homeless camp. Inc.
- 9) 7/14 - Incident #12831 - BF HWY 190 16mm.
- 10) 7/17 - Incident #13037 - Hazmat Sea View Circle. CO detector activated. Negative findings.
- 11) 7/17 - Incident #13010 - SF Mauna Lani Golf maintenance shop.Inc. PV panel malfunction.
- 12) 7/17 - Incident #13013 - SF Huaaina Place Inc. 400 square feet farm dwelling
- 13) 7/22 - Incident #13345 - BF Waikoloa Road. 4000 square feet Macnut husk fire.
- 14) 7/22 - Incident #13369 - SF Kealia,Inc. 2 story residential dwelling- Total loss. Unknown cause
- 15) 7/23 - Incident #13402 - BF Waikoloa Road. Helco substation- Wire arcing secondary to wind gusts from TS DARBY.

### **SPECIAL OPERATIONS:**

#### Hazmat:

- 1) Two of our Hazmat personnel are scheduled to attend the Rad/Nuc class in Nevada and the Prevention and Response to Suicide Bombing Incidents (PRSB) class in New Mexico.

- 2) There are three personnel selected who will be attending the Hazmat Continuing Challenge conference in Sacramento, CA in September. The LEPC is providing funding for costs incurred for this conference.
- 3) We are looking into funding opportunities to purchase our outdated chemical identifiers. There is new technology that makes identification of explosive materials much safer for the first responder and identification of materials much more portable and faster.

**Rescue:**

- 1) Awaiting confirmation to complete more confined space classes for our TA rescue and hazmat team personnel.
- 2) Confined Space Policy have been revised and implemented.
- 3) We are developing the training for our rescue personnel for usage of our new underwater communications system. Training was done on July 27, 2016 in west Hawai'i.
- 4) We had a rescue Captain's meeting to discuss equipment requests to the Sayre Foundation. The Sayre awards dinner will be held on September 3, 2016 and there will be seven HFD personnel who will receive awards this year.

**Ocean Safety:**

- 1) Updated and implemented the HFD Shark sighting/ Shark attack policy.
- 2) Paddle boarder blown out to sea near Mahukona, WSO found and rescued the party and towed in to Hāpuna Beach using RWC 2.
- 3) Held the Jr. Lifeguard island championships on July 30<sup>th</sup>. We had 80 participants attend. The State championships will be held on Maui this year on August 6<sup>th</sup> and we plan to take 12 participants to this event.
- 4) We had two WSO transfers due to the vacancy that was created from a WSO resignation. We will be conducting an open recruitment to fill the ensuing vacant position.
- 5) The bid was awarded for our new lifeguard tower to replace the old wooden tower at Kahalu'u south end. This will be the last tower that we will be replacing.

**V. Support Services Division**

**TRAINING:**

- 1) Visited and evaluated site for potential live burn for training purposes.
- 2) Conducted Emergency Medical Responder refresher course at Station 21.
- 3) 24 out of 25 Fire Fighter Recruits completed National registry EMT testing.
- 4) Clean-up and organization of training facility began in preparation of move.
- 5) Began review of new curriculum for the next recruit class (change to Essentials 6<sup>th</sup> Edition).

**VOLUNTEER TRAINING:**

- 1) Completed training with Volunteer companies using newly distributed PAK radios.
- 2) Completed distributing State Insurance Cards to all State volunteer vehicles.

- 3) Met with Bill Watkins, President of the Fern Forest Community Association on July 14, 2016 regarding the recruitment of volunteers in the Fern Forest area.
- 4) County electricians mounted surveillance cameras at Pepe'ekeō station on July 28, 2016.
- 5) Currently distributing Emergency Response Guide to all volunteer vehicles.

#### **EMS BUREAU:**

- 1) Captain Ebersole (project lead) was notified of HFD's AFG award of \$1.5million for the replacement of SCBA equipment.
- 2) Six out of eight MICT class personnel successfully completed their MICT internship assignment and are scheduled to take their final exam on Aug 8<sup>th</sup>. Upon successful completion of the final exam, personnel will receive their temporary State MICT license and will undergo ten shifts of the HFD FMS orientation period. Two MICT class personnel have been extended for a 5<sup>th</sup> rotation internship assignment and are scheduled to complete internship end of August early September.
- 3) Coordinated the EMS Standby and Medical Tent for the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Hilo Triathlon. Our team once again worked in conjunction with the HMC Residency Physicians. No major injuries or need for medical assistance was encountered throughout the event.
- 4) Assisted in the coordination of resources for the annual RIMPAC exercise involving the three regional base station hospitals. The exercise involved aeromedical evacuation of patients via military Blackhawks to Oahu.
- 5) First ever, West Hawai'i FMS III recruitment announcement opened in July. The position is a "pilot" Community Paramedicine assignment geared towards preventative initiatives and incident reduction efforts.

#### **PREVENTION BUREAU:**

- 1) The Fire Prevention Bureau conducted 74 inspections.
- 2) The Fire Prevention Bureau reviewed 125 construction plans.
- 3) The Fire Prevention Bureau Investigated 8 fires, 5 were structure fires, 3 were brush fires. The arson K9 was used at 2 of the structure fires with positive alerts at both fires.
- 4) The Fire prevention Bureau conducted a public safety event at the Hilton Waikoloa.
- 5) The Fire Prevention Bureau is continuing the Smoke alarm/Home inspection program.
- 6) The Fire Prevention Bureau destroyed approximately 7,415 lbs. of old flares, un-wanted fireworks, damaged fireworks and illegal fireworks.
- 7) The Fire Prevention Bureau welcomed two new fire inspectors West Hawthorne and Edward Kawasaki.

#### **AUXILLIARY SERVICES:**

- 1) Sharepoint site is up, initial testing is going through on central forms processing system. This would eventually have informational videos and

- online forms with tracking for processes like repairs, hydrant usage, hydrant repairs, equipment/supply requests, etc.
- 2) Working with Chief Young of Honolulu Fire Department and AC Honda to put together a bid specification for a 1.5 million dollar AFG grant for new SCBA units.
  - 3) Working with EMS Bureau to look at possible Warehouse Management System (WMS) programs to accurately track stock and process ordering.

### **Dispatch**

- 1) Planning meetings on the Spillman CAD system
- 2) Working on scheduling user training sessions for Spillman CAD in September and October.
- 3) Planning meeting on Verint Recording System – with anticipated change out to 9-1-1/business line within the next month. Walk through by Charlie Hasenbeck (Motorola) and Carlos Grijalva (PWC).
- 4) Working on scheduling for the Motorola dispatch consoles user training for November.
- 5) Received 60K for new dispatcher terminals (ergonomic desks) from E911 Board.
- 6) Working with EMS to install Spillman mobile in MDTS for initial trial. This will give responders access to maps, 911 call info and premis information among other information as they respond to calls.
- 7) Communication Center Manager Course has been booked and funded through E911 request and approval.

### **Warehouse**

- 1) 35 percent of the warehouse has been sorted for the move to the new location.
- 2) Contract for new site delayed until September 1, 2016.
- 3) Finance documents for FY 15/16 should be submitted by the end of the week.

VI. New Projects/Business

VII. Employee/Public Relations

- As indicated in narratives above.