

CHIEF'S REPORT (05/11/2016)

I. Budget

- FY 2015/2016
 - Final Bids on BC vehicles
 - Finance Department cancelled Notice to Proceed for awarded vehicles citing “high price”
 - CBA increases
- FY 2016/2017
 - Presentation to County Council at Budget Hearing held April 13th
 - Requested funding be restored for Unfunded Vacant BC Position
 - Requested Funding be restored for denied Tanker 9 Apparatus

II. Alternative Funding and Grant

- 2015 CDBG
 - Pahoia Brush Truck Apparatus Project
 - Apparatus in Production at KME
 - Delivery ETA August 2016
- 2015 AFG
 - Application submitted for Replacement SCBA purchases
 - Still awaiting notification.
- 2016 CDBG
 - Application submitted for a Wildland Pumper Apparatus with Compressed Air/Foam capabilities for Pahala Fire Station.
 - Received Tentative awarding of Grant Proposal
 - Expected Final Award and funding August 2016.
 - Bid proposal will go out once final award and funding received.

III. Human Resources Division

1) Recruitments

Open-competitive recruitments

- Water Safety Officer I – We will be hiring six (6) temporary hires effective May 16, 2016. Five (5) positions are summer hires only and two (2) are for employees who are on extended leaves.

Internal within department recruitment

- Fire Prevention Inspector I – Pending selection.
- Fire Rescue Specialist – Pending selection.

2) Classification

- Water Safety Officer I to II reallocations.
 - Two (2) Water Safety Officer I positions reallocated to Water Safety Officer II positions effective March 16, 2016.
 - One (1) Water Safety Officer I (1/2 time) position reallocated to Water Safety Officer II (1/2 time) position effective March 16, 2016.
 - One (1) Water Safety Officer I position reallocated to Water Safety Officer II position effective March 16, 2016

IV. Emergency Operations Division

OPERATIONS:

East Hawai'i

1) Incidents:

- a) 4/7: Lost hikers up Mauna Loa; hikers located by PTA fire, no EMS needed
- b) 4/17: Brush Fire, South Point Road, 20 acres of pasture land

2) Education/Training/Company Activities:

- a) Shattered dreams project with Kamehameha School students; Company 3 and Fire Fighter from Station 1 and 5 assisted.
- b) Fire Ground Survival training being completed.
- c) 5 Personnel attended California Nevada Hawaii wildfire training conference on Kauai.

West Hawai'i

3) Incidents:

- c) 3/23: Brush fire Puuwaawaa, 1787 acres
- d) 3/28: Brush fire Waimea Hawaiian Homes, 125 acres
- e) 4/1: Ammonia leak, Kawaihae Harbor
- f) 4/10: Brush Fire, Highway 190 at the 8 mile marker, 10 acres
- g) 4/10: Brush Fire, Highway 190 at the 10 mile marker, 300 square feet
- h) 4/10: Brush Fire, Highway 190 at the 15 mile marker, 1/2 acre
- i) 4/10: Brush Fire, Highway 190 at the 26 mile marker, 5000 square feet

4) Education/Training/Company Activities:

- d) 4/10: Provided Ocean Rescue and EMS standby at IronMan Lava man event; 4 medical calls associated with event.
- e) 4/20: Hawai'i Community Federal Credit Union Youth Event (Company 21)

SPECIAL OPERATIONS:

Hazmat:

- 1) We held a Collaborative US Army Combat Support Team exercise on March

28 and 29 and conducted drills from March 31 to April 2. This included a Weapons of Mass Destruction component and an active shooter. We incorporated a unified command with HFD, HPD, and CST doing a joint entry.

- 2) Awaiting the purchase of the Ludlum radiological monitors for our hazmat teams that was funded by the LEPC.
- 3) We had 19 hazmat personnel attend the CAMEO class that was federally funded and put on by LSU. Dolores Cook from the State Department of Civil Defense coordinated this training for us.
- 4) We are holding our tactics portion of the Hazmat Technician class from April 25 to May 6. Our hazmat team will be assisting them with their equipment.

Rescue:

- 1) We are holding our confined space training in April and May at the Mauna Loa Mac Nut facility for all of our rescue personnel. There are 3 classes being held from April 18 through May 13. We have also revised our Standard Operational Guideline in response to confined space incidents with the recommendations of HIOSH.
- 2) We held a Search and Rescue exercise (SAREX) with the Coast Guard on April 6 and 7. There was an inter-agency response and coordination with USCG, their Auxiliary unit, and utilizing our rescue, RWC, dispatch, and HPD during this exercise.
- 3) We held a meeting with Frank Sayre as a request by him to seek an opportunity to procure another quick response boat in Kona that has pumping capabilities. Rick Gaffney from Pacific Boats and Yachts and Dana White from Brunswick was also at the meeting to discuss funding opportunities

Ocean Safety:

- 1) The Drowning and Aquatic Injury Prevention Advisory Committee (formally known as the Ocean and Water Safety Advisory Committee) held an Ocean Safety awareness press release for the hawaiibeachsafety.com website with signs that were put up at airports throughout the state.
- 2) We received the Special Management Area permit and approval letter from the Planning department to proceed with the lifeguard tower that needs replacing. This is on the south end of Kahalu'u Beach. Industrial Designs, who constructed all of our other surveyor towers was the only bidder and will be manufacturing the tower.
- 3) We will be installing a new solar PA system on the tower at Kahalu'u Beach north tower. This was funded by the Sayre Foundation.
- 4) Our Rescue Water Craft Crewperson training classes were completed in April. This gives us more flexibility in keeping our RWC more available operationally.

V. Support Services Division

TRAINING:

- 1) 44th Firefighter Recruit Class completed their written EMT final on 4/25 with 100% passing. Class continuing with EMT Internship now.
- 2) 12 Firefighters currently in Hazmat Tactics class.
- 3) Rescue Companies 2 and 7 currently undergoing confined space training.
- 4) Hazmat Company 4 completed CAMEO training on 4/28.
- 5) Lithium battery-powered extrication tools issued to Rescue Companies 2 and 7 and preliminary field training conducted.

VOLUNTEER TRAINING:

- 1) 04/06/16 – Submitted PUC expiration list, July-December for scheduling to Dr. Wang.
- 2) 03/30/16 – Responded to brush fire; Incident #6114 Pepe'ekeō
- 3) 04/26/16 - Responded to brush fire; Incident #7872 Pepe'ekeō
- 4) Conducted driver audits/closed course testing (10-D)
- 5) Volunteer Company 1-A (Pepe'ekeō) participation in the Merrie Monarch Parade on April 2, 2016.
- 6) 04/28/16 - Met with AC2, FASO regarding distribution of PAK radios

EMS BUREAU:

- 1) Attended the annual Life Savers Conference in Long Beach California. Well over 2000 attendees were on hand presenting and collaborating on topics of occupant protection, child passenger safety, distracted driving, new safety technology, all in efforts towards “Zero Deaths” on our roadways.
- 2) Representative Gabbard called for a stakeholders meeting on the topic of Community Para-medicine. State EMS Chief, MD Bronstein facilitated the meeting in which all EMS Providers were on hand. HFD / EMS reported on its Community Para-medicine efforts; from Fall Prevention, Homeless and high utilization users, software acquisition, working with partnering agencies, and seeking of alternative funding solutions for pilot Community Para-medicine position for West HI.
- 3) All eight (8) MICT Students passed their 1st rotation internship assignments and are currently midway through their 2nd rotation. Students on Oahu are scheduled to return back to our department for their 3rd and 4th rotations beginning May 23rd.
- 4) EMS Bureau continued its efforts with Community Hands Only CPR training with mass training sessions for County of Hawaii employees and UH at Hilo faculty and student body.
- 5) At the request of State EMS, our EMS Bureau team has been evaluating several different electronic Patient Care Report (ePCR) programs. State EMS has been very open and collaborative in its efforts to find the best suitable program for the State and its EMS providers.

PREVENTION BUREAU:

- 1) The Fire Prevention Bureau conducted 123 inspections.
- 2) The Fire Prevention Bureau reviewed 126 construction plans.

- 3) The Fire Prevention Bureau Investigated 5 fires 4 were brush fires and 1 was a structure fire. The arson K9 was used at all 5 fires with no positive alerts.
- 4) On Saturday April 16, 2016 the Fire Prevention Bureau in partnership with the IBEW conducted our first smoke alarm outreach in the neighborhood of a recent fire 23 homes were visited, information was passed out and smoke alarms were installed in 5 homes.
- 5) The Fire Prevention Bureau conducted Fire Safety standby at the annual Merrie Monarch.

AUXILLIARY SERVICES:

- 1) New strut stabilization system was distributed to all stations.
- 2) All new pack radios have been distributed to online personnel.
- 3) Volunteer radios are set to be distributed in May.
- 4) Continuing to work on catching up on outstanding items left by previous Battalion Chief – expected completion by mid May.

VI. New Projects/Business

- Increasing Grant Research and applications due to outlook of FY 16/17 budget.
- Meeting with stakeholders to propose EMS Community Based Supervisor position for West Hawaii 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

- Received multiple communication regarding Members going above the normal call of duty. Commendation letters forthcoming
- Employee disciplinary actions.
 - None for April.