

CHIEF'S REPORT (02/08/17)

I. Budget

- FY 2016/2017
 - See attached report
- FY 2017/2018
 - Department directed to identify all “non-essential” items for budget cut

II. Alternative Funding and Grant

- 2016 CDBG
 - Pahala Wildland Pumper Apparatus Project
 - Currently in production
 - Estimated Completion date October 2107
- 2015 AFG Grant
 - Application Awarded for replacement of Self Contained Breathing Apparatus inventory.
 - Notice to proceed issued to Vendor January 2017
- 2017 CDBG
 - Project proposal for a new Brush Truck Apparatus for Paradise Park Fire Station approved.
 - Application submitted January 5, 2017 ahead of due date.
 - Request \$265,000 grant funding based on submitted estimates.
 - Awaiting decision on award

III. Human Resources Division

1) Classification

- a. Two (2) Water Safety Officer Is (F/T & ½ Time) reallocated to Water Safety Officer IIs effective January 1, 2017.

2) Recruitment

a. *Internal Recruitment within Department*

- Fire/Emergency Medical Services Specialist II - Assessment Center conducted on January 7, 2017. Pending selection results.
- Fire Captain – Recruitment conducted from January 4-13, 2017. Applications screened. Pending submittal of additional information from applicants. Written examination scheduled on February 27, 2017.
- Fire Equipment Operator – Recruitment conducted from January 4-13, 2017. Applications being screened. Written examination scheduled on March 18, 2017.

- Fire/Hazardous Materials Specialist – Recruitment conducted from January 4-13, 2017. Applications being screened. Written examination scheduled on March 13, 2017.
- b. *Internal Recruitment within Department*
 - Fire Radio Dispatcher I recruitment conducted January 22-31, 2017.

3) Labor Relations

- a. Step 1 meeting for amended grievance in behalf of Water Safety Officer II – Discipline/Sick Leave to HGEA Class Grievance (Water Safety Officers) – Sick Leave/Discipline held on January 5, 2017.
- b. Bargaining Units 03, 04, 13, 63, & 73 received across-the-board pay increases effective January 1, 2017. Bargaining Units 03, 04, 63, & 73 received 1.6 % increase and Bargaining Units 13 & 73 received a 3.5% increase.

IV. Emergency Operations Division

OPERATIONS:

BATTALION 1, EAST HAWAII

Incidents: 1 Brushfire; 3 Structure fires; 3 Rescues; 1 Hazmat; 1 MVA with fatality

1. 01/01- Incident # 00040 Waimanu Valley (District 08) 15 Hikers extricated from valley due to flash flooding. No injuries.
2. 01/06- Inc. # 00467 Ohai St. (District 1) Structure Fire- Use of excavator from Public works for safer fire ground operations. \$150,000 loss. Fire deemed Suspicious in nature, no injuries.
3. 01/11- Incident # 884 Kaohuwalu Dr. (District 10) Structure Fire- Unpermitted structure \$10,000 loss to property and contents. Cause of fire undetermined. No injuries.
4. 01/15- Incident # 001116 Pahoia Village Road (District 10) Structure Fire Akebono Theater and Luquin's Restaurant- Estimated \$1.3 million loss to property and contents. Cause of fire is under investigation. No injuries.
5. 01/18- Incident # 001319 Kulani Cone (District 3) Forest Fire- 2-3 acres near Kulani Radio antennas. Cause of the fire: Fallen power lines. Fire turned over to DoFAW- 2 day operation. No injuries, No loss of property.
6. 01/21- Incident # 1519 Kahana Rd (Ahualoa) (District 8) Swift waster emergency- 2 day operation to locate female swept away during flash flooding. Body recovered. No injuries to personnel.
7. 01/21- Incident # 1482 Hwy 11 and Namakani Paio campground (District 19)- MVA with fatality.
8. 01/22- Incident # 1547 Kehena Beach (District 10) Drowning- Body recovery with use of Ski 1 and C-1. Operations completed with no injuries to personnel.
9. 01/30- Incident # 2095 Piihonua (District 4) Mercury Spill- Mitigated and turned over to DOH. No injuries noted.

Training and Education

1. Confined Space training January 23-27, A & B shifts.
2. EMT Retraining January 24, 25 & 26, A shift.
3. HIAHIMT 2nd team meeting January 31, 2017.

BATTALION 2, WEST HAWAI'I

Incidents: 10 Brush fires; 4 Structure fires; 4 Rescues

1. 1/4/17- Inc. #0273, Brush Fire (Fireworks)
 - a. Brush Fire on Paniolo Ave near Waikoloa Elem School. 20x20 area. 3 juvenile males playing with fireworks caused the fire. RP held responsible parties until units arrived and turned parties over to HPD officers on scene.
2. 1/4/17- Inc. #0297, Structure Fire
 - a. Structure fire at Koa Ln and Lei Pkwy in HOVE. 600sq. ft. Fully involved upon arrival of first in, contained to structure. No injuries. Cause under investigation.
3. 1/5/17- various Inc. #'s, 5 Brush Fires
 - a. Fire Bug. Starting on upper Waikoloa Rd. then heading south on Hwy.190. Lit 5 separate fires : INC# 0329- 10.5mm Waikoloa Rd. (1/2 acre) ; # 0331-15.5 mm Hwy.190(25 acres) ; #0332 – 16.5mm Hwy. 190(1acre); #0334- 19mm(5k sq. ft.) and 29.5mm (2k sq. ft.) Units included- Co.16, Co.9, Co.14, Co.21, Co.7, C1, C2 ,V16A , V9B, V7B, Co.50 PTA, Parker Ranch, DOFA. Suspected fireworks used. Under investigation.
4. 1/6/17- Inc#0438, Scrap Yard Fire
 - a. Scrap vehicle yard on Honokohau St., stack of vehicles on fire.
5. 1/6/17- Inc. #0443, Structure Fire
 - a. Fire out on arrival on Pakalana Rd, possible Arson. Surveillance video shows person entering apartment and flames showing after leaving.
6. 1/7/17- Inc. #0491, Missing Diver (Drowning)
 - a. O'oma Beach near "Pine Trees", call of overdue diver. Upon search of the area, recovered drowning victim and attempted resuscitation without success. Transported to KNER.
7. 1/13/17- Inc. #0905, Structure Fire (room and contents)
 - a. Room and Contents fire at home on Lalamilo Farm Rd.
8. 1/16/17- Inc. #1149, Possible overdue diver (Good Intent call)
 - a. Received call of a diver that went in the water and never returned. Upon investigation in and around the area and gathering history. It was deemed that the person may have come out at a different location. No reports of a missing person in the days following the incident.Coast Guard searched the area throughout the night also with Helicopter.
9. 1/18/17- Inc. #1286, Boaters in distress (Sunken Sail Boat)
 - a. 3 souls stranded in the ocean approx. 7 miles off of Kiholo lookout. C-2 and C-1 located parties in a deployed rescue boat and Coast Guard Cutter that was located in the area conducted the rescue operations. No injuries reported.
10. 1/18/17- Inc. #1290, Brush Fire

- a. ½ acre brush fire on Kanehoa St. Cause under investigation. Possible fireworks related, ground blooms found at scene near point of origin.
11. 1/21/17 – Inc. #1448, Structure Fire
Structure Fire on Tradewind Blvd in HOVE. Fully involved upon arrival.
 - a. No injuries. Cause under investigation.
 12. 1/22/17- Inc. 1596, Missing Camper
 - a. Received a request from HPD to assist with a search for a possible missing camper at Ho‘okena Beach. Party last seen 3 days prior. Conducted search in cave area on initial response and on second day. Conducted search in coastal waters around and North and South of Ho‘okena Beach for the next 2 days. Negative findings on 3 day search. Party showed up at Ho‘okena Beach on 1/29/17 Inc. #2048, in no distress.
 13. 1/24/17- Inc. #1709, Mulch Pile Fire
 - a. Large Mulch pile on fire on Ali‘i Dr. Contained to mulch pile and surrounding brush.
 14. 1/26/17- Inc. #1870, Brush Fire (PTA jurisdiction)
 - a. Brush fire located in the Keamoku area. Reported by tour helicopters and determined to be in PTA jurisdiction. No HFD assistance needed after PTA response.
 15. 1/29/17- Inc. #2040, Brush Fire
 - a. Brush Fire at Manuka Firing Range off Hwy 11 near 83 mm. Approx. 2 acres burned after parties reported shooting at exploding targets. Fire in DOFAW jurisdiction and transferred over to DOFAW upon arrival. Fire out and wet down completed upon transfer.
 16. 1/30/17- Inc. #2099, Brush Fire
 - a. Brush Fire on Waikoloa Rd. near 9MM. Approx. 600 sq. ft. Cause undetermined.

Training and Education:

1. 1/17/17- Co. 7&21 conducted Relay Pumping and Standpipe operations drill at S-21.
2. 1/24/17- Rescue Training: Co.7 conducted Highline Rigging Drill
3. 1/23-27/17- Confined Space Training. 1 Rescue personnel participated in a confined Space Training with East HI crews
4. 1/18-21/17- EMT Refresher Training. 22 personnel had EMT refresher training
5. 1/24-27/17- AHIMT USFA (O-305) 2 personnel participated in a week long All Hazards Incident Management Team O-305 course on Maui.
6. 1/26-27/17- Maxi-Force Airbags Training. All company officers and Supervisory FEO’s attended a Maxi Force Airbag training.

Special Events and Services:

1. 1/28/17: Co.16 participated in the Wiliwili Festival at Waikoloa Stables by providing public education and fire safety information as well as putting on a static display.

SPECIAL OPERATIONS:

Hazmat

1. Confined Space training was held on Jan. 23-27, 2017 at the Mauna Loa Mac Nut facility and included our hazmat team members. Instructor Kevin McAfee assisted us in the instruction. We have 3 instructors trained in our department who will continue with our in-house training.
2. There is a bill in the legislature that proposes an increase in tier II fees. This would provide for more funding of the LEPC and would allow for funding of hazmat response training and equipment through our LEPC.

Rescue

1. Received a \$25,000 donation from the Sarah Foundation who made the donation via the Sayre Foundation. We replaced all of our rescue harnesses that were over 10 years old and also increased our repelling rescue cache.
2. Resolution identifying the equipment purchased by the Sayre Foundation that amounted to over \$80,000 was unanimously approved by the County Council on January 5th. Purchases included the refurbishment of RB-7 and equipment for our confined space, swiftwater, and ocean safety operations.
3. Held our Rescue Captain's meeting on Jan. 13. We are in the process of standardizing some of the assigned rescue dive equipment and are working on the current Field Operations Guide (FOG) to revise it based on our current needs.

Ocean Safety

1. The Kona Mauka Rotary club has approved to sponsor a PA system for the Kahalu'u south tower. This will help our WSO conduct more preventative actions in or around the beach and shoreline area.
2. There are a few bills that may impact our Ocean Safety division. One is a bill to provide for lifeguards at Kua Bay and another is to provide for the immunity of lifeguards (Act 170) to become permanent. This is set to sunset in June 2017.
3. Working with DLNR to reinstitute the Act 190 Ocean and Water Safety task force. This covers warning signs at our beaches that provides liability protection for our county.

V. Support Services Division

TRAINING:

1. Transition of new Training Captain Mark Provencal and new Driver Trainer Chad Urabe
2. Familiarization with Burn Trailer and Driving simulator
3. FEO Urabe attended week long Confined Space Rescue class (special acknowledgement to Mauna Loa Macnuts for use of their classroom and factory)

4. Facilitated a Train the Trainer class on the new Paratech Maxiforce Airbags with instructors from LN Curtis (special acknowledgement to Dept. of ageing for use of their parking lot and classroom, and Ken's Towing for providing a vehicle to work with)
5. Visitation of new Hilo Airport Crash Rescue Station with Company 4.
6. Received interest for 2 RTOs and 9 Assistant RTOs for upcoming 45th Recruit Class. Planning has begun for 45th Recruit Class

VOLUNTEER TRAINING:

1. Furthered radio change-over programming and training.
2. Continue driver audits.
3. Continue to integrate training with Career companies.
4. Attended staff meeting January 12, 2017.

EMS BUREAU:

1. Conducted FMS II Assessment Center exercise on 1/17/17. Seven candidates participated in the daylong process. Goal is to fill the FMS vacancies come March 1, 2017.
2. EMS Bureau team attended and participated in the American College of Surgeons (ACS) Hawaii Trauma Systems review and consultation on Oahu. The ACS surveyors were impressed with the pre-hospital / EMS involvement, level of care, documentation and participation in the Trauma System. Kudos to our Operations division!
3. A CPR program update was sent out to the department highlighting the 2016 Cardiac Arrest data. Since the inception of our High Performance CPR standards and Community Hands Only CPR programs, our Cardiac Arrest save rate improved from 4% to 10%. In 2016 we had 200 out of hospital cardiac arrests. 20 of these cardiac arrest victims walked out of the hospital neurologically intact!
4. For the first time ever, EMS Providers throughout the state, as well as State EMS collaborated, strategized and agreed on the priorities for the 2017 legislative session. A Bill was introduced requesting funding for a Puna Ambulance and Kauai ambulance unit and is making its way through the various committees.
5. EMS and Prevention Bureaus met to discuss how to better merge our home safety assessment/smoke detector programs with our fall prevention initiatives. It was noted that the programs complement each other well and opportunities exist to become more efficient and better serve our community. Areas for improvement were identified and will be addressed accordingly.

PREVENTION BUREAU:

1. The Fire Prevention Bureau conducted 106 inspections.
2. The Fire Prevention Bureau reviewed 148 construction plans.
3. The Fire Prevention Bureau Investigated 8 structure fires, and the 4 brush fires. The Arson K9 was used at 6 of the structure fires.

4. The Fire Prevention Bureau conducted 12 smoke alarm/home inspections this month installing smoke alarms in each home.

AUXILLIARY SERVICES:

Initial site map for Fire Department website has been submitted and Data systems is creating the pages, content to be uploaded over the next month as we transition to a new website management process.

Proposal of Digital signature process is pending implementation of individual County of Hawai'i user computer sign in IDs for all HFD personnel.

Maintenance Shop

1. As of 24th of January we have completed 92 repairs, of which 30 were completed in field. In addition 11 repairs were contracted out.
2. New storage area has been placed on Fiscal year 17/18 plan.

Dispatch

1. Spillman CAD system looks to be launching in summer of 2017, no new updates.
2. 911 audio Verint system has been installed and is running. As the radio system has not yet been cut over, we are running both Verint and Stancil currently, however Stancil had a critical failure and is currently non-operable. Hard drive was replaced, this repair should be completed by end of week.
3. Motorola radio system is awaiting final system installations, expected switch over is in February.
4. Revision of FRD1 position has been reopened for applications. Hiring process redesign has commenced with process completion and approval in February.
5. Policy and Procedure manual for FCCC has been finalized and is awaiting re-write prior to submission.
6. Re-write of FRD II, III, and FCS position to match FRD I position will be completed by end of February.

Warehouse

1. Phase one of the implementation of 5S has started with the systematic organization of all items in the warehouse with the removal of old non-distributable stock and organization of remaining items by usage type and distribution frequency . Reorganization of layout of warehouse has started to streamline order processing. Once completed Phase two Process mapping will be initiated to look for efficiency points and redundancy issues.
2. Stock is currently located in both warehouses awaiting decision on ADA project by current Mayoral Administration.

Repairs

1. Flooring work on station 18 Paradise Park should be completed by end of 1st week of February.
2. Re-flooring project for station 15 North Kohala starting in early February. Supplies have been ordered and we are just waiting on arrival of supplies before scheduling dates for work. Termite tenting to completed at same time.
3. Water heater replacement has arrived for Station 8, replacement should be completed within the first week of February.
4. Repaving of Dispatch parking lot has been completed, painting of parking stripes for the rest of Central should be completed by end of month.
5. Research on replacement generator is awaiting DPW visitation and electrical engineering opinion for Station 9 Waimea.
6. Station 7 fencing project is awaiting DPW to put out for bid.

VI. New Projects/Business

- Central Fire Station Renovation Project.
 - Mayor states he is evaluating project and it is currently on hold
 - Planning Stages for HFD to assist in hosting two training conferences for 2017
- Hawaii Fire Department one on one meeting with Mayor and Managing Director.
 - HFD Program of work
 - HFD Facility Repair priorities
 - HFD Positions
 - Awaiting schedule of Mayor.

VII. Employee/Public Relations

- As indicated in narratives above.

VIII. Other

- Presentation by Fire Chief Rosario on HFD Organization