

## ***CHIEF'S REPORT (11/15/17)***

### **I. Budget**

- FY 2017/2018
  - See attached report
- FY 2018/2019
  - Final department budget meeting held with Executive Staff
  - Budget submitted November 1, 2017
  - Department presents to County Council on April 17, 2018 at 1:30 p.m.
- 2017 AFG Grant Application to target HazMat equipment shortfalls

### **II. Alternative Funding and Grant**

- 2016 CDBG
  - Pāhala Wildland Pumper Apparatus Project
  - Apparatus completed November 10, 2017
  - Inspection team currently at plant doing final inspection
- 2015 AFG Grant
  - Application Awarded for replacement of Self Contained Breathing Apparatus inventory.
  - Received 211 SCBA Units
    - Distributed to stations
- 2016 AFG Vehicle Grant
  - For Community Paramedicine Response vehicle
  - Received notification that grant was not awarded

### **III. Human Resources Division**

#### **1) Recruitment**

##### **a. *Internal Recruitment within Department***

- Assistant Fire Chief (Support Services) – recruitment conducted October 20-29, 2017. Pending interview.

##### **b. *Open-Competitive Recruitment***

- Fire Radio Dispatcher I – Six new hires started October 2, 2017.
- Account Clerk – New hire started October 16, 2017.
- Fire Fighter Recruit (Temp) – recruitment conducted October 15-24, 2017.
  - Agility testing in January

2) Classification

- a. One Water Safety Officer (1/2 time) position reinstated to a Water Safety Officer II (1/2 time) position.
- b. Three Fire/Emergency Medical Services Specialist I positions reinstated to Fire Fighter positions.

3) Employee Development and Training

- a. "Conducting an Effective Job Interview" training was conducted by the Department of Human Resources on October 17 and 31, 2017. Approximately 30 employees attended.

IV. Emergency Operations Division

**OPERATIONS:**

BATTALION 1, East Hawai'i

Incidents:

- 1) #18832, October 2, 2017 @ 2055 hours-Ala Heiau Road, structure fire.
- 2) #18849, October 3, 2017 @ 0522 hours-Mauna Loa Summit, search and rescue, patient was found and flown from the summit to ground units.
- 3) #18868, October 3, 2017 @ 1210 hours-Pāpa'aloa Brushfire, approximately 10 acres within multiple agricultural properties.
- 4) #18990, October 5, 2017, @ 1221 hours-Pahala (Cane Haul Road), brushfire, approximately 20 acres of eucalyptus trees and open land.
- 5) #19064, October 6, 2017, @ 1204 hours-Waikapuna, smoke sighted from previous brushfire that was within the burn area.
- 6) #19336, October 10, 2017, @ 1541 hours-Pepe'ekeō, Waiama Place, HazMat (propane leak)
- 7) #19524, October 13, 2017, @ 0842 hours-Bayfront, rescue, sailboat aground.
- 8) #19542, October 13, 2017, @ 1344 hours-Wailoa River, rescue, sailboat aground.
- 9) #19553, October 13, 2017, @ 1544 hours-Bayfront, search and rescue, swimmer in distress.
- 10) #19660, October 14, 2017, @ 1848 hours-Lava Viewing Area, search and rescue, lost hiker.
- 11) #19788, October 16, 2017, @ 1850 hours-HCCC, structure fire, suspect arrested on within the structure.
- 12) #19926, October 18, 2017, @ 0557 hours-Kaulana Street, structure fire.
- 13) #20006, October 20, 2017, @ 1458 hours-Pahala (Cane Haul Road), brushfire, approximately 18 acres of eucalyptus and open land.
- 14) #20076, October 21, 2017, @ 1500 hours-Kapoho Vacationland, rescue, person fell along the shoreline, ski-1 co-response with Company 2 and Company 10.
- 15) #20172, October 22, 2017, @ 2135 hours-Iokea Road, structure fire.
- 16) #20206, October 23, 2017, @ 1202 hours-South Point shoreline, HazMat, 55-gallon drum with unknown liquid, over packed and loaded aboard DOCARE vehicle.

- 17) #20318, October 25, 2017, @ 1027 hours-Lauae Young Avenue, HazMat, discarded K-size oxygen tank on DHHL property.
- 18) #20307, October 25, 2017, @ 1415 hours-5 miles offshore of Pepeekeo Point, boat ran out of gas.

Training:

- 1) Draft commander training
- 2) Suicide prevention training
- 3) Aquatics Competency Certification Recertification class
- 4) Legacy Hilo Rehabilitation and Nursing Center – full scale exercise, fire based scenario.
- 5) Coordinated and collaborative response to terrorism and Mass Violence crimes.

BATTALION 2, West Hawai'i

Incidents:

- 1) 10/04/17, Structure Fire, Kona Drive, Ocean View; smaller two story house fully involved upon arrival; suspicious origin.
- 2) 10/15/17, Brush Fire, Highway 19, 69 mile marker; approximately 2000 square feet.
- 3) 10/18/17, Brush Fire, Highway 19, 70 mile marker; approximately 1/2 acre involved.

Training:

- 1) 10/26- 27: BC2A and BC2C attended a two day course @ KMC: Coordinated and Collaborative Response to Terrorism and Mass Violence Crimes.
- 2) Wet Drill and Pump Operations by the Training Division at various stations on the west side throughout the month of October.

Special Events and Services:

- 1) 10/07/17 Annual Home Depot Child Safety Event; participation by Company 21 and Medic 7.
- 2) 10/14/17 Ironman World Championships in Kailua-Kona; Plan, organize and support event.
- 3) 10/15/17 Dream Come True; static display by Company 21 and Chopper 2.
- 4) 10/24/17 BC2A met with Kohala hospital officials and Medical official to discuss patient transfers.

**SPECIAL OPERATIONS:**

Hazmat

- 1) The hazmat team members participated in our annual confined space training drills with the rescue personnel. We will complete all of our formal training upon approval from the HFFA and IAFF.
- 2) Contacted the Gas Co. to do an AAR for the propane tanker incident that happened on September 2. We will coordinate a date for this review.

- 3) We are looking into various chemical identifiers based on the information obtained from those who attended the past Continuing Challenge. We are coming up with a bundle plan for this equipment.

#### Rescue

- 1) We are continuing to work on the revision of the Rescue SOG to update the procedures for all rescue type incidents. The Rescue Captains are completing this and we are reviewing the drafts submitted.
- 2) The R-7 Radon was completed but there were some other things that needed to be addressed. We are awaiting an estimate to complete this additional mechanical repairs.
- 3) The hyperbaric treatment center has temporarily closed and will be down until at least December. This is a problem for our personnel and any patients who may exhibit signs of decompression sickness. This is the only public treatment center in the state and therefore is a major concern.

#### Ocean Safety

- 1) Ski-2 participated in the Ironman swim event on October 14 providing water safety in the event of an emergency.
- 2) We are in the process of replacing most of our rescue boards. This process is taking a while due to the cost of the boards.
- 3) We are currently doing four investigations involved with Ocean Safety Water Safety Officers. These investigations are important to help curb and correct some ongoing personnel issues.

### V. Support Services Division

#### **TRAINING:**

- 1) 16 Firefighter recruits are working on completing medical portion of their training. 5 Recruits already have state of Hawaii recognized licenses and are going through evaluations in the stations. 11 Recruits are getting trained at KCC to earn their EMT license.
- 2) Training Bureau did a pilot program to train online personnel in Pump Procedures and Hose Evolutions. Utilizing all equipment and resources from training, we were able to train with 14 different crews. Over 70 online personnel got to benefit from this training with great feedback and results.
- 3) Following the Pump Procedure training, revised the pump procedures in the new driver training manual that is currently under review.
- 4) Training Bureau has written and requested an update in our policies and procedures for an Initial Radio Report for Company Officers. The draft policy has been written and approved by most of the administration at this point.

#### **VOLUNTEER TRAINING:**

- 1) Roll-out National Safety Council Defensive Driving Training Part I.
- 2) Submitted 2018 PUC appointment list to Dr. Wang / Dr. DeSilva.
- 3) 10/17/17 attended Conducting an Effective Interview class.

- 4) Direct Business Contact Insurance Classification visitation / reviews on October 18, 19, 20.
- 5) October 27, 2017 FCCC New Hire Orientation.

#### **EMS BUREAU:**

- 1) HFD held its first formal Critical Incident Scene Management (CISM) Team Refresher training with Instructor/Pastor Renee Godoy. Review of the CISM policy, activation criteria, defusing and debriefing scenario practice and selection of the new steering committee were all completed during this first refresher training.
  - 2) The EMS Bureau coordinated and assisted with the EMS standby for the Ironman World Championships in Kailua Kona. The ground teams responded to multiple calls for service within the event boundaries. The objective of providing EMS to the estimated 15,000 – 20,000 event spectators, while minimizing the impact to the 911 system were all met.
  - 3) First time ever, the EMS Provider Cabinet (representatives from each agency) met with the Director of Health to discuss upcoming legislative efforts. The Cabinet presented on the current state of EMS and asked for guidance on strategies on how to best gain support for upcoming EMS initiatives.
  - 4) The MICT Class participated in a specialized cardiac clinical training at the Queens Medical Center cardiac center. Students rotated through the cardiac cath lab, cardiac ICU and cardiac recover unit. Feedback from the students was that the experience was extremely valuable and well worth their time.
  - 5) Four personnel attended the EMS World Expo in Nevada, Las Vegas. Personnel participated in vendor interaction, identified prospective new EMS products and equipment design, as well as attended various educational tracts. Travel was funded through the Shippers Warf Grant.
- 6) the Kapi'olani Community College on September 5, 2017.

#### **PREVENTION BUREAU:**

- 1) The Fire Prevention Bureau conducted Fire Prevention Assemblies at 21 elementary schools Island wide reaching over 6,500 keiki.
- 2) The Fire Prevention Bureau conducted 93 inspections.
- 3) The Fire Prevention Bureau reviewed 64 construction plans.
- 4) The Fire Prevention Bureau Investigated 3 structure fires. The Arson K9 was used at 1 fire.
- 5) The Fire Prevention Bureau installed smoke alarm and conducted home inspections in 4 residences.
- 6) Arson K9 Kaimi completed his annual recertification in Portland, Maine.
- 7) Battalion Chief Robert Perreira was the State's representative at the State Fire Marshal's Forum in Quincy, Mass.

#### **AUXILIARY SERVICES:**

- 1) Fire Department Website Project
  - No progress since last month.
- 2) MSA replacement project

- 2nd purchase bid has closed waiting on arrival of ordered items.
  - Cutover date for new SCBAs on is expected to be in last week of October, first week of November.
  - Removal of old SCBA units will occur after switch over.
- 3) SDS binders Project:
    - Completed.
  - 4) Email Conversion Project
    - Trying to trouble shoot and deal with issues and need for position based shared information.
  - 5) Target Solutions Project
    - Project has started planning phase and initial list of users was submitted and uploaded to Target Solutions. Currently working on a list of desired certifications and organizational categories.
  - 6) SharePoint Intranet site
    - Added fillable form for gear cleaning.
    - Working on updated repair form; should be released shortly.
  - 7) Working on developing training for:
    - RA Seattle (PowerPoints uploaded)
    - Gore Fabrics

#### Maintenance Shop:

- 1) 73 total repairs/service
- 2) 28 service calls or trouble calls
- 3) 9 contracted out and tows

#### Dispatch:

- 1) FRD1 six new hires have started and doing well
- 2) Cardiac Resuscitation Improvement Project to be worked on more late October, early November
  - Seeking funding through E911 for purchase of powerphone
- 3) Spillman going live December 5th
  - Spillman Training has been started and three sessions have been completed.
  - After implementation, department will start firstwatch and pulsepoint integration projects.
- 4) Seeking funding through E911 for replacement/upgrade of generator for Fire Dispatch.
- 5) Seeking funding to purchase power ops through E911 (paperwork submitted).

#### Repairs:

- 1) Plumbing issue at Station 5 has not been completed. Currently personnel are using two porta-potties and the toilets within the station are out of commission.

#### Records:

- 1) Currently we are turning around record request in under 10 days.

VI. New Projects/Business

- Central Fire Station Renovation Project.
  - On Hold. Per DPW, need to address issue with hired consultant.
- Continuing planning Stages for HFD to assist in hosting the Hawai'i Fire Chiefs Association Conference in November.

VII. Employee/Public Relations

- As indicated in narratives above.

VIII. Other