

CHIEF'S REPORT (01/10/18)

I. Budget

- FY 2017/2018
 - See attached report
- FY 2018/2019
 - Finance Meeting with Department scheduled for January 8th.
- 2017 AFG Grant Application to target HazMat equipment shortfalls
 - BC Kosaki completing application

II. Alternative Funding and Grant

- 2016 CDBG
 - Pāhala Wildland Pumper Apparatus Project
 - Shipment date from San Diego is January 10, 2018
- 2015 AFG Grant
 - Application Awarded for replacement of Self Contained Breathing Apparatus inventory.
 - Received 211 SCBA Units
 - Distributed to stations
 - Awaiting delivery of additional mask.
- 2016 AFG Regional Grant
 - For Light and Air Response Vehicle
 - Regional application with Honolulu Fire
 - No notification received at this time

III. Human Resources Division

1) Recruitment

a. *Internal Recruitment within Department*

- Assistant Fire Chief (Support Services) – Promotion effective January 1, 2018 for Lance Uchida.

IV. Emergency Operations Division

OPERATIONS:

BATTALION 1, East Hawai'i

Incidents:

- 1) #23022, 12/02/17, Lost hikers Kalapana Viewing Area
- 2) #23028, 12/02/17, Lost hiker Shipman Trail
- 3) #23454, 12/08/17, Lost fishermen, off of the Hāmākua Coast
- 4) #24235, 12/19/17, Shooting and Hostage Event, Leilani Estates
- 5) #24478, 12/22/17, Lost hikers, Kalapana Viewing Area
- 6) #24754, 12/26/17, Lost hikers, Kalapana Viewing Area

7) #24756, 12/26/17, Lost hikers, Honokaa/Mud Lane

Training:

- 1) Sampling, Hazcat and packaging – December 6 & 7, 2017.
- 2) Dive Rescue I refresher training – December 13 & 21, 2017.
- 3) Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support for experienced provider (ACLS EP) – December 28, 2017.

Information Technology:

- 1) All of the 1st Battalion BCs are using their personal desktop and email accounts. With the implementation of Office 365, we will increase our efficiency and productivity. We are working with IT to upgrade our desktop to the latest Windows version; therefore software compatibility will be the standard for the 1st Battalion.

BATTALION 2, West Hawai'i

Incidents:

- 1) #22935, 12/01/17 – Co 7, 12: Auto/Pedestrian Male, Charlie to KNER
- 2) #22940, 12/01/17 – Co 9: Two small brush fires on Kawaihae Road extinguished PTA of HFD Personnel. Both suspicious in nature.
- 3) #22955, 12/01/17 – Co 14, 15, 9: Five small brush fires on Akoni Pule Hwy. The largest was approximately 0.25 acres. Multiple incendiary devices found. Scene turned over to HPD/Inspector.
- 4) #23051, 12/03/17 – Co 15, 2: Stranded Hikers in Pololu valley secondary to flash flooding. Extricated without injury at first light by C2 without any injuries.
- 5) #23070, 12/03/17 – Co 7, 12, 6: S/F at Kona Pacific Condos. Fire confined to condo unit utilizing extinguishers and the building's wet stand pipe. Disabled wheelchair occupant was extricated while fire suppression activities were ongoing.
- 6) #23249, 12/05/17 – Co 21: B/F (power line down). Hwy 190 and Kaiminani Road. Road was closed by HPD. Approximately 0.25 acres burned.
- 7) #23403, 12/07/17 – Co 9, C2: Mountain Biker Crash on Mana Road. Pt transported to NHCH in Code 500 status.
- 8) #24569, 12/23/17 – Co 21, 7, 12, 7B: S/F small structure fully engulfed approximately 50 yards from roadway in an area overgrown with trees and brush.

SPECIAL OPERATIONS:

Hazmat

- 1) BC Kosaki met with the vendors for the hazmat suits and hazmat identifiers at the HFCA training conference and is getting information to apply for an AFG grant of these much needed equipment.

- 2) The DOH provided training on December 6th and 7th for our hazmat team personnel in sampling and testing of unknown chemicals. There were also members of the FBI and UH chemistry lab who were also present to assist.
- 3) We will be hosting a hazmat technician class for 2018 here on Hawaii Island. It will be funded by the Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning (HMEP) grant that is provided to the Hawai'i State Emergency Response Commission (HSERC).

Rescue

- 1) Many of the equipment has been received that were purchased by the Sayre Foundation and will be distributed and changed out on an as needed basis.
- 2) The R-7 Radon was completed but there were some other things that needed to be addressed. We have worked with Steven at Riddle Boatworks to get this boat back in operation.
- 3) In December, we have conducted the recertification classes for the DR1 and also began the Public Safety Diver classes for those who do not have a SCUBA certification. This would qualify them to now work toward being able to TA as a Fire Rescue Specialist.

Ocean Safety

- 1) We conducted our Performance Assessment Examination for WSO I on December 20th and held the interviews on December 26th. There were eight candidates who completed all of the requirements. We hope to hire for our vacant positions on February 1, 2018.
- 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. The Sayre Foundation will be purchasing five rescue boards to help us through this time that our procurement process takes.
- 3) There will be a Keiki Classic put on by Shane Dorian on January 20th. Our Ocean Safety WSO will also participate to help teach some of the kid's basic lifesaving techniques. This event is also supported by the Sayre Foundation.

V. Support Services Division

TRAINING:

- 1) The 45th recruit class attended and joined in at the Hawai'i Fire Chief's Association Conference on December 1, 2017. Four members of the class also led the opening ceremonies in the color guard.
- 2) The 45th recruit class participated and became proficient in a one week long course in Rescue Systems. Led by several of our rescue personnel, they were training and taught various knots, anchors, raising and lowering systems along the rappelling from heights.
- 3) The 45th recruit class completed their Firefighter skills testing during the month of December. All 16 recruits successfully demonstrated proficiency in all of the entry level skills necessary to start their careers with the Hawai'i Fire Department.

VOLUNTEER TRAINING:

- 1) BT-11C S 5804 Discovery Harbor placed in service. Formerly BT-9B Kanehoa.
- 2) E-9B HFD532 Kanehoa placed in service. Formerly E-16B Pu'uanahulu.
- 3) Volunteer Bureau Meeting with AC2/EMS-1 on 12/20/17.
- 4) Updated RMS Volunteer Company Rosters.
- 5) Reviewed AHA First Aid/CPR/AED Training materials in preparation for January 2018 roll out.

EMS BUREAU:

- 1) Captains Ebersole and Honda presented on HFD's Community Paramedicine pilot project and HFD's High Performance CPR program respectively at the Hawai'i Fire Chiefs Conference in Waikoloa. Both programs are being closely looked at by Maui Fire with their CPR program efforts and Kauai Fire with Fall prevention. Both departments have sent personnel over to our island to shadow both Captain Ebersole and Honda in their program area.
- 2) Captain Honda and FMS II K. Kanae attended the annual Emergency Cardiac Care Update conference in New Orleans. The latest in CPR science, data and technology were presented by subject matter experts and leaders in the EMS industry. One big takeaway from attending the conference was that HFD is right in line (if not ahead) with the latest science and efforts with CPR programs across the country.
- 3) HFD EMS received new Panasonic Toughbook laptops from State EMS for each of its (15) ALS medic units. The devices come with a Panasonic maintenance contract allowing all device to be shipped directly to Panasonic for any major issues. This relieves our County IT of having to do no more than basic trouble shooting. Laptops have been flashed by our County IT and are being distributed in the first week of January.
- 4) Captain Ebersole coordinated the evaluation of ESO, a replacement ePCR solution. It is our intent to lead and guide the selection process for State EMS rather than to follow and accept a substandard product.
- 5) Conducted a radio interview on HFD EMS and Community Paramedicine with Sherry Braken and our Medical Director Dr. Judith Fitzgerald. This was a good opportunity to educate and market our HFD Fire Based EMS system and our pilot Community Paramedicine program.

PREVENTION BUREAU:

- 1) The Fire Prevention Bureau conducted 134 inspections.
- 2) The Fire Prevention Bureau reviewed 187 construction plans.
- 3) The Fire Prevention Bureau Investigated two structure fires.
- 4) The Fire Prevention Bureau investigated seven fires, the Arson K9 was used at two fires.
- 5) The Fire Prevention Bureau installed smoke alarm and conducted home inspections in six residences.
- 6) The Fire Prevention Bureau conducted inspections at 41 firework retail sites.

7) The Fire Prevention Bureau conducted inspections at four fireworks display events for New Year's.

VI. New Projects/Business

- Finalizing CIP Budget Submittals

VII. Employee/Public Relations

- Blessing of the new Haihai Fire Station December 14, 2017
- Annual "Magic of the Season" at the County Building. HFD assisted hosting on Wednesday, December 13, 2017.

VIII. Other

- Contract Negotiations starting for Fire Personnel, BU 11
- BU 14, Ocean Safety Contract in Arbitration. Per Managing Director, Chief will not be called as a witness.
- Retirements for 2017, 28 total
 - Assistant Fire Chief, 1 position
 - Battalion Chief, 2 positions
 - Fire Captain, 5 positions
 - Fire Equipment Operator, 7 positions
 - Fire Emergency Medical Specialist II, 3 positions
 - Firefighter, 5 positions
 - Fire Radio Dispatcher II, 1 position
 - Water Safety Officer II, 1 position
 - Chief Mechanic, 1 position
 - Account Clerk, 1 position
 - Human Resources Program Specialist, 1 position
- Resignations for 2017, 5 total
 - Fire Rescue Specialist, 1 position
 - Firefighter, 1 position
 - Water Safety Officer II, 1 position
 - Fire Radio Dispatcher II, 1 position
- Terminations for 2017, 1 total
 - Firefighter Recruit, 1 position
- Promotions for 2017, 28 total
 - Battalion Chief, 1 position
 - Fire Captain, 6 positions
 - Fire Equipment Operator, 7 positions
 - Fire Emergency Medical Specialist II, 9 positions
 - Fire HazMat Specialist, 5 positions
- New Hires for 2017, 27 total
 - Firefighter Recruit, 17 positions
 - Fire Radio Dispatcher I, 6 positions
 - Water Safety Officer I, 4 positions