

CHIEF'S REPORT (05/09/18)

I. Budget

- FY 2017/2018
 - See attached report
- FY 2018/2019
 - Mayor's March 1st Budget
 - No Supplemental Budget Request Approved
 - Travel for training reduced or eliminated
 - Adjustments made to Fuel and other OCE cost
 - Current Finance Adjustments are being made for the May budget submittal to County Council
 - Received word that Supplemental Budget Request for Apparatus Replacement funding may be approved.

II. Alternative Funding and Grant

- 2016 CDBG
 - Pāhala Wildland Pumper Apparatus Project
 - In repair shop for roof leak. Work continues. Apparatus Manufacturer Representatives on island to assist with repairs and redesign.
- 2018 State Highways grant awarded
 - Child protective seats for HFD Community program
 - \$16,490
 - Powered Portable Extrication Tools
 - HOVE, Pāhala, Honoka'a
 - Districts with historical off road accidents
 - \$96,943.56
- 2019 State Highways grant application submitted
 - Additional Portable Extrication Tools.

III. Human Resources Division

1) Recruitment

- a. Internal Recruitment within Department
 - Internal recruitments for Fire Captain (Emergency Operations), Fire Equipment Operator, Fire/Hazardous Materials Specialist, Fire Prevention Inspector I – exam letters emailed to applicants for April written exam.
- b. Open Competitive Recruitment
 - Fire Equipment Mechanic – Nine names referred. Interview completed. Undergoing reference and background checks
 - Fire Fighter Recruit – 58 applicants passed; screened application packets.

- Water Safety Officer I (temp) – Completed Performance Assessment Exercise for five summer hires NTE 89 days and existing vacancies.
- 2) Classification
 - a. Two Vacant Fire Radio Dispatcher II positions temporarily downward reallocated to a Fire Radio Dispatcher I position to open up for hiring.
 - 3) Employee Development and Training
 - a. “Developing Interview Question” training scheduled for March 7, 2018. One employee attended.
 - b. EUTF Open Enrollment from April 2-30, 2018. Staff from Human Resources Section attended the informational meeting on March 27, 2018.
 - 4) Labor Relations
 - c. Internal investigations – one certified mail to a Water Safety Officer II.

Emergency Operations Division

OPERATIONS: BATTALION 1, East Hawai‘i

Incidents:

- 1) #6483, 03/30/18, Missing Swimmer- Rainbow Falls (body recovered on 2nd day)
- 2) #6669, 04/02/18, Cliff jumper; Suicide attempt; Beach Road (Patient rescued and transported)
- 3) #6684, 04/02/18, Swimmer in Distress; South Point landing (Patient rescued and uninjured)
- 4) #6694, 04/02/18, Structure Fire - Bamboo Drive (no casualties)
- 5) #6694, 04/06/18, Boat in Distress - Off Kaloli Point (Located and towed back to Hilo)
- 6) #7004, 04/06/18, Lost Hikers - Mauna Loa (located by PTA and released uninjured)
- 7) #7141, 04/08/18, Murder Suicide; Kini Road.
- 8) #7161, 04/08/18, Missing Person/Swimmer - Kapoho, Champagne Pond (3 day search, body never found/recovered)
- 9) #7308, 04/11/18, Structure Fire - Opihi Street; Hawaiian Beaches (no casualties)
- 10) #7347, 04/11/18, Structure Fire - King Kamehameha Drive, Tiki Gardens (no casualties)
- 11) #7370, 04/12/18, Structure Fire - Moanauli Loop; Kalapana Sea View Estates (no casualties)
- 12) #7473, 04/13/18, Structure Fire - Lehua Street., Honoka‘a (Room and Contents, no casualties)
- 13) #7657, 04/16/18, Ocean Search / Drowning - Hawaiian Beaches (3 day search, never recovered)

- 14) #7733, 04/17/18, HAZMAT - Gasoline leak; WalMart Hilo (mitigates without incident)
- 15) #7810, 04/18/18, MVC pick up vs Fuel Tanker- Hwy 19 25 MM (1 fatality)
- 16) #7838, 04/18/18, Structure Fire - Hoaka Road, Hilo (no casualties)
- 17) #8034, 04/21/18, Lost Hikers - Kalapana Lava Viewing area (parties located and uninjured)
- 18) #8080, 04/22/18, Injured Hunter - Lepoloa Road; Umauma forest (extricated via C-1 and transported on medic)
- 19) #8120, 04/23/18, GSW fatality - Rainbow Drive near Rainbow Falls (probable suicide)
- 20) #8163, 04/23/18, Structure Fire - Kupulau Road, Hilo (no casualties)

Training:

- 1) April 9-13: Annual CST drill – Hazmat companies and AHIMT participation.
- 2) April 16-27: Hazmat Technician Training – Tactical portion.
- 3) April 19: BC Okinaka attended job interview training course at ACCR.

Special Events and Services:

- 1) April 4-7: Companies 1 & 2 provided EMS standby coverage at the Merrie Monarch Festival from 1800 hours – end of program.
- 2) New Battalion Chief vehicles received and put into service.
- 3) Canary home security units distributed to all personnel by BC's.

BATTALION 2 West Hawai'i

Incidents:

- 1) # 7459, 04/13/18, Kayaker in Distress, Off shore Mahukona Company 14 & 7, C-2, C-1, FT 14, Ski -2, Ski -2 first to arrive on scene towed kayak to Mahukona Warf, No EMS
- 2) #7600, 04/15/18, 7638 Vegetation Fire, Initial incident reported by hunter, smoke sighted approximately 5 miles east from Hwy 190 and 4.5 miles south from Daniel K. Inouye Hwy. Chopper 2 confirmed smoldering vegetation. Chopper 1 commenced with water bucket drops. Operation suspended due to low light conditions. BC2, E16, T16 FT14, C-1, C-2 return to quarters. 4/16 Operation resumed with C-1 inserting three DOFAW personnel into area of smoldering vegetation then assisted with water bucket drops from existing water source near Hwy 190. BC2, E16, T16, FT14, responded to Hwy 190 15.5 mile marker to support operations. It was determined Company 16 resources not needed for support. Station 2 FRS and FT14 remained at landing zone for duration of operation. Operation terminated at approximately 1230 hours, smoldering vegetation extinguished, DOFAW personnel extracted. C-1 responded to Inc. # 7657, FT14 returned to quarters. Probable cause of fire determined to be lightning strike.
- 3) #7769, 04/17/18, Missing 4 year old autistic child, Company 12 & 7, BC2, Child found after 2 1/2 hour search. No EMS
- 4) #7829, 04/19/18, Sail boat in distress south of Keawaiki Bay, Company 14 & 7, BC2, boat located and towed to safe harbor at Anaehoomalu Bay by RB7.

- 5) #8024, 04/21/18, Structure Fire, Kapanaia Road Company 15, 14, & 9, Agriculture/Residential building.
- 6) #8073, 04/22/18, Structure Fire, Highway 190 Company 21, 7, & 12, BC2, Company 21 offensive interior attack with hand lines. Fire extinguished prior to other companies arrival.

Training:

- 1) April 6: Emergency Operations Center training with Hawai'i/California water service group; AC 1, BC2, Company 14 attended.
- 2) April 12: 93rd CST annual exercise; Kealakekua Armory, Company 6 & Hazmat Company 21 attended.
- 3) April 30: NFPA assessing structural ignition training, Mauna Lani Resort.

Special Events and Services:

- 1) April 25: Restoration Advisory Board meeting; Waikoloa Community Center, BC2, Company 16 attended.

Other:

- 2) April 20, 23, 24: Kona Village pre-plan, fire suppression water supply for duration of demolition and reconstruction approximately 1-1 1/2 years; BC2, Company 14, Inspectors 1-1 and 2-2.

SPECIAL OPERATIONS:

Hazmat

- 1) We received notice of the AFG that we submitted in February was denied. This request was to obtain funding for the purchase of two Hazmat identifiers and two Raman detectors that would give us the capability to identify liquids in a container without taking a sample that may be an explosive or narcotic.
- 2) Four Hazmat technician personnel attended an Improvised Explosive Device and Chemical workshop put on by the FBI on Oahu on April 4 and 5. Their travel was funded by the LEPC.
- 3) The hazmat technician class for 2018 was held here on the Big Island. This class is funded by the Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning (HMEP) grant that is provided to the Hawai'i State Emergency Response Commission (HSERC). Twelve of our personnel attended. The chemistry portion was held from March 5-16 and the tactics portion on April 16-27.

Rescue

- 1) We are looking into more price term agreements to include their dive bag and hiking boots. This is the first step in standardizing the majority of our rescue equipment while getting the best prices.
- 2) The RB-7 Radon refurbishment have been completed with funding from the Sayre Foundation and the County Council contingency funds. There was also some additional work that needed to be completed. We will be doing a gifting ceremony soon to recognize donors and for all the work that was done on this.

Ocean Safety

- 1) The Sayre Foundation donated two Polaris Rangers to Ocean Safety from funding by the Karakin Foundation that will be assigned to Hāpuna and Isaac Hale beaches. We are still awaiting approval to install additional security measures to the generator storage shed at Isaac Hale beach where we will store this Ranger.
- 2) We conducted our PAE for WSO candidates on April 30 to fill some anticipated permanent vacancies and for our summer temporary hires. Our anticipated hire date is on June 1, 2018.
- 3) We are still awaiting the MOA to be completed between the County of Hawai'i and DLNR for Hāpuna Beach to increase our lifeguard staffing. This funding may be dependent upon HB2097 that would allow for additional funding to DLNR. This bill had gone through conference and awaiting the final vote before it goes to the Governor. Once the MOA is completed, we can begin the hiring process to fill 3 new positions there.

IV. Support Services Division

TRAINING:

- 1) Hosted NFA Course Leadership and Supervision April 5 & 6 in Kona; 25 Fire fighters attended
- 2) Upcoming NFA Course – Wildland Urban Interface: Adapted Communities on May 3 & 4 in Hilo at the Department of Aging; 24 Fire fighters signed up to attend.
- 3) Upcoming NFA Course – Fire Service Safety Culture: Who protects Firefighters from Firefighters? Scheduled for July 12 & 13 in Kona. Recruitment for attendance ongoing.
- 4) Drill with eight Hilo ARFF personnel utilizing our burn trailer for interior attack training on April 9.

VOLUNTEER TRAINING:

- 1) Support service meeting with F1 and staff on April 6, 2018.
- 2) Meeting on Station 9B progress report on April 11. In attendance was AC Uchida, Inspector Vares, Volunteer Captain Mike Shattuck, Project Manager Guido Giacometti and Captain Ichimura.
- 3) Start collection of Volunteer award money receipts.
- 4) Kino'ole Street warehouse cleanup / prep for move to FDC.
- 5) Drivers audit Pepe'ekeō Volunteer 1A on April 26. Closed course testing Volcano Volunteer 19A on April 30.

EMS BUREAU:

- 1) The County of Hawai'i's P25 Medicom cutover was recently completed in West Hawai'i. This finalizes the island wide cutover and wraps up a project that has taken years to complete. Reliable Medicom radio transmission is critical in maintaining high level patient care. Relevant patient information is relayed to receiving hospitals in advance, allowing field paramedics to consult with emergency department physicians and alert specialty teams within the

hospital of a patient's imminent arrival, this coordinated effort helps to improve the patient's overall outcome.

- a. **Project 25 (P25 or APCO-25)** is a suite of standards for digital mobile radio communications designed for use by public safety organizations in North America. P25 radios are a direct replacement for analog UHF radios but add the ability to transfer data as well as voice, allowing for a more natural implementation of encryption or messaging. P25 radios are commonly implemented by dispatch organizations, such as police, fire, Ambulance and Emergency Rescue Service, using vehicle-mounted radios combined with walkie-talkie handheld use.
- 2) We are working to make some adjustments to the ground transfer process as it relates to HFD Medic Units in our role in ground and air transfers. Met with Hawaii Life Team's transition manager to discuss their acquisition of AMR air and how we can work together to improve the transfer process and decrease impact on HFD medic units. We are in the process of reviewing current policies and discussing potential process improvements with HLT, AMR, HLF, FCCC, hospitals, and HFD medic units.
- 3) 8 HFD MICT Interns returned home from 2 months of training on Oahu, they began their second month of MICT internship this month. Everyone has been performing well and are expected to complete class in August.
- 4) Legislative EMS Bills SB 2658 (Kauai and Hawai'i County Ambulances) died along with SB2374 (Community Paramedicine) however, the budget came out with 4.5M as a line item for ambulances to be used to fund an ambulance in Hawai'i and Kauai Counties along with C&C of Honolulu.
- 5) Chris Honda and BC Ebersole attended quarterly EMSAC meeting.

PREVENTION BUREAU:

- 1) The Fire Prevention Bureau conducted 65 inspections.
- 2) The Fire Prevention Bureau reviewed 75 construction plans.
- 3) The Fire Prevention Bureau Investigated six fires, the Arson K9 was used at one fire.
- 4) The Fire Prevention Bureau installed smoke alarms and conducted home inspections in 4 residences.
- 5) BC Perreira attended the Vision 20/20 Symposium on Community Risk Reduction in Reston, VA.

AUXILIARY SERVICES:

- 1) MSA replacement project
 - MSA G1 system has gone live, additional training was placed online for switch over.
 - Removal of old SCBA units has been completed.
 - Project is 98% completed; Reclaimed MSA firehawk equipment have been picked up, but still need to be disposed of properly.
- 2) Working on a revision and update of Mako maintenance and calibration information.
 - No progress since last month.

- 3) Working to add blue tooth capability to interface between MSA G1 and Motorola Radios.
 - Waiting on Dongles from Vendor.
- 4) Working on a review of AT&T phone charges to reduce unused cell/data charges.
 - Looking to reduce cost, and establish wifi hotspots for new BC vehicles.
- 5) Established printing capabilities for new BC vehicles.
- 6) BC Todd attending NFA for two weeks for EMS Quality Management and Administration of Public Assistance courses.

Warehouse:

- 1) Working on a single point ordering system with online tracking of all orders within Trello.
 - Project has started, initial forms are being designed.
 - i. PPE request form (started)
 - ii. Station supplies form (pending completion of PPE form)
 - iii. EMS supplies form (pending completion of Station supplies form)

Mechanic Shop:

- 1) Apparatus and Equipment Repair
 - 83 total repairs/service
 - 15 service calls or trouble calls
 - 8 contracted out tows
- 2) Received new KME tanker 9.

Dispatch:

- 1) Spillman still delayed; expected cutover in September.
- 2) Still proceeding with procurement of the furniture and power ops unit.
- 3) Closed recruitment for the FRD I position. Testing and interviews are expected to be held in June.

Repairs:

- 1) No changes to major repair projects since last month.

Records:

- 1) Currently we are turning around record request in under 20 days.

V. New Projects/Business

- No new Projects/Business

VI. Employee/Public Relations

- As noted above

VII. Other

- USFS VGA grant audit to be done in May with USFS Grant Auditor.
 - Will also complete application for grant