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 Updated Hotspots
 2025/09/30

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CHIEF'S OFFICE REPORT

Section Report by Chief's Office

Program Budget Objectives	September	YTD	Goal
Maintain >95% current policies, procedures, and MOU, MOA, MAA.	No Data	No Data	>95%

FISCAL BRANCH REPORT

Section Report by: Fire Accountant IV

Program Budget Objectives	QTR	YTD	Goal
Maintain budget variance within $\pm 10\%$ of projections for each major cost center per QTR.	No data	No data	$\pm 10\%$
Lead monthly budget meetings	No data	No data	12

Budget	Adj Appr	YTD Exp	% Used	Goal
Total Budget	\$76,853,168	\$12,867,787	16.74%	

GRANTS REPORT

Section Report by: Fiscal Division

Program Measures	September	YTD	Goal
Dollar value of grants applied for	\$2,663,506.00	\$7,060,254.00	\$5,000,000
Dollar value of grants received	\$2,678,274.60	\$2,678,274.60	\$1,000,000

Grants	Purpose	Award	Spent YTD	Update
23 CDBG	(3) Brush Trucks	\$625,693	\$625,693	Delivered and paid
CDBG-MIT	(3) Brush Trucks IFB 4700 (Delivered); Mobile Service Trailer IFB 4701 (Delivered 9/15/25); Mobile Command Vehicle (in bid process)	\$891,420	\$891,420	Rebel Strike LLC
		\$50,575	\$50,575	Hawaii Specialty Veh
		\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	Out for Bid
FY23 AFG (08/2024-08/2026)	Hazard Zone (IDLH) Incident. Command and a Control Training Program	\$488,722	\$79,564	16.28% spent as of 6/30/25. CoHnect project pending.
23 VFA IFB 4520	Bid awarded to Orchid Isle Ford for 2 Brush Trucks. County match \$278,590	\$278,590	\$73,041	Delivery pending.
24 VFA	Supplies and equipment continue to arrive	\$317,800	\$159,533	Pending approval of time extension
Lelewi Lifeguard Tower (Fair Share Funds)	Surveyor Jr. lifeguard tower furnished by Newport Laminates	\$54,785	\$0	Delivery expected in early 2026.
Fair Share Fund	Allotment request for funds to design a Mechanic Shop	\$684,000	\$0	Allotment request in process

Grant Name	Submission Deadline	Purpose	Est. Request
FY25 SAFER	4/20/2025	Personnel 12 firefighters positions	\$2,700,000
FY25 AFG	5/20/2025	Radios	\$1,750,000
FY25 FP&S	5/20/2025	Prevention equipment	\$50,000
FY25 HMGP – PF	8/20/2025	Electrical Power Redundancy – 11 stations	\$11,000,000

Program Highlights: Grants

Project Accounting:

The only project currently created in the FY26 CoHnect System is the EMS Grant. Once CoHnect has set up projects for each grant, the system should provide more complete and accurate information for sharing and report preparation.

Community Wildfire Defense Grant (CWDG)

Phase 3 of the grant was awarded this month. Hawaii Fire Department Defensible Space grant proposal for \$2,794,005.00 received a score of 86.67 which unfortunately did not meet the cut off for funding. Competition was high and only three CWDG grants were awarded in Hawaii. Two for community wildfire protection plans for Maui, and one for a Fire Adapted Hawaii County which will help fund Firewise coordinators positions on Hawaii Island for the next five years. This grant will be managed by HWMO.

SAFER 2025

The Hawaii Fire Department has been officially awarded the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant. This grant will support the addition of new personnel to strengthen our operational capacity and reduce response times. We are currently working through the administrative and hiring processes, with the goal of bringing staff onboard by either August or February, depending on the recruitment timeline and fiscal coordination.

AFG & FP&S 2025

The Hawaii Fire Department was not selected for award under this year’s Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program or the Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) Grant programs. While this outcome is disappointing, we remain committed to pursuing future AFG opportunities and other funding sources to support our equipment modernization and safety initiatives.

HUMAN RESOURCES BRANCH REPORT

Section Report by: Fire Human Resources Program Specialist

FY 2025/26 Calendar				
Rank	Recruitment	Exam/PAE	Assessment	Notes
Assistant Chief	09/28-10/7/2025	N/A	Can begin 11/27/25	
Battalion Chief Operations	TBD	TBD	TBD	
Battalion Chief Prevention	N/A	N/A	N/A	No anticipated vacancies in FY 26-27
Battalion Chief Auxiliary Services	N/A	N/A	N/A	No anticipated vacancies in FY 26-27
Battalion Chief Communications	N/A	N/A	N/A	No anticipated vacancies in FY 26-27
Battalion Chief EMS	N/A	N/A	N/A	No anticipated vacancies in FY 26-27
WSO V	N/A	N/A	N/A	No anticipated vacancies in FY 26-27
Captain Operations	12/7/2025	2/10/2025	3/9-11/2026	
Captain Training	N/A	N/A	N/A	No anticipated vacancies in FY 26-27
Captain Volunteer Services	TBD	TBD	TBD	
Captain Prevention	N/A	N/A	N/A	No anticipated vacancies in FY 26-27
Captain Communications	TBD	TBD	TBD	
FMS III	N/A	N/A	N/A	No anticipated vacancies in FY 26-27
WSO IV	N/A	N/A	N/A	1 employee moves into role 10/16/25
Fire Prevention Inspector II	N/A	N/A	N/A	No anticipated vacancies in FY 26-27
WSO III	05/23-06/01/25	10/26/24	10/26/25	4 employees move into roles 11/16/25
Fire Equipment Operator	10/12/2025	1/6/2026	2/24-26/2026	
Fire Apparatus Trainer	TBD	TBD	TBD	
Fire Prevention Inspector I	N/A	N/A	N/A	No anticipated vacancies in FY 26-27
Fire Training Specialist	TBD	TBD	TBD	
FMS II	10/5/-10/14/2025	N/A	11/07/2025	
Fire Rescue Specialist	TBD	TBD	TBD	
Hazardous Materials Tech	10/19/2025	1/13/2026	3/3/2026	

**Version one of an annual recruitment calendar*

Program Measure	Month	YTD
Vacancy Rate Total	12%	10%
Vacancy Rate Admin & Support	9	9
Vacancy Rate Fire	13	15
Vacancy Rate EMS	9	9
Vacancy Rate Communications	16	16
Vacancy Rate Ocean Safety	14	14

Program Budget Objectives	Month	YTD	Goal
Efficient response to human resource queries	100% of 69	100% (89)	<2 Days
	Active	Avg Days	Goal
Average internal investigations completion in days	5	120+*	<60 days
	Rate	Avg % Yr	Goal
Maintain a vacancy rate below 7%	12%	10%	<36 PV

Active Recruitments by HFD	
Position	Status Report
Assistant Fire Chief	Job Posted September 28, 2025 (Internal).
Fire/EMS Specialist II	Job Description Finalized September 30, 2025.
Fire Captain	Offer Accepted September 3, 2025. Start date set.
Fire Equipment Operator	Offer Accepted September 7, 2025. Start date set.
Water Safety Officer IV	Department Interviews September 12, 2025.
Water Safety Officer III	Department Interviews September 26, 2025.
Water Safety Officer Is	Candidates Selected September 30, 2025.
Account Clerks	Application Screening (HR/Civil Service) September 25, 2025.
Clerk IIIs	Department Interviews September 26, 2025.
Lead Fire Equipment Mechanic	Job Posted September 14, 2025 (Internal).
Professional Trainee – Info/Edu Specialist	Position Filled September 16, 2025.
Professional Trainee – Grants	Recruitment Delayed September 30, 2025.
Fire Communications Officer I	Offers Extended September 30, 2025.

**Several investigations are being carried out outside of the HR Branch, which is why exact data is not available.*

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS DIVISION

Section Report by: Assistant Chief of Operations

Budget	Category	Adj Appropriation	YTD Expenditures	% Used	Goal	
Fire 62101	S&W	\$34,967,374	\$10,592,338	30%	29%	
62102	OCE	\$2,092,005	No Data	No Data	25%	
62106	Equipment	\$1,900,177	No Data	No Data	25%	
Fire - Heli	S&W	\$644,386	No Data	No Data	29%	
62112+62742	OCE	\$862,907	No data	No data	25%	
62116+62746	Equipment	\$20,000	No data	No data	25%	
Program Budget Objectives			September	YTD	Goal	
95% of all assigned training completed			84.76%	82.81%	>95%	
Daily Vehicle Checks 90% (OPS)			42.06%	48.63%	>90%	
Chute time			02:12	02:12	<01:20	
99% Report completion within 10 days.			98.00%	98.07%	>99%	
Total Calls for Calendar Year 2025			September	YTD	%	
Fire			115	865	3.7%	
EMS			1,708	16,320	70.5%	
Other			632	5,946	25.8%	
Totals			2,455	23,131	100%	
Year	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025 (est.)
Total Calls	25,015	27,398	29,594	30,738	31,143	30,841
Program Measures		Sept.	% < 80 secs	YTD	% < 80 secs	
Avg. Turn out time (Fire)		02:26	12.39%	02:26	15.75%	
Avg. Turn out time (EMS)		02:08	16.66%	02:18	18.24%	
Program Measures		Sept.	% < 9 mins	YTD	% < 9 mins	
Avg. Response Time (Fire)		12:35	40.35%	11:34	48.38%	
Avg. Response Time (EMS)		09:12	58.31%	09:10	59.65%	
Call Type			September	YTD		
Wildland calls (140, 141, 142, 143)			36	225		
Acres burned			30	392		
Structure Fires (110 & 111)			10	59		
Property and Contents - Loss			\$670,500	\$4,401,325		
Property and Contents - Save			\$1,243,700	\$5,188,225		
Other fires (all other 100 series)			69	581		
Property and Contents - Loss			\$8,000	\$1,029,350		
Property and Contents - Save			\$13,995,000	\$33,702,700		

SPECIAL OPERATIONS BRANCH

Section Report by: Battalion Chief of Special Operations

Budget	Category	Adj Appropriation	YTD Expenditures	% Used	Goal
6223*	OCE	\$161,625	No data	No data	25%
	Equipment	\$192,920	No data	No data	25%

*sub-budget within auxiliary service budget

Program Budget Objectives	Month	YTD	Goal
Aircraft Operational Uptime >90%	86%	91%	> 90%
Review & update SOP/SOG within cycle	0	0	>100%
Arrange annual HazTech Course		0	1 per Y
Maintain minimum proficiency training hours Rescue	288	784	3,000
Maintain minimum proficiency training hours Hazmat	0	296	600
Maintain minimum proficiency training hours Air Ops	0	9.2	30

OCEAN SAFETY BRANCH

Section Report by: Water Safety Officer V

Budget	Category	Adj Appropriation	YTD Expenditures	% Used	Goal
Ocean Safety	S&W	\$3,903,244.00	\$1,004,077	26%	29%
6228	OCE	\$364,000	No data	No data	N/A
	Equipment	\$425,736	No data	No data	N/A

Program Measures (Metrics)	September	YTD/# of people
Number of Beach Visitors	272,808	2,399,800
Number of Preventative Actions	281	2,449
Number of Minor Medical Aids	211	1,802
Number of Major Medical Aids (Transports)	7	58
Number of Rescues	51	497

Program Budget Objectives	Current	Goal
Certified Rescue Water Craft Operators >9	3	9
Provide 80% staffed tower hours to daylight	75%	80%
Maintain Updated Policies and Procedures (10)	No Data	100%

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BRANCH

Section Report by: Battalion Chief of EMS

Budget	Category	Adj Appropriation	YTD Expenditures	% Used	Goal
EMS	S&W	\$10,392,294	\$2,484,590.64	23.91%	29%
6227	OCE	\$2,767,608	\$20,309.61	0.73%	25%
	Equipment	\$1,778,900	\$0	0%	25%
Program Measures			September	YTD	
Rosc Rate			4%	6.9%	
Call Volume ALS Transport			937	17,763	
Call Volume BLS Transport			420	4,074	
Program Budget Objectives			September	YTD	Goal
Less than 10% paramedic Vacancy rate			8% (4)	8%	<15%
Quality review of 95% of Critical Calls			15%	20%	100%
Maintain a fleet of >8 Spare medics			11	11	>8 Spare

Program Highlights: EMS Branch

- The EMS Branch met with the Mayor’s Office and Office of Housing & Community Development to explore integrating Hawai’i Fire Department’s Community Paramedicine Program to support the County’s at-risk residents.
- Hawai’i Life Flight conducted a meeting to discuss integration of their services for interfacility transfers, particularly for cardiac transports between Queen’s North Hawai’i Community Hospital and Hilo Benioff Medical Center.
- EMS Branch personnel assisted the Prevention Branch at the Four Seasons Health & Wellness Fair on September 8th.
- On September 18th, EMS Branch personnel participated in the Hilo Airport Triennial Exercise.
- On September 20th, EMS Branch personnel provided standby medical support for the Alzheimer’s Association Walk at Liliuokalani Gardens.
- The two replacement EMS SUVs have departed Honolulu and are expected to arrive on island shortly.
- EMS Shopify Store – Supply Orders Data for the Month of September: 56 orders, approximately 48K in gross order sales

TRAINING SERVICES BRANCH

Section Report by: Assistant Chief of Operations

Budget	Category	Adj Appropriation	YTD Expenditures	% Used	Goal
Fire Training	S&W	\$821,168	\$110,445	13.45 %	29%
6224	OCE	\$236,060	No data	No data	N/A
	Equipment	\$2,500	No data	No data	N/A
Program Budget Objectives		FF 1 & 2	Wildland	Driver Training	
Ensure all recruits graduate with minimum certifications		In progress	Spring 2026	Spring 2026	
Program Budget Objectives		September	YTD	Goal	
Professional Development		46 personnel	68 personnel	50 personnel	
Incident Command Training		Spring 2026	No Data	100% compliance	
Structural Firefighting Training		15 personnel	15 personnel	75 personnel	
Wildland Firefighting Training		3 personnel	3 personnel	pending funding	

Program Highlights: Training Branch

- The month of September marked the start of the 54th Recruit Class, which began with instructional chapters covering fire hose, hose operations, fire suppression, and salvage/overhaul. Skills training for the month focused on hose deployments (rig to door and door to seat), nozzle operations, and hose management based on the *Nozzle Forward* curriculum, emphasizing the primary functions of Engine Companies. The final two weeks of September were dedicated to preparing recruits for Pro Board skills testing scheduled for October 3rd.
- Lesson plans, outlines, PowerPoint presentations, skill sheets, and safety guidelines were developed for the fourth quarter Company-Level Training. This quarter’s curriculum includes Forcible Entry, Structural Search, RIT Basics, and the Wildland RT-130 Module 4. The total training requirement for Operations during the fourth quarter is 20 hours.
- The Engine Company Operations cadre also prepared to deliver the Engine Operations program to Companies 9, 14, and 16. Preparations included teach-backs, skill reviews, and logistical coordination. The first class is scheduled for B Shift on September 30th.
- Additionally, Training Branch personnel attended several professional development opportunities in September, including a one-week ICS 300/400 course, as well as a two-week Wildland Operations course hosted by the Pōhakuloa Fire Department.

VOLUNTEER SERVICES SECTION

Section Report by: Senior Volunteer Services Captain

Budget	Category	Adj Appropriation	YTD Expenditures	% Used	Goal
Fire Volunteer	S&W	\$248,464.00	\$50,674	20%	29%
6225	OCE	No data	No data	No data	25%
	Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00%	No data

Program Measures	Added this month	Total
Total Volunteers	0	112

Program Budget Objectives	September	YTD	Goal
Apply to two or more grants per year	0	1	>2
Manage, and Expend Grants Completely	0%	90%	100%
Compliance of Online Training of Volunteers	1%	45%	75%
Maintain 1 spare qualified driver per volunteer station	0	32	51

FIRE PREVENTION SECTION

Section Report by: Battalion Chief of Fire Prevention

Budget	Category	Adj Appropriation	YTD Expenditures	% Used	Goal
Fire Prevention	S&W	\$1,148,168	\$252072.42	25.15	29%
6222	OCE	\$44,184	No Data	No data	25%

Program Measures	September	YTD	Last Year Comp
Inspections - Occupancy	36	60	N/A*
Public Education Events	6	31	N/A*
Plans Reviewed	46	407	N/A*
Fire Investigations	3	6	N/A*
Complaints Investigated	4	22	N/A*
Average Plan Review Time in Days	10.5	10.5	N/A*

Program Budget Objectives	Sept.	YTD	Goal
Average plans reviewed < 14 days	9.9 days	10.5 days	<14 Days
Public Education min 2 a month	6	31	24
Maintain CFIT Designation for 2 personnel min	1	1	2
Fire Inspection of High Hazard >6 per month	6	15	72 / year
EPR property list input @ 60 updates a month	36	159	720 / year

*YTD totals were not available as a new EPR system changeover occurred

AUXILIARY SERVICES SECTION

Section Report by: Battalion Chief of Auxiliary Services

Budget	Category	Adj Appropriation	YTD Expenditures	% Used	Goal
Auxiliary	S&W	\$446,102	\$115,796	26%	29%
6223	OCE	\$1,469,520	No Data	No Data	No Data
	Equipment	\$809,020	No Data	No Data	No Data

Program Measures	September	YTD
Monthly Total Order	118	373
Gross Product Sent to Dept	\$35,311	\$191,888 total
Number of variants available in warehouse	408	No Data
Variants Items in stock	331	No Data

Program Budget Objectives	September	YTD	Goal
Expenditure of OCE budget to 99% by end of fiscal	No Data	No Data	99%
Encumbrance of Equip budget to 90% by end of second quarter	No Data	No Data	90% @ 2nd
In stock percent > 90% for all warehouse variants	81%	No Data	>90%
Average fulfillment within 10 working days or less*	6.7 days	No Data	<10 days

**This does not account for weekends or holidays (date ordered to fulfillment + 3.5days for delivery)*

VEHICLE MAINTENANCE SECTION

Section Report by: Chief Mechanic

Budget	Category	Adj Appropriation	YTD Expenditures	% Used	Goal
Auxiliary	S&W	\$606,893	No Data	No Data	29%
62322	OCE	\$383,792	No Data	No Data	25%
62326	Equipment	\$25,000	No Data	No Data	25%

**sub-budget within auxiliary service budget*

Program Measures	Month	YTD	LY YTD
Number of Repairs	283	827	Next month
Service Calls	40	120	Next month
Contracted Work or Tows	18	57	Next month
DOT inspections	0	134	Next month

Program Budget Objectives	Month	YTD	Goal
Log 100% of vehicle work orders into EPR Fireworks	No Data	No Data	100%

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS BRANCH

Section Report by: Battalion Chief of Communications

Budget	Category	Adj Appropriation	YTD Expenditures	% Used	Goal
Auxiliary	S&W	\$1,853,786	\$200,001	11%	29%
6223	OCE	\$69,294	No Data	No Data	25%
	Equipment	\$0	No Data	No Data	N/A

**sub-budget within auxiliary service budget*

Program Measures			Admin (nonemergency)	Total
# of calls	Avg duration	% answered < 10 sec	# of calls	# of calls
2486	191	87%	2044	4530

Program Budget Objectives	September	YTD	GOAL
EMD Protocol Compliance 70%* or greater	39%	43%	>70%
90% of 911 calls answered in <10 seconds	87%	87%	90%
Average time to process 911 call <180	191s	186s	<180 sec
Time from Call to Dispatch <60 seconds @ 90%	133s	133s	<60 sec

**Compliance goal to increase 5% per year*

SNAPSHOTS AND STORIES

FALL 2025 PROMOTIONAL CEREMONY

On Sept. 24, a promotional ceremony was held in Hilo recognizing five personnel who have recently advanced in rank. The event marked a historic milestone for the department, celebrating the promotion of our first-ever female Battalion Chief of Operations and the first-ever Ocean Safety Chief in the department's 137-year history. Family, friends, and colleagues gathered to honor the achievements and continued dedication of these individuals to the safety and service of our island community. Congratulations!



EMERGENCY OPERATIONS HIGHLIGHTS

Battalion 1, East Hawai'i

- 9/5 Brush Fire: Ka'ala/District 17, Inc #21074, >600 acre brush fire of mixed, deep-seated fuels continues to burn within fire breaks at 90% containment. HFD remains on scene. Initial operations conducted by Co17, 8, T09, T03, C1, C2, Vol 8A, Vol 9B, Vol 9A, Vol 7B, T15, BT1. Assistance provided by DOFAW, NPS, National Guard, DPW, Salvation Army, and AT&T
- 9/23 Structure Fire in Waipio Valley Dist.8. Inc #22553 640 Sq ft house burnt to the ground. Fire extinguished by Co 8 and Co 9 with water supply being drafted from a nearby river. Cause of the fire unknown.
- 9/25 Brush Fire On Lehua St. Dist.8. Honoka'a. Inc# 22838, four acres burned. Fire extinguished by Co.8, BT9, Vol 8A, Vol 9B and C2. Cause of fire unknown.
- 9/30 Overturnd bus on Hwy 19 at the 25 mile marker in Dist.17. Inc# 23094 , 30 passengers involved. Mitigated by Co.17, E01, Co.2, M01, M03, M08, M09, AMR1, EMS1, and EMS 5

Battalion 2, West Hawai'i

- 10/2 Structure Fire: Helani Church/District 12, Inc #23250. Historic place of worship found fully involved with partial collapse. No injuries, cause unknown.

AVIATION OPERATIONS

Chopper 1 – 34.2 flight hours
Chopper 2 – 22.8 flight hours
Total combined: 57 hours

Fire – 51.1 flight hours were dedicated to fighting brush fire in the vicinity of:

- Paauilo (Mauna Kea slopes)
- Honokaa
- Pohakuloa Training Area

Rescue – 1 rescue at Black Sands by Chopper 1

Training – 0.3 flight hours for training of fire fighter personnel

Other – The remaining time was dedicated to:

- Repositioning Choppers for maintenance
- Post-maintenance operational check flights

DLNR shark survey at Magic Sands



NOTABLE RESCUE RESPONSES:

- Two Co. 2 responses for reported swimmer in distress and one response from Co 2 for a boat in distress
- One Co 7 response for reported boat in distress. Boat towed back to harbor via Rescue Boat 07

OCEAN SAFETY HIGHLIGHTS

The HFD's Rescue Watercraft Operator (RWCO) Training Program Solicitation Memo is currently in Final review and expected to be submitted to Ocean Safety Personnel by 10/17/2025 end of workday.

On 10/03/2025, the application for the HFD RWC Program Policy has been submitted and is awaiting approval from the United States Lifeguard Association (USLA) recertification process. The expected date to commence with the RWCO training program is after December 1st coinciding with the onboarding of 10 WSO Is.

VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION!



1-A (Pepe'ekeo)

6 alarms and assisted with Ka'ala on a Saturday and Sunday. Fit tested and received respirators. Brush truck back in service. Mahalo to Maluliku General Contracting for clearing area around the property.

5-C (Fern Forest)

Has now become 19-B starting October 1.

5-D (Fern Acres)

5 fire calls, company training, driver training, and a couple new members.

7-B (Kalaoa)

Responded to 3 incidents, performed vehicle maintenance, and trained on pumping operations and wildland training.

8-A (Pa'auilo)

Ongoing brush fire.

9-B (Kanehoa)

Responded to 7 fires, conducted 2 WUI trainings, and have 3 more personnel looking to be added to their roster.





11-A (Nā‘ālehu)

24+ years volunteer Ron Ebert is retiring.

16-B (Pu‘uanahulu)

27 man hours of driver training, wet drills, and vehicle maintenance and pre-checks.

19-A (Volcano)

Company 5-C has now become 19-B.

20-A (HOVE)

Responded to multiple fires over the month, including structure fires, brush fires, and unauthorized burns.

FIRE PREVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

Community Outreach, Events & Media Engagement

September 4: We participated in the Kapiolani Elementary School Health and Wellness Fair
September 8: We ran a booth at the Four Seasons Health and Wellness Fair
September 16: Captain Goo was a speaker at the National Association of State Foresters 2025 Annual Meeting. This was a presentation for our Drone program with the leadership and developers from NOVA software.



Fire Investigations



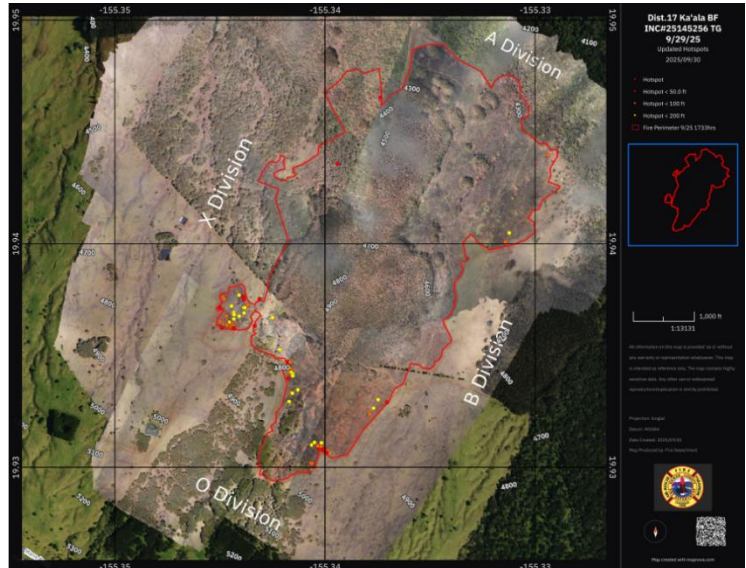
9/11: District 15, Inc# 250021520, Residential Fire
9/19: District 19, Inc# 250021837, Residential Fire
9/30: District 12, Inc# 250022865, Multifamily complex Fire

UAS Program

Dist.17 (09/05/2025-Present)

Inc#250021074: HFD's Matrice 30T was utilized for a 360 aerial view of the brushfire area. Infrared scans and searches were conducted around the perimeter of the findings. Incident maps and live footage were shared with the EOC.

The Drone team was deployed multiple times throughout the month, as the incident went from a short to long duration incident.



SAFETY PROGRAM

COOP

- Activation – Tsunami Warning on 7.29.30: After Action Review drafted; review ongoing with F2.
- October 7, 2025 exercise postponed due to scheduling conflicts. New date/time TBD.
- Established an Everbridge COOP group (Admin).
- Updated Tsunami maps from Civil Defense uploaded to COOP folder in SharePoint.

Procurement of NFPA Ground Ladder Testing Equipment/Supplies

- Ongoing process; sole source request approved by Purchasing. B202 submitted to Fiscal.

Maui FD Health & Safety Site Visit

- Site visit conducted on September 19th.
- Observed differences in Health & Safety functions, including NFPA 1582 compliant AME process integrated into their Respiratory Protection Program.
- Visited multiple facilities, including MFD's joint State Fire (ARFF) Training facility; exchanged ideas and networked on various safety challenges.

Draft OSHA Two-In/Two-Out Policy

- Under review by various Chiefs – comments due October 31st.

Draft CODE-H Procedure (Abandoned/Vacant Building Program)

- Still looking for a station/shift to trial/test the concept.

AAR – Boiling Pots Drive Training

- BC Lindsey finalized AAR with recommendations submitted to F1/F2.
- Coordination with Training & National Fallen Firefighters Foundation
- Seeking to host "Taking Care of Our Own" (LODD) training in the 1st quarter of 2026.
- Severe Event Response Team Training
- Attended at Honolulu Fire on September 3rd & 4th.

- Draft procedure developed and sent to the Safety Committee for review. If approved SERT would replace AAR process.

Respiratory Protection Program

- Awaiting response from PSI (Oahu) to replace Kunkle valves on electric Mako unit.
- US Forest Service updated guidance for respiratory use for wildland firefighters: Recommends voluntary use of N95 during non-strenuous activities or intermittently to mitigate respiratory hazards like particle exposure from smoke; first commitment to widespread provision of masks.
- HIOSH Boiler & Elevator Inspector identified an intermittently malfunctioning on/off switch on the Bauer TCOM breathing air compressor at Station 10 (Pahoa); Notice of Violation issued with deadline for correction on 11/30/25; awaiting response from PSI to determine warranty status.

Safety Concerns and Inspections

- Awaiting results of requested mold testing at Stations #4 & #5.
- Visited Station 19 (Volcano) on September 16th.
- Investigated safety concern at Station #2: Aviation refuel trailer parked too close to hangar; trailer was temporarily relocated and in process of being repositioned appropriately.

Incident/Accident Reports

- Seven new Incident/Accident reports, one new Vehicle/Property Damage report, and two Toxic exposure reports received during September.
- Joint Safety Committee
- Meeting held on September 17th; agenda and previous minutes posted to SharePoint.

CONFERENCES AND CONNECTION



Chief Todd served as a guest speaker at the Hawai'i State Association of Counties (HSAC) Conference, hosted by Hawaii Island County Councilmembers at the Westin Hapuna Beach Resort Sept. 11–12. Chief Todd's presentation focused on building a Fire-Adapted Hawai'i, highlighting collaborative efforts among counties, state agencies, and community partners to strengthen wildfire resilience across the islands.

Chief Todd was invited as a guest speaker for the University of Hawai'i at Hilo's Kuleana and Community Talk Story series on Sept. 19. The discussion centered on our shared kuleana and the actionable steps we can take toward wildfire resilience and disaster preparedness.



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