



# FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

**HAWAII FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
25 AUPUNI ST., SUITE 2501  
HILO, HAWAII 96720  
[FIRE@HAWAIICOUNTY.GOV](mailto:FIRE@HAWAIICOUNTY.GOV)

# TABLE OF CONTENTS

Chief's Office Report .....	3
Fiscal Branch Report.....	3
Grants Report.....	3
Human Resources Branch Report.....	5
Emergency Operations Division .....	7
Special Operations Branch .....	8
Ocean Safety Branch .....	9
Emergency Medical Services Branch .....	10
Training Services Branch.....	11
Volunteer Services Section.....	12
Fire Prevention Section.....	12
Auxiliary Services Section .....	13
Vehicle Maintenance Section .....	13
Emergency Communications Branch.....	14
Snapshots and Stories.....	15
EMS Highlights.....	15
Fire Prevention Highlights.....	15
Aviation Highlights .....	16
Ocean Safety Highlights.....	17
Kaala Road Brush Fire .....	18
Volunteer Training .....	18
Technical Services Highlights.....	19
Safety Program.....	20
COH Employee Recognition Program .....	21
Volleyball Tournament .....	21
18th Annual Wahine Forum.....	22
Stay Connected!.....	22

# CHIEF'S OFFICE REPORT

Section Report by Chief's Office

Program Budget Objectives	October	YTD	Goal
Maintain >95% current policies, procedures, and MOU, MOA, MAA.	59%	59%	>95%

# FISCAL BRANCH REPORT

Section Report by: Fire Accountant IV

Program Budget Objectives	QTR	YTD	Goal
Maintain budget variance within ±10% of projections for each major cost center per QTR.	-	-	±10%
Lead monthly budget meetings	1	1	12

Budget	Adj Appr	YTD Exp	% Used	Goal
Total Budget	\$76,853,168	Unknown	Unknown	

# GRANTS REPORT

Section Report by: Fiscal Division

Program Measures	October	YTD	Goal
Dollar value of grants applied for	\$0.00	\$7,060,254.00	\$5,000,000
Dollar value of grants received	\$0.00	\$2,678,274.60	\$1,000,000

Grants	Purpose	Award	Spent YTD	Update
CDBG-MIT	(3) Brush Trucks IFB 4700 (Delivered); Mobile Service Trailer IFB 4701 (Delivered 9/15/25); Mobile Command Vehicle (bids received)	\$891,420	\$891,420	Rebel Strike LLC
		\$50,576	\$50,575	Hawaii Specialty Vehicles
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 expected in January 2026
24 VFA	Supplies and equipment continue to arrive	\$317,800	\$200,175	Pending approval of time extension request
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	HFD Maintenance Shop Design	\$684,000	\$0	Allotment approved

Grant Name	Submission Deadline	Purpose	Est. Request
FY25 SAFER	Submitted to FEMA 7/1/25	Labor Cost	\$4,343,148
FY25 FP&S	Submitted to FEMA 7/2/25	Investigation Eqp	\$53,600
Rural Health Transformation Program	9/23/25	Community Paramedicine	\$2,663,506

### Program Highlights: Grants

EMS receiving an additional \$1,750,000 to launch services at Makalei Fire Station.

# 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	11/12/2025	
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	02/2025	N/A	04/2025	
Captain Prevention	N/A	N/A	N/A	No anticipated vacancies in FY 26-27
Captain Communications	02/2025	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	02/2025	N/A	04/2025	
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	October	YTD
Vacancy Rate Total	11%	11%
Vacancy Rate Admin & Support	7	9
Vacancy Rate Fire	15	15
Vacancy Rate EMS	10	10
Vacancy Rate Communications	16	16
Vacancy Rate Ocean Safety	13	14

Program Budget Objectives	October	YTD	Goal
Efficient response to human resource queries	100% of 55	100% (144)	<2 Days
	Active	Avg	Goal
Average internal investigations completion in days	5	120+*	<60 days
	Rate	Avg %	Goal
Maintain a vacancy rate below 7%	11%	11%	<36 PV

Active Recruitments by HFD	
Position	Status Report
Assistant Fire Chief	Application Screening (HR/Civil Service) October 15, 2025 (Internal).
Battalion Chief	Position Filled October 1, 2025.
Fire/EMS Specialist II	Application Screening (HR/Civil Service) October 22, 2025 (Internal).
Fire Captain	Position Filled October 1, 2025.
Fire Equipment Operator	Application Screening (HR/Civil Service) October 23, 2025.
Fire / Hazardous Materials Specialist	Application Screening (HR/Civil Service) October 29, 2025.
Fire / EMS II	Application Screening (HR/Civil Service) October 16, 2025.
Fire Fighter Recruit	Job Posted (External) October 26, 2025.
Water Safety Officer IV	Position Filled October 16, 2025.
Water Safety Officer III	Offers Extended October 10, 2025.
Water Safety Officer Is	Offers Extended October 28, 2025.
Account Clerks	Department Interviews October 29 and October 30, 2025.
Clerk IIIs	Position Filled October 16, 2025.
Lead Fire Equipment Mechanic	Application Screening (HR/Civil Service) October 1, 2025
Professional Trainee – Grants	Recruitment Delayed October 31, 2025.
Fire Communications Officer I	Offers Accepted/Start Date Set October 16, 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	S&W	\$34,967,374	\$19,047,583	54%	38%
62012	OCE	\$2,092,005	No Data	No Data	33%
(62106)	Equipment	\$1,900,177	No Data	No Data	33%
Fire - Heli	S&W	\$644,386	\$65,403	20%	38%
62112+62742	OCE	\$862,907	No data	No data	33%
62116+62746	Equipment	\$20,000	No data	No data	33%

Program Budget Objectives	October	YTD	Goal
95% of all assigned training completed	36.36%	78.16%	>95%
Daily Vehicle Checks 90% (OPS)	45.34%	48.30%	>90%
Average turn out time (total)	02:06	02:09	<01:20
99% Report completion within 10 days	97.02%	97.96%	>99%

Total Calls for Calendar Year 2025	October	YTD	%			
Fire	94	646	3.6%			
EMS	1,841	12,597	70.18%			
Other	672	4,707	26.22%			
Totals	2,607	17,950	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	October	% < 80 secs	YTD	% < 80 secs
Avg. Turn out time (Fire)	02:10	26.37%	02:25	16.55%
Avg. Turn out time (EMS)	02:04	19.22%	02:05	18.97%
Program Measures	October	% < 9 mins	YTD	% < 9 mins
Avg. Response Time (Fire)	10:50	47.31%	11:28	48.3%
Avg. Response Time (EMS)	09:12	59.07%	9:11	59.15%

Call Type	October	YTD
Wildland calls (140, 141, 142, 143)	36	261
Acres burned	2	394
Structure Fires (110 & 111)	8	67
Property and Contents - Loss	\$1,004,000	\$5,405,325
Property and Contents - Save	\$0	\$5,188,225
Other fires (all other 100 series)	50	631
Property and Contents - Loss	\$20,045	\$1,049,395
Property and Contents - Save	\$1,980,000	\$35,682,700

# 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	38%
	Equipment	\$192,920	No data	No data	33%

*\*sub-budget within auxiliary service*

*budget*

Program Budget Objectives	October	YTD	Goal
Aircraft Operational Uptime >90%	94%	95%	> 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	1,072	3,000
Maintain minimum proficiency training hours Hazmat	0	296	600
Maintain minimum proficiency training hours Air Ops	5.8	15	30

## Program Highlights: Special Operations Branch

- HAZMAT 21 responded to commercial occupancy per report of suspicious package. Found potential illegal substance, scene handed off to HPD.
- HAZMAT 4 responded to commercial occupancy per report of chemical smell. Co 4 investigated and took gas meter readings from various locations within the occupancy, negative findings. Employees reported smell had resolved and denied need for EMS.
- Rescue 7 conducted bail out training with C02. 7 Rescue personnel performed bail out drills, while 2 pilots conducted training under guidance of Instructor pilot.
- Co 2 responded to Whittington Park for swimmer in distress. Victim extricated from rocks to shoreline via C1.
- Co 2 responded to Kalopa for report of patient who fell from cliff. Patient extricated via C2 long line.

# 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	\$1,916,424	49%	38%
6228	OCE	No data	No data	No data	33%
	Equipment	No data	No data	No data	33%

Program Measures (Metrics)	October	YTD/# of people
Number of Beach Visitors	295,543	2,695,343
Number of Preventative Actions	280	2,729
Number of Minor Medical Aids	215	2,017
Number of Major Medical Aids (Transports)	5	63
Number of Rescues	55	552

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%

## Program Highlights: Ocean Safety Branch

- Rescue Watercraft program Update:
  - The HFD's Rescue Watercraft Operator (RWCO) Training Program Solicitation Process has been completed, with a total of 18 WSO Candidates who have submitted their interest. The RWCO Written Assessment will be held tentatively on November 21<sup>st</sup>.
- On 10/25/2025, the application for the HFD RWC Program Policy has been passed and accepted by the United States Lifesaving Association.

# EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BRANCH

Section Report by: Battalion Chief of EMS

Budget	Category	Adj Appropriation	YTD Expenditures	% Used	Goal
EMS	S&W	\$15,271,376	\$6,548,841	42.88%	38%
6227	OCE	N/A	N/A	N/A	33%
	Equipment	\$2,259,662	\$2,259,732	100 %	33%

Program Measures	October	YTD
Rosc Rate	10.5%	8.1%
Call Volume ALS Transport	1,886	19649
Call Volume BLS Transport	86	4160

Program Budget Objectives	October	YTD	Goal
Less than 10% paramedic Vacancy rate	8% (4)	8% (4)	< 6 vac
Quality review of 95% of Critical Calls	0%	10%	100%
Maintain a fleet of >8 Spare medics	10	10	>8 Spare

## Program Highlights: EMS Branch

- We're proud to announce the upcoming addition of Medic 21 at Makalei Fire Station. This new resource will enhance response times and strengthen our commitment to patient care. Several meetings were held with associated company officers to discuss the rollout, covering key topics such as district boundary adjustments, the establishment of second-in medic coverage areas, and updates on the current status of Medic 21.
- All EMT-P and EMT-A licensed personnel have completed their Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support (ACLS) and Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) recertifications.
- On Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, EMS Branch personnel provided medical standby support at the 2025 Ironman Triathlon in Kailua-Kona. The "Band and Scan" triage system from Pulsara was integrated to streamline communication and patient hand-offs from the event medical tent to EMS.
- The American Heart Association 2025 Guidelines have now been officially released. Training materials are currently being gathered and reviewed ahead of rolling out the new guidelines to all personnel. Full compliance with the new guidelines is expected by the end of February 2026.
- EMS Shopify Store – Supply Orders Data for the Month of October:
- 63 orders, approximately \$35K in gross order sales

# TRAINING SERVICES BRANCH

Section Report by: Battalion Chief of Training

Budget	Category	Adj Appropriation	YTD Expenditures	% Used	Goal
Fire Training	S&W	\$930,881	\$434,802	37.5%	38%
6224	OCE	\$236,060	No Data	No Data	33%
	Equipment	\$2,500	No Data	No Data	33%

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	October	YTD	Goal
Professional Development	46 personnel	68 personnel	50 personnel
Incident Command Training	Spring 2026	No Data	100% compliance
Structural Firefighting Training	30 personnel	45 personnel	75 personnel
Wildland Firefighting Training	3 personnel	3 personnel	pending funding

## Program Highlights: Training Branch

- The 54<sup>th</sup> Firefighter Recruit Class completed training on vehicle extrication, rope rescue, engine company operations, truck company operations, and HAZMAT Awareness/Operations training this month.
- BC Springer and Captain Roback were assisted by PTA Fire Lt. Zach Barros to develop sand-table training exercises as part of the Mastering Fireground Command: Calm the Chaos program implementation. These exercises allow incident commanders and captains the ability to simulate command and control for wildland firefighting operations. Training is developing standard operating guidelines to pilot during program delivery in early 2026.
- The Engine Company Operations cadre delivered the Engine Operations program to Companies 9, 14, and 16 at Pohakuloa. Approximately 30 personnel were trained in fire dynamics, water application, hydraulic ventilation, and hose deployments.



# VOLUNTEER SERVICES SECTION

Section Report by: Senior Volunteer Training Captain

Budget	Category	Adj Appropriation	YTD Expenditures	% Used	Goal
Fire Volunteer	S&W	\$248,464	\$69,845	28%	38%
6225	OCE	\$90,000	\$90,000	100%	100%
	Equipment	0	0	0%	33%

Program Measures	October	Total
Total Volunteers	0	108

Program Budget Objectives	October	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	0%	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	\$582,801	51%	38%
6222	OCE	N/A	N/A	N/A	33%

Program Measures	October	YTD	Last Year Comp
Inspections - Occupancy	58	118	N/A*
Public Education Events	8	39	N/A*
Plans Reviewed	41	448	N/A*
Fire Investigations	2	5	N/A*
Complaints Investigated	4	26	N/A*
Average Plan Review Time in Days	10.5	10.5	N/A*

Program Budget Objectives	October	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	\$199,061	44.62%	38%
6223	OCE	No data	No data	No data	33%
(Obligated)	Equipment	No data	\$809,020	No data	33%

Program Measures	October	YTD
Monthly Total Order	130	503
Gross Product Sent to Dept	\$68,702	\$87,891
Number of variants available in warehouse	453	N/A
Variants Items in stock	385	N/A

Program Budget Objectives	October	YTD	Goal
Expenditure of OCE budget to 99% by end of fiscal	No data	No data	No data
Encumbrance of Equip budget to 90% by end of second quarter	No data	No data	No data
In stock percent > 90% for all warehouse variants	85%	No data	>90%
Average fulfillment within 10 working days or less*	Average 4.8 days	No data	<10 days

\*(date ordered to fulfillment + 3.5days for delivery)

The Fire Warehouse and Auxiliary Services team continue to make steady improvements in the backlog of Shopify orders. We appreciate everyone’s patience as we make our way through the backlog of requests. **A reminder that all HFD Operations personnel should have a Shopify Account to order PPE - and that link can be found on our SharePoint page.** An updated repair and maintenance request form is also available from the department’s SharePoint page.

# VEHICLE MAINTENANCE SECTION

Section Report by: Chief Mechanic

Budget	Category	Adj Appropriation	YTD Expenditures	% Used	Goal
Auxiliary	S&W	\$451,205.00	\$209,862.13	20.76%	38%
6223	OCE	\$383,792	No Data	No Data	33%
	Equipment	\$25,000	No Data	No Data	33%

*\*sub-budget within auxiliary service budget*

Program Measures	October	YTD	LY YTD
Number of Repairs	303	1130	740
Service Calls	28	148	116
Contracted Work or Tows	13	70	69
DOT inspections	0	134	134

Program Budget Objectives	October	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
ECC	S&W	\$1,853,786	\$384,798	21%	38%
6231x	OCE	\$69,294	No Data	No Data	33%
	Equipment	\$0	\$0	N/A	N/A
e-911 Grant	OCE	\$306,883	\$41,592	14%	33%
62610	Equipment	\$2,800	\$0	0	33%

Program Measures			Admin (nonemergency)	Total
# of 911 calls	Avg duration	% answered < 10 sec	# of calls	# of calls
2,546	179	87%	2,358	4,904

Program Budget Objectives	October	YTD	GOAL
EMD Protocol Compliance 70%* or greater	40%	42%	>70%
90% of 911 calls answered in <10 seconds	87%	87%	90%
Average time to process 911 call <180	179s	185s	<180 sec
Time from Call to Dispatch <60 seconds @ 90%	151s	137s	<60 sec

*\*Compliance goal to increase 5% per year*

# SNAPSHOTS AND STORIES

## EMS HIGHLIGHTS

On Saturday, October 11th, EMS Branch personnel provided medical standby support at the 2025 Ironman Triathlon in Kailua-Kona. The “Band and Scan” triage system from Pulsara was integrated to streamline communication and patient hand-offs from the event medical tent to EMS.



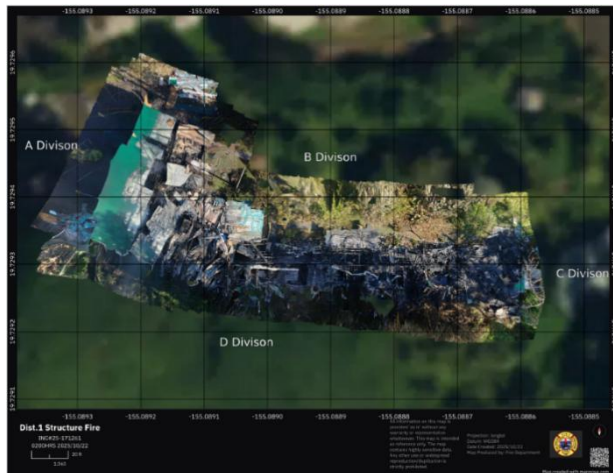
Hands-Only CPR Training: EMS Branch personnel partnered with Common Sense CPR to assist with training at Kealakehe High School.

EMS Branch personnel conducted a training for staff at Hawai'i Community College with approximately 30 participants.

## FIRE PREVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

Community Outreach, Events & Media Engagement

- October 1: Capt. Goo and Inspector Requelman assisted in a community Hazard assessment in District 9 (Waimea)
- October 3: We ran a booth at the Domestic Violence Event here at the County Building in collaboration with the Prosecutor'
- October 7: Prevention staff worked with NaLeo TV to produce 3 segments for “Fire Prevention Party” which is a podcast style segment that aims to educate the public on a variety of Fire Safety issues.



- October 23: Ka'u High School College and Career Fair booth to educate youth about our department and the many different jobs in our organization.
- October 31: Firefighter Safety Guide Presentation at E.B. DeSilva School Halloween Parade

Fire Investigations:  
10/2: District 2, Inc# 250023300,  
Commercial Fire @ Storage Facility

10/22: District 1, Inc# 250024989, Commercial Fire @ Wild Ginger Inn

UAS Program:

Dist.17 (09/05/2025-Present) Inc#250021074: (Still Ongoing, Multiple Additional Mapping trips) 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.

Fire Prevention Program Objectives

- Fire Plan Review Efficiency
  - Complete all fire assigned plan and fire protection system reviews in the EPIC system within 14 calendar days of submittal to ensure timely project approvals and support community development.
- Commercial / High Hazards Inspections
  - Conduct an average of 60 commercial fire and life safety inspections per month. This metric will be to target requirements in HRS 132 (with at least 10% being conducted at high hazard occupancies), ensuring code compliance and reducing fire risk in commercial occupancies.
- Public Education Outreach
  - Deliver a minimum of two public fire and life safety education events per month, targeting diverse audiences to promote fire prevention awareness and community resilience.

## AVIATION HIGHLIGHTS

Chopper 1 – 21.6 flight hours

Chopper 2 – 18.9 flight hours

**Total Combined – 40.5**

**EMS** – Flew a 3 week old infant to Hilo Hospital after a head on collision on Saddle Road

**Fire** – 26.3 flight hours were dedicated to fighting a brush fire on Mauna Kea.

**Rescue** – 5.3 hours involving the following rescues:

- Whittington Swimmer couldn't get out of the water and was stranded on a rock
- Pololu Valley hiker evacuated from the valley due to age and inability to hike up
- Pololu Valley cliff side rescue after victim fell of the side

**Training** – 5.8 flight hours were dedicated to:

- Preparing and executing rescue training with Station 7 rescue personnel at Old Airport in Kona.
- Pilot night currency flights.

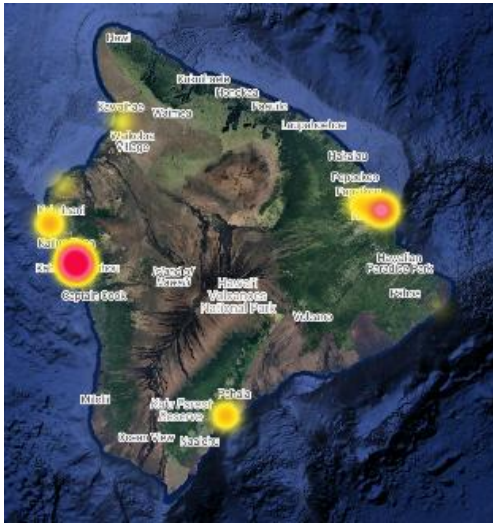
The remaining time was dedicated to:

- 1 Maintenance flight to Hilo for Chopper 2
- DLNR shark survey





## OCEAN SAFETY HIGHLIGHTS



Heat map of Major First Aids, Minor First Aids and Rescues for month of October; Watchtower Program (left)

Hawai'i Fire Department, Ocean Safety Division, WSO IV Kert-Pono Kodani officially promotes 10/16/2025. (right)



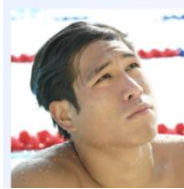
WSO Inducted to the Hawai'i Swimming Hall of Fame  
WSO Daniel Coakley was inducted into the Hawaii Swimming Hall of Fame on October 17. Congratulations!



WSO Coakley gives Hawai'i Swimming

Hall of Fame Induction Speech at the dinner ceremony at the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i in Honolulu, honoring 13 people.

Bio from: [2025 - HAWAII SWIMMING HALL OF FAME](#)



**DANIEL ZANE KAILIKOA COAKLEY**, Competitive Swimming  
2008 Beijing Olympian & "Southeast Asian Sprint King"  
Daniel Coakley was born on December 13, 1990, and raised in Kohala, Hawai'i. Daniel began swimming at the age of five, competing in novice swim meets before advancing to USA Swimming meets, where he shattered records in every age division. By age 18, Daniel had joined the ranks of the fastest 50-meter freestyle sprinters, a list that included legends like Matt Biondi and Gary Hall, Jr. He did this wearing a pair of jammers, before the introduction of high-tech fast suits.

## Lifesaving Association Board of Directors Meeting



WSO V Bradley Young, far right attends the United States Lifesaving Association Board of Directors Meeting. Making history; the first time that Hawai'i has 4 Ocean Safety Chiefs, one from each county, to have a total of 4 votes as delegates at the USLA Board of Directors meeting. Far left; Chief Edlao from Maui County. 2<sup>nd</sup> from left; Chief Vierra from Kauai County. Center; Former Ocean Safety Chief and EMS Director Ralph Goto. 2<sup>nd</sup> from right; Chief Lager – Honolulu City & County.

## KAALA ROAD BRUSH FIRE

Crews continue to fight the Ka'ala Road brushfire which began in September.



## VOLUNTEER TRAINING



### 1-A (Pepe'ekeo)

Participated in a Trunk or Treat event in the community on October 25 with over 100 children attending. Distributed magnets, bookmarks, stickers, tattoos, and fire information books. Responded to seven alarms.

### 5-D (Fern Acres)

New VFF recruitment interest.

### 7-B (Kalaoa)

Conducted driver training, pump operations, and vehicle maintenance. Responded to two calls.

### 8-A (Pa'auilo)

HFD 574 was recently designated to BT 8A. Responded to multiple incidents including brush fires and smoke investigations. Conducted multiple trainings and facility maintenance and cleaning.

### 9-B (Kanehoa)

Assisted on two fires (O'okala and Old Māmalahoa Highway), held two hose trainings, and opened the station for homeowners to hold their annual meeting.

### 10-D ('Ainaloa)

New VFF recruitment interest.

### 11-A (Nā'ālehu)

Captain Ron Ebert officially retired after 24+ years of service.

### 11-C (Discovery Harbour)

Interested individuals observed company training.

### **16-B (Pu‘uanahulu)**

Completed 56 man-hours of training on exterior structure fires and a forestry line wet drill. Drove medical vans for the Ironman Triathlon and hosted the quarterly volunteer captains' meeting at Station 16B. Conducted station maintenance and pre-checks.

### **19-A (Volcano)**

Conducted trainings and responded to a brush fire incident. Performed facility maintenance and cleaning.

### **19-B (Fern Forest/Eden Roc)**

Officially transitioned from 5C as of October 1. Pack radios have been converted accordingly. New BT 19B is operational, already involved in training, and has responded to incidents.

October 8: BT 19B and X19B responded to a vehicle fire with two personnel, were initially denied entry by property owners, gained access once HPD and HFD arrived, and mitigated the incident.

October 13: BT 19B responded to a brush fire.

### **20-A (HOVE)**

Responded to multiple calls including one smell of smoke, one structure fire, two brush fires, one uncontrolled burn, and one smoke visible.

## **TECHNICAL SERVICES HIGHLIGHTS**

### **NERIS Transition**

- Hawaii Fire Department became the first department in the State of Hawaii to transition from NFIRS to NERIS on October 1<sup>st</sup>. While there were a few issues with BC profile access and BC Quality Check validation rules which were resolved the transition went well.
- NERIS resources are available on the HFD SharePoint site technical services division.

### **Windows 10 end of life**

- Windows 10 end of life was October 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Microsoft will no longer release security updates for Windows 10.
- If the computer you use (including MDTs) has not been upgraded to Windows 11, please contact technical services.

### **Email Migration from hosted exchange to outlook.com**

- In late October DIT migrated all HFD emails from hosted exchange to Outlook.com.
- Mailboxes are now 20GB size with an online archive of 100GB.
- Shared mailboxes got changes to groups.
- Native email applications on mobile devices no longer work, Outlook App (available in the app store for smart phones) is now required.

### **MioVision pilot project on E01**

- At the end of October Banyan Networks installed additional inputs to the Cradlepoint installed in Engine 01 so the Cradlepoint can receive additional data regarding if parking brake is engaged, light bar is on and turn signals are on for the vehicle. These inputs along with GPS location are being sent to MioVision's cloud-based servers. This will be used to trigger traffic signal preemption on pilot

traffic signals. The goal is to see if switching to GPS based traffic signal preemption is a feasible replacement for the current IR system.

### **M10 Starlink pilot**

- M10 was out of service at mechanic shop for part of October.
- When in service, 4% of the time Cradlepoint is online (not necessarily on a call) Starlink connection is being used. Working with State DOH on fine tuning configuration.

### **Inventory and Item Checks in FireWorks**

- Quarterly inventory and item checks are active in FireWorks.
- iPads have been distributed to stations for inventory and item check use.
- Project to get COH Wi-Fi at every station in the works.

## **SAFETY PROGRAM**

### **COOP**

- Two-phase exercise originally scheduled for October 7, 2025, postponed due to multiple conflicts; new date/time TBD.

### **Procurement of NFPA Ground Ladder Testing Equipment/Supplies**

- B-202 approved by Purchasing; awaiting PO; ETA for arrival mid-December with anticipated roll-out in March 2026 (subject to change).
- V8 form sent to vendor; awaiting return with original signature.

### **Draft OSHA Two-In/Two-Out Policy**

- Reviewed by Support Services and Operations respective Chiefs; updated version with feedback/comments to be reviewed by the Safety Committee for final recommendations to F1/F2.

### **Coordination with Training & National Fallen Firefighters Foundation**

- Hosting "Taking Care of Our Own" (LODD) training in the 1st quarter of 2026; confirmed for Thursday, March 5th, and Friday, March 6th.
- High-probability NFFF will also host an info-session on the Federal Public Safety Officer Benefit tentatively slated for the afternoon on Wednesday, March 4th; details and registration info forthcoming.

### **Severe Event Response Team Training**

- Draft procedure developed and sent to the Safety Committee for review.

### **Respiratory Protection Program**

- Awaiting rollout of MS 365 by IT to reconcile fit testing and flow-testing data from various (non-networked) computers.
- Received response from PSI (Oahu) to replace Kunkle valves on electric Mako unit (\$2,600); awaiting approval from Fiscal (may need bid); updated quote from PSI awaited to submit REV-1; REV-1 pending approval.
- 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; intent to have PSI correct both issues (Kunkle valves and on/off switch) on the same trip.
- Failed air quality tests (10/15): Both Mako units at Waiakea out of service until further notice due to high moisture content (no particles or contaminants);

investigation and corrective steps taken. Return to service pending follow-up test results.

- All affected SCBA bottles multi-purged and returned to service; post-correction tests confirmed no ongoing issues related to moisture.
- Some new SCUBA bottles procured for immediate use; vendor will visually inspect the remainder; Chief Lindsey coordinating.
- Pahala's TCOM light at Station 1 and Pahoa's TCOM in service; Makalei's TCOM pending follow-up results from an inadequate sample.
- In the process of obtaining a different type of test for evaluation (more expensive but simpler and less susceptible to collection issues).

### **Safety Concerns and Inspections**

- Mold testing at Stations #4 & #5: DPW initially declined testing; amended work orders submitted.
- HFD met with DPW regarding environmental (primarily mold) testing requested for Stations #4 and #5; updated R&M work orders submitted for ongoing moisture issues.
- HFD in the process of seeking professional services for environmental testing (inclusive of lead, etc.) to manage internally; SOQs and a list of vendors obtained from the Parks and Recreation

### **Incident/Accident Reports**

- Two new Incident/Accident, and three Toxic Exposure reports received during October.

### **Joint Safety Committee**

- Meeting scheduled for October 15th cancelled due to lack of a quorum; next meeting scheduled for November 19th.

## **COH EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION PROGRAM**

The County of Hawai'i held its 57th annual Employee Recognition awards ceremony on Oct. 2 at Aunty Sally Kaleohano's Lū'au Hale in Hilo.

Twenty-three exemplary employees were nominated for the categories of Manager, Supervisor, and Employee of the Year.

Employee of the Year Nominee:  
Ericksen Kohatsu, Fire/EMS Specialist II



## **VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT**



County, Federal, and State Fire Department personnel from across the island came together on October 25 for the annual Fire Volleyball Tournament held at Waimea District Park. Teams showed great energy and sportsmanship throughout the day, with close matches keeping spectators on their feet. In addition to showcasing athletic skills, the tournament strengthened the bonds that help firefighters work together effectively in the field.

# 18TH ANNUAL WAHINE FORUM

The Wahine Forum, the state’s largest leadership and career development conference for women, was held in Honolulu on October 24.

Battalion Chief Melanie Keolanui was one of the speakers of the *Women Who Save Lives* breakout session where she spoke about the valuable lessons she learned while working a dangerous job, the unique challenges she faces firefighting, and how she manages the immense stress that comes with working under such high stakes.



# FALL HFD CAMPING TRIP



The Hawai'i Fire Department enjoyed a return to beautiful Ke'ei in October to relax, unwind, and reconnect outside of work. Mahalo to everyone who joined and helped make the weekend memorable. For those interested in future trips, please look out for upcoming announcements.

# STAY CONNECTED!



See what we're up to on social media! Follow the Hawai'i Fire Department for the latest updates, photos, and behind-the-scenes looks at our work in the community. Check out our recent posts!

END REPORT