



FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

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CHIEF'S OFFICE REPORT

Section Report by Chief's Office

Program Budget Objectives	November	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	November	YTD	Goal
Dollar value of grants applied for	\$0.00	\$7,720,254	\$5,000,000
Dollar value of grants received	\$0.00	\$2,678,274	\$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	\$50,576	Hawaii Specialty Vehicles (pending award)
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 USDA VF Cap. IFB 4520	Bid awarded to Orchid Isle Ford for 2 Brush Trucks. County match \$278,590	\$278,590	\$73,041	Delivery expected 01/2026. Pending approval of time extension request
24 USDA Vol. Fire Cap. Project	Supplies and equipment continue to arrive	\$317,800	\$200,175	Pending approval of time extension request
Leleiwi 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
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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

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	Position filled 12/01/2025
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	Position filled 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 Positions filled 11/16/25
Fire Equipment Operator	10/12/2025	1/6/2026	2/24/2026	
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	4 Position filled 12/01/2025
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	November	YTD
Vacancy Rate Total	10.5%	11%
Vacancy Rate Admin & Support	5	9
Vacancy Rate Fire	15	15
Vacancy Rate EMS	10	10
Vacancy Rate Communications	16	16
Vacancy Rate Ocean Safety	8	14

Program Budget Objectives	November	YTD	Goal
Efficient response to human resource queries	100% of 53	100% (199)	<2 Days
	Active	Avg	Goal
Average internal investigations completion in days	6	120+*	<60 days
	Rate	Avg %	Goal
Maintain a vacancy rate below 7%	10.5%	11%	<36 PV

Active Recruitments by HFD	
Position	Status Report
Assistant Fire Chief	Offer Extended November 12, 2025.
Battalion Chief	Position Filled October 1, 2025.
Fire/EMS Specialist II	Offers Extended November 10, 2025.
Fire Captain	Position Filled October 1, 2025.
Fire Equipment Operator	Application Screening (HR/Civil Service) Complete Nov. 23, 2025.
Fire / HazMat Specialist	Application Screening (HR/Civil Service) Oct. 29, 2025.
Fire Fighter Recruit	Application Period Closed November 25, 2025.
Water Safety Officer III	Position Filled November 16, 2025.
Water Safety Officer Is	Offers Extended October 28, 2025.
Account Clerks	Position Filled November 16, 2025.
Clerk IIIs	Department Interviews December 2, 2025.
Lead Fire Equip. Mechanic	Department Interviews November 12, 2025.
Professional Trainee – Grants	Job Description Finalized November 14, 2025.
Fire Communications Officer I	Offers Accepted/Start Date Set

**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	\$23,371,086	67%	46%
62012	OCE	\$2,092,005	No Data	No Data	42%
(62106)	Equipment	\$1,900,177	No Data	No Data	42%
Fire - Heli	S&W	\$329,364	\$95,369	29%	46%
62112+62742	OCE	\$862,907	No data	No data	42%
62116+62746	Equipment	\$20,000	No data	No data	42%

Program Budget Objectives	November	YTD	Goal
95% of all assigned training completed	54%	78.16%	>95%
Daily Vehicle Checks 90% (OPS)	45%	48%	>90%
Average turn out time (total)	02:06	02:09	<01:20
99% Report completion within 10 days	97%	98%	>99%

Total Calls for Calendar Year 2025	November	YTD	%			
Fire	56	1014	3.6%			
EMS	1,833	19,904	70%			
Other	683	7,396	26%			
Totals	2,572	28,314	100%			
Year	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025 (est.)
Total Calls	25,015	27,398	29,594	30,738	31,143	30,888

Program Measures	Nov	% < 80 secs	YTD	% < 80 secs
Avg. Turn out time (Fire)	02:10	14%	02:26	17%
Avg. Turn out time (EMS)	02:04	21%	02:03	18.97%
Program Measures	Nov	% < 9 mins	YTD	% < 9 mins
Avg. Response Time (Fire)	11:09	43%	11:30	48%
Avg. Response Time (EMS)	09:07	59%	9:09	59%

Call Type	November	YTD
Wildland calls (140, 141, 142, 143)	7	267
Acres burned	2100	3054
Structure Fires (110 & 111)	5	72
Property and Contents - Loss	\$968,150	\$6,373,475
Property and Contents - Save	\$1,356,150	\$6,373,475
Other fires (all other 100 series)	44	675
Property and Contents - Loss	\$0	\$1,049,395
Property and Contents - Save	\$0	\$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	46%
	Equipment	\$192,920	No data	No data	42%

**sub-budget within auxiliary service budget*

Program Budget Objectives	Nov	YTD	Goal
Aircraft Operational Uptime >90%	97%	95.2%	> 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	1,360	3,000
Maintain minimum proficiency training hours Hazmat	320	616	600
Maintain minimum proficiency training hours Air Ops	5.8	15	30

Program Highlights: Special Operations Branch

- Confined Space Retraining ongoing through the month of November and completed by Rescue and HAZMAT Companies "B" and "C." "A" Shift to perform their annual refresher in early December.
- Co 2 and C1 responded per report of Opihi picker who had fallen from cliff. Patient extracted by long line via C1 and transferred to M1 for transport to HMC.
- Co 2 and C1 responded to Nanawale Estates per report of overdue hiker. Male party located and extracted by C1 and FRS, male party refused medical treatment or transport.
- Co 7 and C2 responded to a call for four swimmers in distress near Puako, 2 of the individuals were able to swim to shore under their own power, two were picked up by ski 2 and transported to shore.

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	\$2,188,195	56%	46%
6228	OCE	\$364,000	No data	No data	42%
	Equipment	\$425,736	No data	No data	42%

Program Measures (Metrics)	November	YTD # of people
Number of Beach Visitors	325,747	3,021,090
Number of Preventative Actions	1006	3,735
Number of Minor Medical Aids	271	2,288
Number of Major Medical Aids (Transports)	12	75
Number of Rescues	68	620

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 Written Assessment Process has been completed, with a total of 4 WSO Candidates who have passed. The RWCO Physical Assessment will be held tentatively on December 12th.

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	\$7,932,645	52%	46%
6227	OCE	\$2,767,608	N/A	N/A	42%
	Equipment	\$2,259,732	\$2,252,161	100 %	42%

Program Measures	November	YTD
ROSC Rate	0% (Multiple incomplete hospital reports)	7.9%
Call Volume ALS Transport	1,394	21043
Call Volume BLS Transport	605	4765

Program Budget Objectives	November	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

- The EMS Branch attended a ceremony for the blessing of Life Flight Network’s newest air ambulance aircrafts on November 6th.
- An assessment center for the Fire Medical Specialist II positions was held on November 7th. Four candidates participated.
- EMS Branch personnel assisted the Training Branch in certifying the 54th firefighter recruit class in Basic Life Support (BLS) training.
- Training on the Pulsara app has now begun for the medics serving the Kona Community Hospital catchment area.
- The EMS Branch and personnel in the current MICT class attended the Queen’s Medical Center Trauma Symposium on November 21st. This one-day event featured educational presentations and discussions led by local and national trauma experts.
- Capt. Lam provided a great presentation to local healthcare leaders on the importance of technology and appropriate health data exchange with prehospital providers.
- EMS Shopify Store – Supply Orders Data for the Month of November:
- 76 orders, approximately \$55K in gross order sales

*Call Volume metrics have variances over the past 3 months due to data point changes on acquisition. Currently working with SDOH and ESO to produce more accurate data.

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%	46%
6224	OCE	\$236,060	No Data	No Data	42%
	Equipment	\$2,500	No Data	No Data	42%

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	November	YTD	Goal
Professional Development	53 personnel	121 personnel	50 personnel
Incident Command Training	Spring 2026	No Data	100% compliance
Structural Firefighting Training	30 personnel	45 personnel	75 personnel
Wildland Firefighting Training	1 personnel	4 personnel	pending funding

Program Highlights: Training Branch

- The 54th Firefighter Recruit Class completed NFPA 1001, Firefighter II ProBoard Training and is preparing for written and psychomotor skills testing.
- The 54th Recruits assisted with the Surfer’s Healing Event on November 22 at Waiuli Beach Park. Surfer’s Healing is a non-profit sharing the joy of surfing with disabled youth.
- BC Springer and FEO Jeremy Tekurio attended Maui Fire Department’s Fire Officer I class from November 17-21 as part of curriculum development to revive our former Officer Development program. The training meets NFPA 1021 Job Performance Requirements (JPRs) to include emergency management, incident command, community risk reduction, public relations, human resources, budget process, leadership, and administration.
- 33 personnel and 18 recruits attended our Frank Viscuso Leadership series, which included three different workshops targeting chief officers, company officers/driver operators, and firefighters. The series is based on his three books, including Step Up and Lead, Flash Point, and 35 Things Every Firefighter Must Know and Do.



VOLUNTEER SERVICES SECTION

Section Report by: Senior Volunteer Training Captain

Budget	Category	Adj Appropriation	YTD Expenditures	% Used	Goal
Fire Volunteer	S&W	\$248,464	\$89,336	36%	46%
6225	OCE	\$90,000	\$90,000	100%	42%
	Equipment	0	0	0%	N/A

Program Measures	November	Total
Total Volunteers	1	109

Program Budget Objectives	November	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%	46%	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	\$696,745	61%	46%
6222	OCE	\$44,184	N/A	N/A	42%

Program Measures	November	YTD	Last Year Comp
Inspections - Occupancy	76	194	N/A*
Public Education Events	8	39	N/A*
Plans Reviewed	41	448	N/A*
Fire Investigations	4	9	N/A*
Complaints Investigated	1	27	N/A*
Average Plan Review Time in Days	10.5	10.5	N/A*

Program Budget Objectives	Nov.	YTD	Goal
Average plans reviewed < 14 days	10.1 days	10.6 days	<14 Days
Public Education min 2 a month	7	46	24
Maintain CFIT Designation for 2 personnel min	1	1	2
Fire Inspection of High Hazard >6 per month	6	29	72 / year
EPR property list input @ 60 updates a month	27	186	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	\$234,671	53%	46%
6223	OCE	\$1,469,520	No data	No data	42%
(Obligated)	Equipment	\$809,020	\$470,559	58%	42%

Program Measures	November	YTD
Monthly Total Order (38-PPE \$7,574.11, 46-supplies \$11,463.99)	84	582
Gross Product Sent to Dept	\$19,038	\$248,549
Number of variants available in warehouse	440	N/A
Variants Items in stock	393	N/A

Program Budget Objectives	November	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	77%	No data	>90%
Average fulfillment within 10 working days or less*	7.5	No data	<10 days

July 90 orders \$48,525.03 (\$6,755.25 Supplies, \$41,769.78 PPE)
 August 126 orders \$71,123.32 (\$12,567.56 Supplies, \$58,555.76 PPE)
 September 111 orders \$29,984.84 (\$17,489.24 Supplies, \$12,495.60 PPE)
 October 144 orders \$79,878.34 (\$24,453.99 Supplies, \$55,424.35 PPE)

VEHICLE MAINTENANCE SECTION

Section Report by: Chief Mechanic

Budget	Category	Adj Appropriation	YTD Expenditures	% Used	Goal
Auxiliary	S&W	\$451,205	\$209,862	57%	46%
6223	OCE	\$383,792	No Data	No Data	42%
	Equipment	\$25,000	\$450.25	2%	42%

**sub-budget within auxiliary service budget*

Program Measures	November	YTD	LY YTD
Number of Repairs	204	1130	964
Service Calls	34	148	152
Contracted Work or Tows	10	70	85
DOT inspections	0	134	134

Program Budget Objectives	November	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	\$445,018	24%	46%
6231x	OCE	\$69,294	No Data	No Data	42%
e-911 Grant	OCE	\$294,303	\$98,722	34%	42%
62610	Equipment	\$2,800	\$14,000	500%	42%

Program Measures			Admin (nonemergency)	Total
# of 911 calls	Avg duration	% answered < 10 sec	# of calls	# of calls
2,482	189	86%	2,163	4,645

Program Budget Objectives	November	YTD	GOAL
EMD Protocol Compliance 70%* or greater	49%	44%	>70%
90% of 911 calls answered in <10 seconds	86%	87%	90%
Average time to process 911 call <180	182s	184s	<180 sec
Time from Call to Dispatch <60 seconds @ 90%	152s	140s	<60 sec

**Compliance goal to increase 5% per year*

SNAPSHOTS AND STORIES

OPERATIONS HIGHLIGHTS

Battalion 1

- 11/3 Structure fire at Kauhale Olu Apts. District 1, Inc# 26047 in the second-floor unit. All occupants accounted for, no fatalities. Fire controlled with a transitional attack from Co.1, Co.2, Co.3 and Co.4. Cause of fire arson per HPD.
- 11/4 Structure fire on Ainaola Dr. District 3, Inc# 26056. 2500 sq ft fully involved upon arrival. Fire controlled by Co.1, Co.2, Co.3 and Co.4. Cause of fire unknown.
- 11/7 Brush fire on Mana road six miles in off Mauna Kea access. District 4, Inc# 26347 multi-day incident 2100 acres burned. Fire controlled with Co.4, Co.1, Co.3 and multiple volunteer units with help from DOFAW, DPW, HIANG and PTA. Cause of fire unknown.
- 11/29 Structure Fire at the Pu'ueo Poi Factory District, Inc# 28230. 20,000 sq ft 14 unit two story converted apartment building 60% involved upon arrival. Building suffered extensive fire damage with 70% of the building collapsed. Fire was controlled with Co.1, Co.2, Co.3 and Co.4. Two civilian fatalities found during overhaul, all other occupants confirmed out of the structure and accounted for by HPD. Cause of fire under investigation.
- 11/30 Structure Fire at 193 Kinoole St. Dist.1, Inc# 28289. Fire Companies 1, 2, 3 and 4 responded to a structure fire at 193 Kinoole St. across the Texaco gas station. Upon arrival found dual use business and apartment building 50% to 60% involved with flames visible from the street. Building initially involved along with the neighboring structure on 207 Kinoole St. subsequently collapsed due to fire damage, additional structure at and 140 Haili St. suffered extensive fire damage. Seven known residents were evacuated from the involved structures, all were accounted for by HPD patrol and left the scene prior to HFD inspectors arrival.

Battalion 2

- 11/25 structure fire district 15 at 1520 Companies 15,14,9 and BC-2 fire was contained to building of origin.

FIRE PREVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

Community Outreach, Events & Media Engagement

- November 6: Capt. Goo assisted in a community Hazard assessment in District 9 at Pu'uanahulu with HWMO (Waimea)
- November 7: We ran a booth at the Kealakehe high School Career Fair to encourage students to learn more about the Fire Department and what type of jobs we have.
- November 18: Inspectors Requelman and Nakata provided a booth at the Healthcare career expo at Sangha Hall.



- November 30: Captain Goo participated in the lion's club Christmas parade in downtown Hilo

Fire Investigations:

- 11/4: District 1, Inc# 250026047, Multi-family Residential @ Kumula St Housing
- 11/27: District 3, Inc# 250028101, Residential Fire
- 11/29: District 1, Inc# 250028230, Multi-family Residential @ Old Poi Factory
- 11/30: District 1, Inc# 250028289, Mixed use (Residential / Commercial) @ Kinoole St.

UAS Program:

Dist. 4 (11/11/2025) Mana road Inc#250026347: HFD's Matrice 30T and the Mavi Pro were 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.



AVIATION HIGHLIGHTS

Chopper 1 – 18.8 flight hours
 Chopper 2 – 11.8 flight hours
Total Combined – 30.6

Fire – 24.7 flight hours were dedicated to fighting a large 2100 acre brush fire on Mauna Kea near Mana Road.

Rescue – 2.9 hours involving the following rescues:

- Opihi picker was washed into the ocean.
- A hiker was overdue and couldn't be located by the party.
- Swimmer reported off Mahukona ended up being rubbish floating offshore.



Training – 0.6 flight hours were dedicated to:

- Training with Station 16 personnel
- Practice with the new dual hook cargo system on Chopper 1

The remaining time was dedicated to:

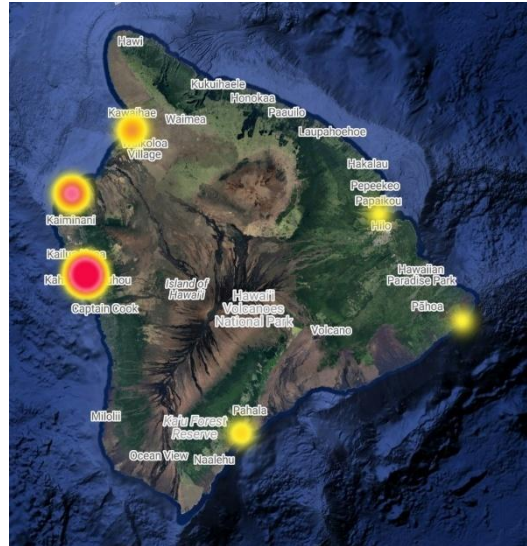
- 1 Special service flower drop and fly over event
- 1 Maintenance flight on Chopper 1
- DLNR shark survey

OCEAN SAFETY HIGHLIGHTS

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

Career Expo

WSO II Causey and WSO Henkel Participate in the Career Opportunities Expo 2025; 11/13/25



Testing of Dolphin 3

- BC Keawe and BC Young and SKI-1 test the Dolphin 3; Unmanned Water Rescue System 11/24/2025. (left)
- WSO II Kealoha testing out the Dolphin 3 Manual Rescue Mode (center)
- RWC Operator Henkel and WSO II Crewperson testing out the Dolphin 3 Rescue Device – manual mode (right)



VOLUNTEER TRAINING

1-A (Pepe'ekeo)

Responded to structure fire at Kau Hale Olu.

5-B (Hawaiian Acres)

Attended monthly department meetings and assisted Vibrant Hawaii with food distribution in the community.

5-D (Fern Acres)

CPR/AED training for VFF, 2 new VFF are close to becoming official VFF.

7-B (Kalaoa)

Responded to the Mana Rd brush fire and also conducted training on wildland tactics and performed vehicle maintenance.



8-A (Pa'auilo), 9-A (Waiki'i), 14-A (Kohala)

Responded to Mana Rd brush fire on Mauna Kea.

9-B (Kanehoa)

responded to 3 fire calls, 2 on Mana Rd, and 1 on Kanehoa st, They also conducted various hose drills for company training.

10-D (Ainaloa)

Responded to Mana Rd brush fire on Nov. 8th & 9th assisting with fire suppression and mop up. Company training conducted reviewing wildland firefighting, operational procedures, fireground safety and tactics. VFF M. Santiago successfully passed DCC audit. Welcomed new VFF Angelina-Rae Palma.

11-A (Na'alehu), 11-C (Discovery Harbor), 11-D (Pahala)

CPR/AED Training.

16-B (Pu'uanahulu)

hHd over 98 manhours responding to Mana Road brushfire and consequential maintenance. They also conducted prechecks and ground maintenance.

19-A (Volcano), 19-B (Fern Forest/Eden Roc)

Responded to Mana Rd Brush fire on Mauna Kea. CPR/AED Training.

20-A (HOVE)

Conducted their monthly scheduled training and have several new community members interested in volunteering. They are currently in various stages of the initial stages to become a volunteer.

TECHNICAL SERVICES HIGHLIGHTS

NERIS Transition

- Modify BC QC validation rule error message to clearly state what is required for report approval.

Email Migration from hosted exchange to outlook.com

- Corrections for distribution list that contained contacts outside hawaiicounty.gov.
- Online version of email now Outlook.com.

MioVision pilot project on E01

- Working on issue that Cradlepoint is going into sleep mode and not transmitting data to MioVision, ignition sense i/o cable may need to be reconnected. This is only affecting MioVision pilot, other data and GPS location still transmitting to County Network and CAD

M10 Starlink pilot

- Cradlepoint tech support made improvements to configuration.
- 8% of data usage through Starlink for October.
- M08 next unit planned for pilot, install should be completed in December.

SAFETY PROGRAM

Respiratory Protection Program

- Waiakea Mako breathing air compressors (both units) remain Out of Service following failed air quality tests that began 10/15/25.
 - Initial failure showed marginal high moisture (71 ppm); subsequent tests showed one unit passed but paperwork was incomplete, preventing positive identification.
 - Third-round testing (11/24) revealed both units failed again with extreme identical moisture readings (568 ppm).
 - All affected SCBA bottles were multi-purged and returned to service; post-correction checks confirmed no ongoing moisture-related issues in bottles.
 - PSI (Oahu) scheduled to arrive first week of December 2025 to replace Kunkle valves on the electric Mako unit, troubleshoot both Waiakea compressors, and conduct in-service training.
- HIOSH violation (Pahoa Station 10 Bauer TCOM on/off switch) closed as of 11/17/25 after station personnel were unable to replicate the reported malfunction; HIOSH accepted continued close monitoring in lieu of immediate repair.
- Makalei compressor passed retest and is certified; Pahoa and Pahala (TCOM light) compressors remain certified and in service.

- Simpler, more reliable air-quality test kits (Safety Lab Plus CGA-347, SLP-1740) ordered (25 kits) and received at Warehouse 11/20/25; significantly easier collection process; to be implemented following PSI visit.
- Vendor inquiries for in-person quarterly testing training were unsuccessful; vendors provide written instructions and YouTube videos only.

Procurement of NFPA Ground Ladder Testing Equipment/Supplies

- Purchase Order issued 11/17/25; equipment fabrication lead time 6–8 weeks (anticipated arrival mid-late January 2026).
- Draft written testing procedure completed.

Environmental / Mold & Lead Testing

- Professional Services contract submitted to Purchasing for Lehua Environmental to perform comprehensive environmental testing (mold, lead, etc.) and abatement as needed.
- DPW conducted site visit at Kaumana (Station 8) on 11/21/25; follow-up visit with bucket truck scheduled for roof access.
- Ongoing coordination with DPW for Stations 4 and 5 moisture issues via updated R&M work orders.
- Follow-up air sampling at Station 18 (post-July abatement) continues to show indoor particle levels well controlled and below outdoor levels; abatement remains effective.

Draft OSHA Two-In/Two-Out Policy

- No additional movement in November; updated draft with Chiefs' feedback remains pending Safety Committee review and final recommendations to F1/F2.

Coordination with Training & National Fallen Firefighters Foundation

- "Taking Care of Our Own" (LODD) training confirmed for Thursday–Friday, March 5–6, 2026.
- NFFF info-session on Federal Public Safety Officer Benefit tentatively planned for Wednesday afternoon, March 4, 2026 (details/registration forthcoming).

Severe Event Response Team Training

- Draft procedure remains with Safety Committee for review (no update).

Incident/Accident Reports

- One new Incident/Accident report received (hand burn at Mana Road fire).
- Memo received regarding M10 apparatus damage; formal Vehicle Damage report pending.

Joint Safety Committee

- November 19, 2025 meeting cancelled due to lack of quorum. Next meeting date TBD.

HĀWEO AWARD RECIPIENT

Chief Mechanic Aaron Buyuan received the Hāweo Award during a Nov. 5 presentation in Hilo Council Chambers. He was recognized for his leadership, professionalism, and exceptional service in managing the department’s fleet operations. Congratulations, Chief Mechanic Buyuan!



BLESSINGS

Life Flight Network is now operating on Hawai'i Island, with a helicopter in Kona and a fixed-wing aircraft in Hilo. A blessing was held on Nov. 6 at Ellison Onizuka Kona International Airport, attended by Chief Todd, EMS staff, and partners. Within the first 24 hours, crews transported two patients. The aircraft operate as mobile intensive care units, improving response times, patient care, and connections to higher-level facilities statewide.



A blessing was held on Nov. 5 at the Mechanic Shop for two new fuel trucks donated by the Daniel R. Sayre Memorial Foundation. Fire Chaplain Renee Godoy presided, with Laura Mallery-Sayre, Dr. Frank Sayre, Fire Mechanic staff, and Station 2 personnel in attendance.



An additional blessing was held in Hilo on Nov. 17 for three new Ford F-450 brush trucks funded through the CDBG Program. The units will be assigned to Volunteer Companies 5B Hawaiian Acres, 11A Nā'ālehu, and 11C Discovery Harbor, replacing vehicles that have been in service for up to 45 years.



WAIMEA FIRST RESPONDERS EVENT

Our Community First Responders

Hawai'i County Police Department
Interim Chief Mahuna
Assistant Chief Bird
Waimea Police Station

Hawai'i County Fire Department
Fire Chief Kazuo Todd
Deputy Chief Daniel Volpe
Waimea Station 9
South Kohala Station 14
Waikoloa Station 16
Kohala Station 15
Kona Station 7
Makalei Station 21
VFD Anekona 9 Bravo
VFD Waikii 9 Alpha
VFD Kohala 14 Alpha
VFD Pu'uanahulu 16 Bravo
VFD Pa'auilo 8 Alpha
VFD Kona 7 Bravo

Ocean Safety West Hawai'i Lifeguards

Hawai'i County Civil Defense
Waimea CERT

U.S. Army Garrison at Pohakuloa
Commander LTC Tim Alvarado
PTA Police Chief Trevor Lay
PTA Fire Chief Michael Diehl

Medical Practioners
Queen's NHCH
Kipuka o ke Ola (KOKO)
Kaiser Permanente Waimea/Paniolo Pediatrics
Hamakua Kohala Health Center
Mango Medical/Waimea Primary Care
Hilo Benioff Medical Center

On November 21, the Waimea community gathered for the Mahalo First Responders event, recognizing and celebrating the service of our firefighters, police, EMS personnel, and volunteers.



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Vice Chair of the Fire Commission, Mr. Steven Hiramaki, passed away on Nov. 26. We thank him for his leadership, service, and guidance during his time on the Commission. He will be missed.



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