



FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

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CHIEF'S OFFICE REPORT

Section Report by Chief's Office

Program Budget Objectives	January	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	January	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 Amt	Spent	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
		\$1,121,897	\$0	Pierce Manufacturing
FY23 AFG (08/2024-08/2026)	Hazard Zone (IDLH) Incident. Command and a Control Training Program	\$488,722	\$145,241	27.02% spent as of 1/31/2026
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
24 USDA Vol. Fire Cap. Project	Supplies and equipment continue to arrive	\$317,800	\$290,753	Grant expired 12/31/2025

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
SAFER	12 temp. firefighter positions	\$2,678,274	\$0	Recruitment pending

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	N/A	N/A	N/A	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	TBD	N/A	TBD	
Captain Prevention	N/A	N/A	N/A	No anticipated vacancies in FY 26-27
Captain Communications	1/31/2026	N/A	TBD	1 position vacant; role posted 1/31/2026
FMS III	N/A	N/A	N/A	No anticipated vacancies in FY 26-27
WSO IV	N/A	N/A	N/A	No anticipated vacancies in FY 26-27
Fire Prevention Inspector II	N/A	N/A	N/A	No anticipated vacancies in FY 26-27
WSO III	TBD	TBD	TBD	1 position vacant as of 1/1/2026
WSO I	01/25/2026	TBD	TBD	DHR to share qualified candidates
Fire Equipment Operator	10/12/2025	1/6/2026	2/24/2026	15 candidates passed exam
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	TBD	TBD	TBD	4 Position filled 12/01/2025
Fire Rescue Specialist	TBD	TBD	TBD	
Hazardous Materials Tech	10/19/2025	1/13/2026	3/3/2026	4 candidates passed exam

**Version one of an annual recruitment calendar*

Program Measure	January	YTD
Vacancy Rate Total	8%	10%
Vacancy Rate Admin & Support	3	9
Vacancy Rate Fire	15	15
Vacancy Rate EMS	8	10
Vacancy Rate Communications	10	16
Vacancy Rate Ocean Safety	5	14

Program Budget Objectives	January	YTD	Goal
Efficient response to human resource queries	100% of 44	100% (260)	<2 Days
	Active	Avg	Goal
Average internal investigations completion in days	10	120+*	<60 days
	Rate	Avg	Goal
Maintain a vacancy rate below 7%	8%	10%	<36 PV

Active Recruitments by HFD	
Position	Status Report
Fire Captain	Exam Notices sent January 27, 2026.
Fire Captain – Emergency Communications	Job Posting Online (Internal) January 31, 2026.
Fire Equipment Operator	Exam conducted 01/06/2026.
Fire / Hazardous Materials Specialist	Exam conducted 01/13/2026.
Fire Fighter Recruit	PAE/Exam date is set on January 31, 2026.
Fire / EMS Recruit	Job Posting Online January 1, 2026 (on open-continuous since December 2025).
Water Safety Officer I	Job Posting Online January 25, 2026.
Account Clerk	Application (HR/Civil Service) January 9, 2026.
Clerk III	Application (HR/Civil Service) January 1, 2026.
Fire Equipment Mechanic	Job Posting Online December 28, 2025.
Professional Trainee – Grants	Application (HR/Civil Service) January 23, 2026.
Human Resources Technician II	Job Posting Online January 18, 2026.

**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	\$ 34,967,574	\$ 30,606,465	88%	63%
62102	OCE	\$ 2,658,301	\$ 2,126,061	80%	58%
62106	Equipment	\$ 2,622,176	\$ 491,946	19%	58%
Fire - Heli	S&W	\$ 329,364	\$ 135,375	41%	63%
62112+62742	OCE	\$ 962,399	\$ 515,179	54%	58%
62116+62746	Equipment	\$20,000	\$ 0	0%	58%

*OCE & Equipment is based on expenditure report through 02/10/26

Program Budget Objectives	January	YTD	Goal
95% of all assigned training completed	89%	89%	>95%
Daily Vehicle Checks 90% (OPS)	60%	60%	>90%
Average turn out time (total)	02:27	02:14	<01:20
99% Report completion within 10 days	NA	NA	NA

Total Calls for Calendar Year 2026	January	YTD	%
Fire	81	81	3%
EMS	1,961	1,961	72%
Other	686	686	25%
Totals	2,728	2,728	100%

Year	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026 (est.)
Total Calls	27,398	29,594	30,738	31,143	31,162	32,736

Program Measures	JAN	% < 80 secs	YTD	% < 80 secs
Avg. Turn out time (Fire)	02:29	13%	02:22	18%
Avg. Turn out time (EMS)	02:06	20%	02:06	19%

Program Measures	JAN	% < 9 mins	YTD	% < 9 mins
Avg. Response Time (Fire)	11:11	44%	10:46	44%
Avg. Response Time (EMS)	08:56	61%	8:56	61%

Call Type	January	YTD
Wildland calls (140, 141, 142, 143)	13	13
Acres burned	1.2	1.2
Structure Fires (110 & 111)	11	11
Property and Contents - Loss	\$ 700,400	\$ 700,400
Property and Contents - Save	\$ 330,000	\$ 330,000
Other fires (all other 100 series)	57	57
Property and Contents - Loss	\$ 0	\$ 0
Property and Contents - Save	\$ 0	\$ 0

SPECIAL OPERATIONS BRANCH

Section Report by: Battalion Chief of Special Operations

Budget	Category	Adj Appropriation	YTD Expenditures	% Used	Goal
62302*	OCE	\$161,625	No data	No data	58%
62306*	Equipment	\$192,920	No data	No data	58%

**sub-budget within auxiliary service budget*

Program Budget Objectives	JAN	YTD	Goal
Aircraft Operational Uptime >90%	97%	96%	> 90%
Review & update SOP/SOG within cycle	0	0	>100%
Arrange annual HazTech Course		0	1 per Y
Maintain minimum proficiency training hours Rescue	376	1,832	3,000
Maintain minimum proficiency training hours Hazmat	0	696	600
Maintain minimum proficiency training hours Air Ops	4	27	30

Program Highlights: Special Operations Branch

Aviation

- 1/10/2026 – Company 18, Company 2, and Chopper 1 responded to Hawai'i Paradise Park per report of a female party trapped at the base of a cliff. The female party was extracted via long line and transported by ground ambulance to HMC.
- 1/24/2026 – Company 11, Company 2, and Chopper 1 responded to District 11 per report of a missing diver. The male party was located via Chopper 1; the body was recovered and transferred to Medic 11.

Rescue

- 1/11/2026 – Company 7 responded to a report of a swimmer in distress at Waiaha Bay. A Fire Rescue Specialist and T/A FRS located the swimmer approximately 100 yards offshore and assisted the individual to the shoreline. The patient denied the want or need for EMS evaluation or transport.
- 1/13/2026 – Company 3 and Company 2 responded to Stainback Highway per report of a missing hunter. The search extended into 1/14/2026, at which time the hunter was located. No EMS services were required.
- 1/15/2026 – Company 12, Company 7, and Chopper 2 responded to Keauhou per report of kayakers caught in strong winds and in distress. Five (5) kayaks with nine (9) people onboard were assisted safely to the shoreline.
- 1/31/2026 – Company 12 and Company 7 responded to Kahalu'u Beach Park, where two (2) surfers were located with lifeguards outside of the surf break and were unable to return to shore due to high surf and strong currents. Rescue Boat 7 retrieved the victims and transported them to Keauhou Pier. No EMS services were required.

HazMat

- There were no significant hazardous materials incidents during January.
- SERT AFFIRM training will enhance departmental readiness and technical expertise in the expanding response area of alternative energy hazards.

OCEAN SAFETY OPERATIONS BRANCH

Section Report by: Water Safety Officer V

Budget	Category	Adj Appropriation	YTD Expenditures	% Used	Goal
Ocean Safety	S&W	\$ 3,903,244	\$ 2,854,242	73%	63%
62802	OCE	\$ 515,053	\$ 455,487	88%	58%
62806	Equipment	\$ 294,335	\$80,358	27%	58%

**OCE & Equipment is based on expenditure report through 02/10/26*

Program Measures (Metrics)	January	YTD # of people
Number of Beach Visitors	443,024	443,024
Number of Preventative Actions	386	386
Number of Minor Medical Aids	283	283
Number of Major Medical Aids (Transports)	2	2
Number of Rescues	61	61

Program Budget Objectives	Current	Goal
Certified Rescue Watercraft Operators >9	3	9
Provide 80% staffed tower hours to daylight	80%	85%
Maintain Updated Policies and Procedures (10)	No Data	100%

Program Highlights: Ocean Safety Branch

Rescue Watercraft Operator Program Update:

The HFD's Rescue Watercraft Operator (RWCO) Training Program's 2nd round of Solicitation, written exam and physical assessment examination (PAE) has been completed. One candidate has passed all skills and will be enrolled in the RWCO training. 3rd round of RWCO (PAEs) will be conducted with training commenced on March 1st with a minimum of 4 candidates.

WSO I recruitment update:

WSO I selection process is completed. 5 WSO's have been hired, orientation and training began December 16th.

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	\$ 10,405,302	68%	63%
62702	OCE	\$ 2,511,503	\$ 1,085,642	43%	58%
62706	Equipment	\$ 5,014,520	\$ 2,754,424	55%	58%

**OCE & Equipment is based on expenditure report through 02/10/26*

Program Measures	January	YTD
ROSC Rate	6.2%	6.2%
Call Volume ALS Transport	1123	1123
Call Volume BLS Transport	658	658

Program Budget Objectives	January	YTD	Goal
Less than 10% paramedic Vacancy rate	8% (4)	8% (4)	< 6 vac
Quality review of 95% of Critical Calls	0%	0%	100%
Maintain a fleet of >8 Spare medics	9	9	>8 Spare

Program Highlights: EMS Branch

- The EMS Branch provided a two-day EMR skills training for WSO I personnel, completing their certification.
- The 54th Firefighter Recruit class has started their EMT training with Kapi’olani Community College
- The Fall 2025 paramedic class completed two weeks of clinical training in Honolulu, rotating through hospital shifts and ambulance ride-alongs with the City and County of Honolulu EMS.
- On January 17th, The EMS Branch assisted with medical standby at the 29th Annual KWXX Ho’olaule’a in downtown Hilo. During this event, the Pulsara “Band and Scan” triage system was used to streamline communication, patient tracking, and handoffs.
- EMS Branch personnel assisted with medical standby at the Mitsubishi Championship Golf Tournament held at the Hualalai Golf Course.
- We would like to welcome and thank Dr. Terrence Jones for stepping in as the department’s interim Medical Director following the tragic loss of Dr. Fitz.
- The 2nd and final County Council hearing for funding of the Makalei ambulance was held, bringing us closer to getting ambulance services running out of Makalei Fire Station to better serve the surrounding community.
- EMS Shopify Store – Supply Orders Data for the Month of January:
 - 75 orders, approximately \$46K 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	\$ 586,318	63%	63%
62402	OCE	\$ 252,073	\$ 95,813	38%	58%
62406	Equipment	\$ 84,893	\$ 51,707	61%	58%

**OCE & Equipment is based on expenditure report through 02/10/26*

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	January	YTD	Goal
Professional Development	53 personnel	174 personnel	50 personnel
Incident Command Training	18 personnel	18 personnel	100% compliance
Structural Firefighting Training	30 personnel	45 personnel	75 personnel
Wildland Firefighting Training	2 personnel	6 personnel	pending funding

Program Highlights: Training Services Branch

- HFD Training met with HCC Fire Science Program representatives to align the program with job performance expectations of firefighter recruits. This partnership is essential to meet future hiring needs.
- The 54th Firefighter Recruit Class began EMT training at KCC under Instructor Chris Kelly. Initial testing results show recruits are meeting academic standards.
- Two, 20-hour hands-on wildland command workshops were completed at PTA. 18 personnel completed this initial Calm the Chaos training for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) initiative. Structural firefighting workshops begin in Spring 2026.
- Collaborated with BC Lindsey and BC Young to plan training and solicit personnel for HAZMAT technician, Aquatics Competency Certification-Operations Instructor, and Swiftwater Rescue Technician.

VOLUNTEER SERVICES SECTION

Section Report by: Senior Volunteer Training Captain

Budget	Category	Adj Appropriation	YTD Expenditures	% Used	Goal
Fire Volunteer	S&W	\$ 263,514	\$ 222,767	85%	63%
62502	OCE	\$ 218,541	\$ 172,404	79%	58%
62506	Equipment	\$ 377,934	\$ 287,903	76%	58%

*OCE & Equipment is based on expenditure report through 02/10/26

Program Measures	January	Total
Total Volunteers	0	113

Program Budget Objectives	January	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%	46%	75%
Maintain 1 spare qualified driver per volunteer station	0	32	51

FIRE PREVENTION BRANCH

Section Report by: Battalion Chief of Fire Prevention

Budget	Category	Adj Appropriation	YTD Expenditures	% Used	Goal
Fire Prevention	S&W	\$ 1,148,168	\$ 913,088	80%	63%
62202	OCE	\$ 55,375	\$ 34,464	62%	58%
62206	Equipment	\$ 40,000	\$ 0	0%	58%

*OCE & Equipment is based on expenditure report through 02/10/26

Program Measures	January	YTD	Last Year Comp
Inspections - Occupancy	63	63	219
Public Education Events	4	4	42
Plans Reviewed	37	37	484
Fire Investigations	4	4	11
Complaints Investigated	16	16	28
Average Plan Review Time in Days	10.5	10.5	10.5

Program Budget Objectives	Jan	YTD	Goal
Average plans reviewed < 14 days	10.1 days	10.6 days	<14 Days
Public Education min 2 a month	3	3	24
Maintain CFIT Designation for 2 personnel min	1	1	2
Fire Inspection of High Hazard >6 per month	3	3	72 / year
EPR property list input @ 60 updates a month	47	47	720 / year

AUXILIARY SERVICES BRANCH

Section Report by: Battalion Chief of Auxiliary Services

Budget	Category	Adj Appropriation	YTD Expenditures	% Used	Goal
Auxiliary	S&W	\$ 446,102	\$ 305,373	68%	63%
62302	OCE	\$ 1,883,077	\$ 1,285,490	68%	58%
62306	Equipment	\$ 953,005	\$ 236,882	25%	58%

**OCE & Equipment is based on expenditure report through 02/10/26*

Program Measures	January	YTD
Monthly Total Order (93-PPE 34,523.71, 55 supplies \$16,040.99)	148	802
Gross Product Sent to Dept	\$ 50,565	\$ 324,963
Number of variants available in warehouse	473	N/A
Variants Items in stock	431	N/A

Program Budget Objectives	January	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	91%	No data	>90%
Average fulfillment within 10 working days or less*	7	No data	<10 days

Program Highlights: Auxiliary Services Branch

- Fire Maintenance Worker Jon Mitsuda has been hard at work repairing and replacing small engine equipment with a target turnaround of within one week when parts are available.
- North Kohala, Waimea, Honokaa, and Kaumana Fire Stations all have their extractors on site, with North Kohala's and Kaumana's units fully installed.
- With the combined efforts of Support Services and Operations personnel, the warehouse has successfully fulfilled and delivered station orders in less than the 10-day goal timeframe.

VEHICLE MAINTENANCE SECTION

Section Report by: Chief Mechanic

Budget	Category	Adj Appropriation	YTD Expenditures	% Used	Goal
Auxiliary	S&W	\$451,205	\$ 341,267	76%	63%
62322	OCE	\$ 645,857	\$ 583,295	90%	58%
62326	Equipment	\$25,000	\$ 1,828	7%	58%

*OCE & Equipment is based on expenditure report through 02/10/26

Program Measures	January	YTD	LY YTD
Number of Repairs	177	1515	1418
Service Calls	24	209	227
Contracted Work or Tows	9	90	114
DOT inspections	0	134	134

Program Budget Objectives	January	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	\$ 615,323	33%	63%
62312	OCE	\$ 94,681	\$ 37,424	40%	58%
e-911 Grant	OCE	\$294,303	\$98,722	34%	58%
62610	Equipment	\$2,800	\$14,000	500%	58%

*OCE & Equipment is based on expenditure report through 02/10/26

Program Measures			Admin (nonemergency)	Total
# of 911 calls	Avg duration	% answered < 10 sec	# of calls	# of calls
2,660	209	84%	2,254	4,914

Program Budget Objectives	January	YTD	GOAL
EMD Protocol Compliance 70%* or greater	63%	50%	>70%
90% of 911 calls answered in <10 seconds	84%	86%	90%
Average time to process 911 call <180	209s	187s	<180 sec
Time from Call to Dispatch <60 seconds @ 90%	151s	144s	<60 sec

*Compliance goal to increase 5% per year

SNAPSHOTS AND STORIES

OPERATIONS HIGHLIGHTS

Battalion 1

- 1/13/2026 **Lost Hunter** Stainback Hwy at Flume Rd. Inc# 01166. Co.2 and Co.3 responded to a lost hunter in the evening. Female party found the next day in the afternoon with no injuries.
- 1/16/2026 **Structure Fire** HPP Subdivision Inc# 01414. Co. 18, Co.5 and Co.10 responded to a structure fire on 4th Ave. in the HPP Subdivision. Single story residence fully involved upon arrival. Fire was extinguished and overhauled, cause of the fire is unknown.
- 1/21/2026 **Structure Fire** Waimaka O'Pele Rd. District 5. Inc# 1778. Co.5, Co.19 and T03 responded to a Structure fire in Mountain view. Upon arrival found a warehouse 50% involved with partial collapse to the rear wall. Fire was extinguished and overhauled, cause of the fire is unknown.
- 1/22/2026 **Structure Fire** Hawaiian Acres Dist.5. Inc# 01907. C0.5, Co.19 and T3 responded to a structure fire in Hawaiian Acres on Rd.2. Single story 900 square foot residence fully involved on arrival of HFD units. One occupant unable to evacuate the structure and was confirmed deceased. Fire extinguished and overhauled, cause of fire is under investigation.
- 1/24/2026 **Missing diver** Honuapo Bay Dist.11 Inc#2064. Co.11, Co.2 and C1 responded for a missing diver. Victim located DOA and transported to Ka'u ER.
- 1/27/2026 **Brush Fire** Fern Forest Dist.19 Inc# 2347. Co.19, Co. 5, Vol 19B, Vol 5D and C1 responded to a brush fire on Ala Naualani Rd. Fire was extinguished by ground crew and monitored overnight for flare ups. Cause of the fire is under investigation.

Battalion 2

- 1/1, Inc# 0001; **Structure Fire:** Dist. 7 Companies responded to a large, two-story Single-Family Residence that was fully involved upon arrival. 2 occupants were self-extricated and accounted for early on. No injuries or deaths. Cause of fire was undetermined.
- 1/1, Inc# 0007; **Structure Fire:** Dist. 14. Companies responded to a Single-Story, Single-Family Residence that was fully involved upon arrival. 3 vehicles were also partially damaged due to close proximity and heat. Family of 4 self-extricated prior to HFD arrival and was accounted for early on. No injuries or deaths. Cause of fire was undetermined.
- 1/12, Inc# 0989; **Structure Fire:** Dist. 20. Companies responded to a single story, unfinished single-family residence that was fully involved upon arrival. No occupants were living in the house at the time. No injuries or deaths. Cause of fire was undetermined.
- 1/15, Inc# 1283; **Canoe in Distress:** Dist.12. Co.12, Rescue Co.7, C2 responded to a report of a canoe in distress. Upon arrival, 5 kayakers were in distress with 9 victims. All persons were assisted back to shore by Sea Leg 7 and C2. No injuries were reported.
- 1/20, Inc# 1730; **Structure Fire:** Dist. 6. Companies 6, 20 and 12 responded to a single-family residence, fully involved upon arrival of first unit. No one was home at the time of the fire. No injuries reported. Cause of the fire was undetermined.

- 1/23, Inc# 2011; **Structure Fire:** Dist. 20. Companies 20 and 11 responded to a single-family residence, fully involved upon arrival of first unit. No one was home at the time of the fire. No injuries reported. Cause of the fire was undetermined.
- **Special Services:**
 - 1/16/26 – Co.7 supported and assisted with the Hawaii Technology Academy in Kailua Kona with a safety presentation and truck display.
- **Events:**
 - 1/23/26 FMS I. Lindsey Hawaeo award presentation
- **Training:**
 - 1/13-14/26 and 1/28-29/26 Battalion 2 "A" and "C" platoons participated in Calm the Chaos Hands on Command Workshops up at Pohakuloa Training Area.
 - 1/25 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

January 6: Prevention staff hosted NFPA representative Gary Honold for an NFPA code update training at the WHCC.

January 10/11: Fire Prevention staff said Farewell to Chief Kazuo Todd. Captain Goo led the media team in capturing his services with Firefighter K. Willey and Na Leo.

January 13: Captain Goo spent a morning with Station 17 personnel testing the chipper for our upcoming Chipper/Fuel Management program with HWMO. We are expecting a rollout of the program to support Firewise communities in their fuel reduction efforts.



January 17: Captain Goo and Inspectors Nakata and Moniz attended 2026 KWXX Ho'olaule'a completing Tent and Stage inspections as well as occupancy control at the Palace Theater throughout the night.

January 19: Captain Goo in collaboration with HWMO spoke on HFD's UAS program and the use of UAS in Wildfire incidents to all state and county fire departments.



January 24: Fire Inspectors Requelman, Nakata and Moniz participated in the UH Hilo Ellison S. Onizuka Science Day Foundation Event

January 26-29: Captain Goo attended the IAFC Maui Wildfire Exchange with all county fire departments, DOFAW, State Fire Marshal and HWMO to learn about best practices in wildland fire programs focusing on effective response, fire-adapted communities, and building resilient landscapes. It was a valuable opportunity to learn from larger-scaled departments, identify areas for improvement, and better understand proactive approaches to wildland fire.



Fire Investigations:

- Fire Investigations: (4) Total
- 1/1: District 9, Inc#26000007, Residential Fire
- 1/7: District 14, Inc# 26000007, Residential Fire
- 1/16: District 5, Inc#26001409, Residential Fire
- 1/22: District 5, Inc# 26001902, Residential Fire (1) Fatality

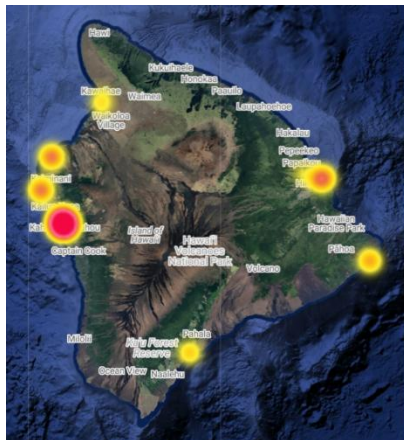
UAS Program:

UAS Program is currently Out of Service as All Drones are under required maintenance. The repairs and maintenance are taking slightly longer than expected due to off-island servicing, with an estimated date of February 2026 to be back in service.

OCEAN SAFETY HIGHLIGHTS

Heat Map

Heat map of Major First Aids, Minor First Aids and Rescues for month of January; Watchtower Program



New WSOs

WSO I Recruit Training Graduation at Hapuna Beach Park 1/16/26



Olukai Footwear Distributions, East Hawaii (1/27/26) and West Hawaii (1/28/26)



Rescue Watercraft PAE at Hilo Bayfront 1/30/26

VOLUNTEER TRAINING

1-A (Pepe'ekeo)

Conducted monthly training and maintenance

1-A (Pepe'ekeo), 5-B (Hawaiian Acres), 5-D (Fern Acres), 9-A (Waiki'i), 9-B (Kanehoa), 10-D (Ainaloa), 11-A (Nā'ālehu), 11-C (Discovery Harbor), 11-D (Pāhala), 14-A (Kohala) – Conducted monthly training and maintenance

6-B (Kona Paradise)

Responded to 1 structure fire in Kona Paradise, conducted monthly training and maintenance

7-B (Kalaoa)

Responded to 4 calls, attended Chief Todd's memorial services, conducted monthly training and maintenance

8-A (Pa'auilo)

Responded to 2 brushfires, 4 smoke sighted calls. Conducted monthly training and maintenance.

16-B (Pu'uanahulu)

Conducted monthly training and maintenance, attended Chief Todd's memorial service. 19-A (Volcano), 19-B (Fern Forest) – Special service, cleaned off volcanic ash from Cooper Center roof and playground.

19-B (Fern Forest)

Responded to Fern Forest brushfire, assigned containment along road edge and hot spots. One green waste fire.

20-A (HOVE)

Responded to 2 smoke visible alarms, performed vehicle and equipment audit, equipment inventory, monthly training and maintenance

TECHNICAL SERVICES HIGHLIGHTS

Fireworks CoHnect Integration

EPR Fireworks roster daily export to CoHnect payroll system has been completed and all bugs worked out. Daily at 1:00pm HST CoHnect pulls the days roster data from Fireworks. This data is then added to the timecards of the employees, with not worked entries requiring supervisor approval same as if employee made a New Absence entry in CoHnect. Since the Captain or Supervising FEO sets the roster daily in Fireworks this eliminates duplication of work. Minutes saved per employee each day will accumulate into countless work hours saved over the course of a year.

Email Migration from Hosted Exchange to Outlook.com

Distribution list for outside of hawaiicounty.gov domains has been completed.

Emails sent to the Fire distribution group will also be sent to Fire Commissioners and Volunteer Fire Captains who don't have a hawaiicounty.gov email address.

Spillman CAD One Touch Buttons

Tested enabling CAD one touch buttons and worked on revising CAD MDT instructions. Enabling this will allow units equipped with an MDT (ruggedized vehicle laptop) to change their call status via the MDT touch screen instead of having to radio dispatch. Plan to have these enabled once instructions revision has been completed and memorandum sent.

SAFETY PROGRAM

Respiratory Protection Program

- All five department breathing air compressors remain certified through March 20, 2026.
 - Haihai TCOM-light remains Out of Service (corroded 37-point electrical connector between generator and compressor). FASO/Mechanics evaluating repair options; does not affect air quality.
 - Mobile Mako 5400 compressor reassigned from Waiakea to Haihai (Training); air leak identified on Bank #4 (O/C). PSI and Mechanics coordinating assessment/repair.
 - IFB 26-0129 (Furnish and Deliver One Mobile Breathing Air Compressor) awarded to PSI for Bauer TCOM. Estimated delivery late June/early July 2026.
 - ASME storage tanks on Waiakea electric Mako confirmed compliant (HIOSH Boiler Inspector Syd Nagata, 1/26/26; Mako engineer 2/2/26). No additional hydrostatic testing or service intervals required beyond the current HIOSH permitting.
- FireWorks PPE/SCBA tracking module rollout in progress (weekly checks).
- Annual SCBA flow testing 100% complete; fit-testing ~60% (data reconciliation resolved; MSA trainer cadre limited—recruiting additional personnel and exploring part-time return of retired Captain Mantz).

Procurement of NFPA Ground Ladder Testing Equipment/Supplies

- Purchase Order issued November 17, 2025; \$13,000 destructive testing equipment in fabrication. Vendor status inquiry sent 2/2/26; anticipated arrival soon. Draft testing procedure complete; station rotation and training video planned upon receipt.

Environmental / Mold & Lead Testing

- Professional Services contract with Lehua Environmental for comprehensive mold/lead/abatement testing remains under review by Corporation Counsel.
- Follow-up particle sampling at Station 18 (1/30/26) post-Episode 41: indoor levels elevated but attributable to recent volcanic fallout; relative humidity low (unfavorable for mold). No return to pre-abatement highs.
- Kaumana and Kea'au mold testing pending contract finalization; DPW abatement response ongoing.

Volcanic Fallout / Air Quality Concerns (Ka'ū District)

- Post-Episode 41 monitoring and damp-cleaning SOP distributed. HEPA purifiers, temporary sealing, and window/AC upgrades are proceeding via emergency procurement (Pāhala and Ocean View). Similar mitigations are recommended for Punalu'u lifeguard towers.
- DOH air quality in Ka'ū remained "Good" during Episode 40 (1/12/26). Ongoing vog/PM monitoring via IVHHN dashboard.

OSHA / HIOSH Reporting

- OSHA 300A Summary forms for 2025 completed and posted on SharePoint (thank you to Fiscal and HR). REQUIRED posting at each facility February 1–April 30, 2026.
- U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses (2025) completed and submitted.
- OSHA 300A and BLS results submitted to DILR/HIOSH and County Safety Section as required.

Coordination with Training & National Fallen Firefighters Foundation

- "Taking Care of Our Own" (LODD) training confirmed March 5–6, 2026. Formal Training Notice published; registration open on NFFF site. Notices sent to outside agencies and neighbor islands.
- Public Safety Officer Benefit information session confirmed Wednesday, March 4, 2026 (online or in-person).

Safety Concerns and Inspections

- ANSI/ISEA 107 Type P Class 2 hi-vis vests confirmed appropriate for all HFD roadway incidents.
- Volunteer PPE inspection resources provided; repair/replacement advised based on findings.
- Indoor heat exposure evaluation at Warehouses completed by OSCER; recommendations issued (hydration, ventilation, heat index monitoring). Exploring evaluations at additional high-risk locations.
- IPSDI Exposure Tracker and FireCARES demo completed; demo account in development for HFD.

Incident/Accident Reports

- Multiple 2025 Incident/Accident, Vehicle/Property Damage, and Toxic Exposure reports reconciled for OSHA 300.
- January 2026: 2 Incident/Accident, 2 Vehicle/Property Damage, 4 Toxic Exposure reports (including three from 1/23 structure fire).

Joint Safety Committee

- January 28, 2026, meeting held (minutes distributed). Previous minutes approved; meeting schedule adjusted to last Wednesday of each month (except February—Thursday 2/26 due to promotional assessments).

- Next meeting: tentatively Wednesday, February 25, 2026.

Additional Safety Committee highlights (full minutes on SharePoint): in-station gear extractors now four in service; Waiākea no recent roof leaks; Two-In/Two-Out draft policy under union review; Hearing Conservation Program draft pending AME alignment; Swiftwater rescue equipment standardization ongoing.

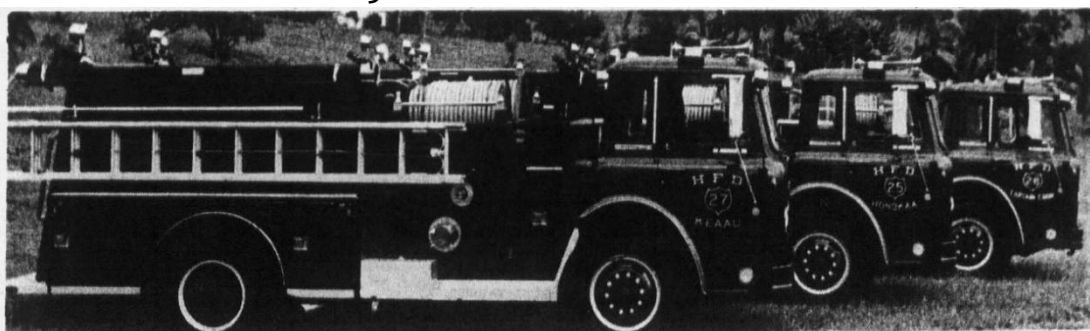
HĀWEO AWARD

Over the past year, FMS II Imiola Lindsey repeatedly worked extended 72-hour periods to ensure continuous ALS coverage for Ocean View Estates and surrounding areas. He represents the very best of our department’s mission to save life and property, safeguard our community, and serve with aloha. In recognition of his impact, he was selected as the January 2026 Hāweo Award recipient, Chief Todd’s final Hāweo selection. Congratulations!



THROUGH THE YEARS

This month’s flashback is to August 5, 1971 via the Hawai’i Tribune Herald.



NEWEST FIREFIGHTING HARDWARE — Three Hawaii County Fire Department pumpers went into service at Keaau, Captain Cook and Honokaa Fire Stations this week following their acceptance Monday by Bruce McCall, County Managing Director, on behalf of Mayor Shunichi Kimura. The diesel powered trucks have a 750-gallons-of-water-per-minute pumping capacity, carry a 500-gallon water tank on board, boast a fire hose load which can stretch to a distance of 1,700 feet and will have crews of three to five men, Battalion Chief Donald Thompson said after the acceptance ceremony in front of the Hawaii County Building Monday morning.

To submit a Throwback photo, please upload it to the SharePoint folder (Documents, Throwback Photos) or email fire@hawaiicounty.gov. Printed photos may also be brought to Fire Administration for scanning and archival and will be returned upon request.

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Chief Kazuo Todd's services on January 10 and 11 were a powerful reminder of what makes the Hawai'i Fire Department so special. In the midst of profound loss, our department came together with professionalism, unity, and heart, showing Hawai'i County and the State what we stand for and what we can accomplish when we work as one.

The planning and coordination were substantial, made even more challenging by the closeness of Chief's passing. Yet representatives from multiple agencies and islands, current and retired HFD members, County and State officials, family, and friends set aside their own grief, worked long hours, and delivered a service that honored Chief Todd, the Fire Service, and his enduring legacy.



Mahalo to those who worked directly with the Services Committee, and to every member past and present who stood in review, served in the Honor Guard, supported the reception desk and operations behind the scenes, and ensured the services were carried out with dignity. Your efforts reflected the very best of our department.

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