



FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

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CHIEF'S OFFICE REPORT

Section Report by Chief's Office

Program Budget Objectives	February	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 $\pm 10\%$ of projections for each major cost center per QTR.	-	-	$\pm 10\%$
Lead monthly budget meetings	1	1	12

Budget	Adj Appr	YTD Exp	% Used	Goal
Total Budget	\$ 85,053,276*	\$66,294,468*	Unknown	

*Budget numbers have not been verified.

GRANTS REPORT

Section Report by: Fiscal Division

Program Measures	February	YTD	Goal
Dollar value of grants applied for	\$0.00	\$7,720,254	\$5,000,000
Dollar value of grants received	\$ 22,498	\$2,678,275	\$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 2/28/2026
23 USDA VF Cap. IFB 4520	Bid awarded to Orchid Isle Ford for 2 Brush Trucks. County match \$278,590	\$278,590	\$278,590	Brush trucks delivered. Grant closed.
24 USDA Vol. Fire Cap. Project	Supplies and equipment continue to arrive	\$317,800	\$290,753	Grant expired 12/31/2025. Grant closed.

FY 25 USDA Vol. Fire Cap. Project	Brush Truck 16B Pu'uanahulu Volunteer Fire Station	\$90,000	\$0	Rebid March 2026. Request to extend grant period.
Leleiwi Lifeguard Tower (Fair Share Funds)	Surveyor Jr. lifeguard tower furnished by Newport Laminates	\$54,785	\$0	Delivery expected in June 2026.
SAFER	12 temp. firefighter positions	\$2,678,274	\$0	Grant accepted
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

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	03/8/2026	N/A	TBD	
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	02/10/2025	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	3/9-11/2026	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	02/22/2026	TBD	TBD	1 position vacant as of 1/1/2026. MQs and E&E underway
WSO I	01/25/2026	03/04/2026	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	04/2026	TBD	TBD	4 Position filled 12/01/2025. Memo requested new recruitment 02/20/26.
Fire Rescue Specialist	TBD	TBD	TBD	

Hazardous Materials Tech	10/19/2025	1/13/2026	3/3/2026	4 candidates passed exam
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**Version one of an annual recruitment calendar*

Program Measure	February	YTD
Vacancy Rate Total	9%	10%
Vacancy Rate Admin & Support	7	9
Vacancy Rate Fire	15	15
Vacancy Rate EMS	7	10
Vacancy Rate Communications	9	16
Vacancy Rate Ocean Safety	7	14

Program Budget Objectives	February	YTD	Goal
Efficient response to human resource queries	100% of 45	100% (305)	<2 Days
	Active	Avg	Goal
Average internal investigations completion in days	9	120+*	<60 days
	Rate	Avg	Goal
Maintain a vacancy rate below 7%	9%	10%	<36 PV

Active Recruitments by HFD	
Position	Status Report
Fire Captain	Assessment Notices sent February 27, 2026.
Fire Captain – Emergency Communications	Job Posting Online (Internal) January 31, 2026.
Fire Equipment Operator	Assessment conducted 02/24-25/2026.
Fire / Hazardous Materials Specialist	Assessment Notices sent 02/17/2026.
Fire Fighter Recruit	PAE/Exam date 02/24-26/2026
Fire Fighter Recruit (SAFER grant)	Application (HR/Civil Service) draft 02/26/2026.
Fire / EMS Recruit	Job Posting Online January 1, 2026 (on open-continuous since December 2025).
Water Safety Officer I	Assessment Notice sent 02/19/2026.
Account Clerk	Application (HR/Civil Service) 01/09/2026.
Clerk III	Assessment Notices sent 02/03/2026.
Fire Equipment Mechanic	Assessment Notices sent 02/10/2026.
Professional Trainee – Grants	Applications shared 01/30/2026.
Human Resources Technician II	Interviews held 02/19/2026.

**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	\$ 30,706,794	88%	71%
62102	OCE	\$ 2,658,301	\$ 2,269,016	85%	67%
62106	Equipment	\$ 2,622,176	\$ 2,619,779	100%	67%
Fire - Heli	S&W	\$ 329,364	\$ 135,375	41%	67%
62112+62742	OCE	\$ 962,399	\$ 717,129	75%	67%
62116+62746	Equipment	\$20,000	\$ 0	0%	67%

*OCE & Equipment is based on expenditure report through 02/28/26

Program Budget Objectives	February	YTD	Goal
95% of all assigned training completed	41%	65%	>95%
Daily Vehicle Checks 90% (OPS)	57%	59%	>90%
Average turn out time (total)	02:06	02:03	<01:20
99% Report completion within 10 days	99%	99%	99%

Total Calls for Calendar Year 2026	February	YTD	%
Fire	63	144	3%
EMS	1,754	3,732	72%
Other	612	1,279	25%
Totals	2,429	7,883	100%

Year	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026 (est.)
Total Calls	27,398	29,594	30,738	31,143	31,162	31,200

Program Measures	February	% < 80 secs	YTD	% < 80 secs
Avg. Turn out time (Fire)	02:09	22%	02:21	16%
Avg. Turn out time (EMS)	02:03	20%	02:05	20%

Program Measures	February	% < 9 mins	YTD	% < 9 mins
Avg. Response Time (Fire)	09:54	54%	10:48	48%
Avg. Response Time (EMS)	09:00	61%	9:00	61%

Call Type	February	YTD
Wildland calls (140, 141, 142, 143)	9	22
Acres burned	2.25	7.45
Structure Fires (110 & 111)	7	18
Property and Contents - Loss	\$ 437,500	\$ 1,137,900
Property and Contents - Save	\$ 150,000	\$ 480,000
Other fires (all other 100 series)	47	104
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	\$89,975	56%	67%
62306*	Equipment	\$192,920	\$22,688	12%	67%

**sub-budget within auxiliary service budget*

Program Budget Objectives	JAN	YTD	Goal
Aircraft Operational Uptime >90%	92%	96%	> 90%
Review & update SOP/SOG within cycle	0	0	>100%
Arrange annual HazTech Course		1	1 per Y
Maintain minimum proficiency training hours Rescue	240	2,072	3,000
Maintain minimum proficiency training hours Hazmat	0	696	600
Maintain minimum proficiency training hours Air Ops	8	35	30

Program Highlights: Special Operations Branch

Aviation

- 2/8 – C1 responded to GSW in Ainaloa. Extricated patient from forest to landing zone and transported to HMC via Medic 10.
- 2/15 – C1 responded to swimmer in distress at Kahena Beach with Co 10 and Co2. Female party had made it to shoreline but was exhausted after physical exertion. Female party extricated via billy pugh net by C1 and Co 2 personnel to LZ where she was assessed by Medic Crew.
- 2/17 – C2 responded to Four Seasons Hotel for child who had been struck by golf cart. Child transported to NHCH via C2 with M14 crew.
- 2/22 – C1 participated in flower drop for Commissioner Hiramaki memorial service at Pohoiki.

Rescue

- In addition to calls listed under Aviation section, 6 personnel from Companies 2 and 7 selected to participate in Floodwater Technician Training with Code 3 Rescue Training in Chico, CA in May. The course focuses on water rescue incident management, victim access and recovery, rescue boat operations, and technical rope rigging systems consistent with NFPA 1670 and NFPA 1006 technician-level standards for technical rescue personnel. The selected personnel represent the beginning of the development of a Swiftwater Response program for our Rescue Companies and the foundation of a broader Awareness-level program for our Engine Company personnel.

HazMat

- There were no significant hazardous materials incidents during February.
- HAZMAT Technician Training for 20 personnel scheduled for April. This will bolster our pool of fire fighters trained to the Technician level, improving in district availability as well as coverage for staffing shortages at Station 4 and Station 21.

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%	71%
62802	OCE	\$ 515,054	\$ 458,951	89%	67%
62806	Equipment	\$ 294,335	\$290,745	99%	67%

**OCE & Equipment is based on expenditure report through 02/28/26*

Program Measures (Metrics)	February	YTD # of people
Number of Beach Visitors	415,411	858,491
Number of Preventative Actions	291	677
Number of Minor Medical Aids	156	439
Number of Major Medical Aids (Transports)	0	0
Number of Rescues	54	115

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 3rd round of solicitation and written exam is complete. 11 candidates will be participating in the Round 3 RWCO Physical Assessment on March 12th with a tentative training start date on March 31st, with a minimum of 4 candidates.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BRANCH

Section Report by: Battalion Chief of EMS

Budget	Category	Adj Appropriation	YTD Expenditures	% Used	Goal
EMS	S&W	\$ 16,020,376	\$ 10,405,302	65%	71%
62702	OCE	\$ 2,431,503	\$ 1,326,437	55%	67%
62706	Equipment	\$ 6,095,520	\$ 5,210,451	85%	67%

**OCE & Equipment is based on expenditure report through 02/28/26*

Program Measures	February	YTD
ROSC Rate	0%	2.8%
Call Volume ALS Transport	986	2,109
Call Volume BLS Transport	602	1,260

Program Budget Objectives	February	YTD	Goal
Less than 10% paramedic Vacancy rate	8% (4)	8% (4)	< 6 vac
Quality review of 95% of Critical Calls	5%	2.5%	100%
Maintain a fleet of >8 Spare medics	9	9	>8 Spare

Program Highlights: EMS Branch

- The paramedic students have begun their first rotation of internship training.
- The 54th firefighter recruit class has completed the didactic portion of their EMT training and is scheduled to begin clinical rotations on March 9, 2026.
- EMS Branch personnel participated in Keonepoko Elementary School’s Health and Wellness Fair, providing an informational booth and offering blood pressure screenings to attendees.
- Funding for the Makalei ambulance has successfully passed the County Council’s second and final hearing. Makalei ambulance services are expected to begin on March 1, 2026. Mahalo to all those involved in making this possible!
- On February 27, 2026, a small event was held for the survivor of the February 25, 2025, drowning incident at Kahalu’u Beach. He and his family were finally able to meet and show their appreciation to the Ocean Safety and HFD personnel who saved his life that day.
- February 2026 Hospital and Trauma Program Meetings:
 - February 4th – Quarterly meeting with Kohala Hospital, including a meet-and-greet with Regional Emergency Management and Security
 - February 5th – Quarterly trauma program meeting with Kona Community Hospital
 - February 24th – BITAC meeting with trauma program managers from Hilo Benioff Medical Center, Queens North Hawai’i Community Hospital, and Kona Community Hospital
- EMS Shopify Store – Supply Orders Data for the Month of February:
 - 66 orders, approximately \$56K 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	\$ 586,318	63%	71%
62402	OCE	\$ 252,073	\$ 97,153	39%	67%
62406	Equipment	\$ 84,893	\$ 82,393	97%	67%

**OCE & Equipment is based on expenditure report through 02/28/26*

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	February	YTD	Goal
Professional Development	53 personnel	186 personnel	50 personnel
Incident Command Training	54 personnel	72 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 began initial meetings directed by Chief Volpe with Fire Engineering Training. The platform features nationally recognized subject matter experts for all-hazard hybrid learning and detailed training documentation reports.
- Three, 20-hour hands-on wildland command workshops were completed at PTA. 54 personnel completed this initial Calm the Chaos training for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) initiative. Structural firefighting workshops begin in Spring 2026.
- Coordination continues with Special Operations and Ocean Safety for training on the following subjects: HAZMAT technician, Aquatics Competency Certification-Operations Instructor, and Swiftwater Rescue Technician.
- Met with Fire Administration and Fire HR to coordinate alignment hiring processes for two firefighter recruit candidate pools- regular hires and SAFER temporary hires. The two separate written testing pools will be brought together into the same hiring phases during the physical agility exercise, scheduled for April, 2026.

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%	71%
62502	OCE	\$ 218,541	\$ 183,231	84%	67%
62506	Equipment	\$ 377,934	\$ 377,934	100%	67%

*OCE & Equipment is based on expenditure report through 02/28/26

Program Measures	February	Total
Total Volunteers	6	117

Program Budget Objectives	February	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%	71%
62202	OCE	\$ 55,375	\$ 37,183	67%	67%
62206	Equipment	\$ 40,000	\$ 39,378	98%	67%

*OCE & Equipment is based on expenditure report through 02/28/26

Program Measures	February	YTD	Last Year Comp
Inspections - Occupancy	84	303	219 *
Public Education Events	6	54	42 *
Plans Reviewed	36	484	484 *
Fire Investigations	2	11	11 *
Complaints Investigated	1	28	28 *
Average Plan Review Time in Days	9.9	10.5	10.5 *

Program Budget Objectives	February	YTD	Goal
Average plans reviewed < 14 days	9.9 days	10.5 days	<14 Days
Public Education min 2 a month	6	54	24
Maintain CFIT Designation for 2 personnel min	1	1	2
Fire Inspection of High Hazard >6 per month	8	39	72 / year
EPR property list input @ 60 updates a month	84	302	720 / year

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

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%	71%
62302	OCE	\$ 1,883,077	\$ 1,627,883	86%	67%
62306	Equipment	\$ 953,005	\$ 765,537	80%	67%

**OCE & Equipment is based on expenditure report through 02/28/26*

Program Measures	February	YTD
Monthly Total Order (59-PPE \$18,337.29, 32-supplies \$12,468.59)	148	802
Gross Product Sent to Dept	\$ 30,806	\$ 398,348 *
Number of variants available in warehouse	448	N/A
Variants Items in stock	412	N/A

Program Budget Objectives	February	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	92%	No data	>90%
Average fulfillment within 10 working days or less*	9.86 **	No data	<10 days

* Adjusted YTD Gross Product Sent to Dept January \$ amount was incorrect

** 4 orders were PPE 2 waiting on shipment and 2 replacing helmet shell No info was given at time of order needed to follow up with the Fire Fighter.

Program Highlights: Auxiliary Services Branch

- Auxiliary Services continues to support HFD operations with fulfillment of PPE orders, repair requests, and new/replacement equipment requests. We ask that all repair requests be submitted to fire warehouse's email by using the newest forms which are available on our tab via the department's SharePoint site.
- PPE cleaning equipment continues to be delivered and installed.

VEHICLE MAINTENANCE SECTION

Section Report by: Chief Mechanic

Budget	Category	Adj Appropriation	YTD Expenditures	% Used	Goal
Auxiliary	S&W	\$451,205	\$ 341,267	76%	71%
62322	OCE	\$ 645,857	\$ 612,478	95%	67%
62326	Equipment	\$25,000	\$ 1,828	7%	67%

*OCE & Equipment is based on expenditure report through 02/28/26

Program Measures	February	YTD	LY YTD
Number of Repairs	161	1676	1644
Service Calls	41	250	275
Contracted Work or Tows	15	105	220
DOT inspections	0	134	134

Program Budget Objectives	February	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	\$ 615,322	33%	71%
62312	OCE	\$ 94,681	\$ 38,131	40%	67%
62610 e-911	OCE	\$ 337,760	\$ 175,236	52%	67%
	Equipment	\$ 2,800	\$ 14,000	500%	67%

*OCE & Equipment is based on expenditure report through 02/28/26

Program Measures			Admin (nonemergency)	Total
# of 911 calls	Avg duration	% answered < 10 sec	# of calls	# of calls
519	191	76%	533	1,052

Program Budget Objectives	February	YTD	GOAL
EMD Protocol Compliance 70%* or greater	74%	53%	>70%
90% of 911 calls answered in <10 seconds	76%	85%	90%
Average time to process 911 call <180	191s	188s	<180 sec
Time from Call to Dispatch <60 seconds @ 90%	151s	145s	<60 sec

*Compliance goal to increase 5% per year

SNAPSHOTS AND STORIES

OPERATIONS HIGHLIGHTS

Battalion 1

- 2/6/2026 **High angle cliff rescue** for a fisherman that fell off a cliff at Honoka'a landing in district 8, Inc# 03309. Co.8 and Co.2 responded to a fisherman that fell down a cliff 30 feet after the ladder broke. Male party landed on large boulders along the shoreline and sustained serious injuries. He was extricated with the help of Co. 2 utilizing a rope system to hoist him up the cliff. Male patient was then treated and transported to NHCH for further treatment.
- 2/8/2026 **GSW** in Ainaloa forest in district 10, Inc# 03440. Co.10, C1 and C2 responded to a male party who accidentally shot himself in the abdomen with a .44 Cal firearm while clearing a trail. Pt was extricated to M10 via chopper 1 due to difficult access to his location on foot and transported to HBMC for further treatment.
- 2/9/2026 **Residential Structure Fire** Hwy 130 Dist., 18 Inc# 03475. Co. 18, 10 and 5 responded to a structure fire above Hwy 130 with a single story unoccupied 2000 sq ft. residential structure under renovation that was 50% involved. Fire was knocked down with a transitional attack and overhauled. No victims were found upon primary and secondary search of the home. Fire was contained to 50% of the structure, cause of the fire is under investigation.
- 2/9/2026 **Residential Structure Fire** on Railroad Ave. Dist.3, Inc# 03482. Co. 3, 1, and 2 responded to a structure fire, upon arrival found a 2,500 sq ft. single story residence 50% involved in fire, sole resident was confirmed to be evacuated. Fire was knocked down with a defensive attack and overhauled. No victims were found upon primary and secondary search of the home. Fire was contained to 50% of the structure, cause of the fire is under investigation.
- 2/15/2026 **Surf rescue at Kahena Beach** Dist.10 Inc# 04025. Co. 10, C1 and RB02 responded for a swimmer in distress at Kahena Beach. A scuba diver got washed into the rocks due to rough surf and was extricated via chopper 1 using a long line to an LZ nearby. Victim was evaluated by M18 and denied needing or wanting EMS.
- 2/25/2026 **Residential structure fire** in Nanawale Dist. 10. Inc# 04899. Co.10, Co.18 and Co.5 responded for a 1000 sq ft. structure fully involved upon arrival. Fire was extinguished and overhauled with a defensive attack. No victims upon search of the home. Cause of the fire is undetermined.
- 2/27/2026 **Surf rescue at Kamaili Beach** in Dist. 10 Inc# 05026. Co. 10 and C1 and COH Ocean Safety Life Guards responded to a call for an Ophi picker who fell in the water. The victim was recovered by the Life Guards and resuscitation efforts were performed. Victim was transported to HBMC by M10 where resuscitation efforts were terminated.

Battalion 2

- 2/15/2026 Inc# 260004009 Dist. 16 Kekumu 1 acre **Brush Fire**. Accidental, two kids playing with lighter. Right next to Kekumu housing. No injuries
- **Special Services:**
- **Events:**
- **Training:**
 - MSA mask fit testing at all Battalion 2 stations and shifts.

Beach Closures

Due to high surf and severe weather. A total of 8 days of Beach Closures were documented in the month of February. WSO II Grioni at Station 4 (Richardsons Ocean Beach Park).



Public Education/Outreach

The Ocean Safety Division participated in 3 Public Education/Outreach events amongst our schools in East Hawai'i.

February 12: Career Expo, Edith Kanaka'ole Stadium serving 1400 keiki RWC Operator Henkel, Captain Kodani and WSO II Arakaki



February 23 Ocean Safety Exhibit at Honokea Educational event at Keaukaha Elementary School, 400 Keiki served



Pinning Ceremony

Four WSO IIIs (Lieutenants) and 1 WSO IV (Captain) participate in pinning ceremony. From left to right: Ian McVeigh, Jonah Kaye, Kert-Pono Kodani, Rayme Yang-Ka'ula and Ryan Kuamo'o. Congratulations!



Rip Current Clinic:

Ocean Safety Chiefs attend Rip Current Clinic at Hanalei Bay, Kaua'i on February 18. From left to right: Taishi Otono (Okinawan Lifeguard Association Director), Bradley Young (OS Chief Hawai'i), Zach Edlao (OS Chief Maui), Ralph Goto (Former OS Chief Honolulu C&C), Bruce Hopkins (Bondi Beach, Australia OS Captain), Kalani Vierra (OS Chief Kaua'i), Kurt Lager (Honolulu C&C OS Chief). [Covered by KHON2 News](#)



EMS HIGHLIGHTS

On February 28, a celebration of life for Dr. Judith FitzGerald was held at the New Hope Church in Hilo. Mahalo to everyone who helped with the event and to all who came to honor her memory and legacy as we shared our last farewells.



VOLUNTEER TRAINING

1-A (Pepe'ekeo)

2/7 Prep area for fencing. 2/10 Cleaned out apparatus bay, yard maintenance, cleaned around upside of station. 2/21 Driver training/district familiarization. 2/26 Monthly training, ICS and emergency response. Vol FF's Kaneko and Keali'i have resigned from the volunteer department.

5-B (Hawaiian Acres)

2/3 monthly training, ICS and emergency response safety. 2/13 Transported SH B878 old BT5B to mechanic shop for decommission, received new brush truck HFD 675
5-D (Fern Acres)

2/20 transported HFD 463 to mechanic shop for decommission, monthly training, ICS and emergency response.

6-B (Kona Paradise)

2/3, 24 driver training, 2/3 monthly training and wet drill.

7-B (Kalaoa)

1 call out, monthly training ICS, firefighter safety, progressive hoselay, pump relay, and first aid.

8-A (Pa'auilo)

2/3 responded to smell of smoke, 2/6 responded to multiple brush fires on Kukaiau Rd, 2/9 retro fitted mounting brackets for new light bar on E-8A, 2/14 responded to unknown type of fire, 2/17 driver training E-8A, 2/19 monthly training, ICS and emergency response safety, 2/21 workd on installing foam system on E-8A.

9-A (Waiki'i), 11-A (Naalehu), 11-D (Pahala), 14-A (Kohala)
Conducted monthly training and maintenance

9-B (Kanehoa)
Conducted monthly training, hose drills and drafting.

10-D (Ainaloa)
2/23 monthly training, ICS and emergency response.

11-C (Discovery Harbor)
2/17, Received new brush truck HFD 677, new brush truck pump training. 2/18
Transported SH 912 Kodiak to Vol station 16 Bravo for relocation and reassignment.

16-B (Pu'uanahulu)
Logged 52 hours with replacement E-16B, this includes decommission of original engine to Hilo and refitting of replacement along with wet drills. Attended a demo of the MXI fire suppression system at PTA, and performed some district familiarization. Conducted monthly training, ICS and emergency response safety.

19-A (Volcano)
2/4 Nims and ICS training with Robert Becker, Retired California Fire, Author of the IRPG for fire incidents. 2/11 monthly training, ICS, emergency response safety. 2/21 pretrip engine. 2/25 wet drill.

19-B (Fern Forest)
2/4/26 Nims and ICS training with Robert Baker along with co.19A. 2/11/26 monthly training ICS and emergency response safety. 2/20/26 met with Managing Director and Mayor.

20-A (Hove)
2/3 Driver training BT-20, 2/3 wet drill Lehua St. 4 personnel participated.

TECHNICAL SERVICES HIGHLIGHTS

New Medic 21 Unit

- Worked on programing changes in EPR FireWorks, Spillman CAD, ESO, and Bryx for new M21 unit.

Specs for CradlePoints and antennas for medic units.

- Worked on specs for CradlePoint model and antenna model for medic units.
- Working with vendors on getting bids for the CradlePoints and antennas.
- CradlePoint model chosen is compatible with MioVision GPS based signal preemption.

Spillman CAD updates on client computers.

- Spillman server update on 2/11/26 had unexpected result of requiring some client computers to have Spillman update ran under an administrator login and as administrator.

Rewire CAD computers in ECC.

- When HFD moved dispatch from shared room with police to dedicated dispatch room for fire it was discovered that the 4 monitor display cables were not consistently wired the same which was causing some needed Spillman windows to

not be visible when opened. Changing the wiring to be identical at all dispatch consoles solved this problem.

SAFETY PROGRAM

Respiratory Protection Program

- All five department breathing air compressors remain certified through March 20, 2026. Reminder sent to each station with a compressor to conduct the next scheduled test prior to March 10, 2026.
 - Haihai TCOM-light: Corroded electrical connection previously reported; unit is now functional. Annual oil/filter changes due this month.
 - IFB 26-0129 awarded to PSI for Bauer TCOM replacement; estimated delivery late June/July 2026.
 - Mobile Mako 5400 at Haihai (Training): Air leak identified 1/26/26 affecting bank #4 (Out of Commission); no update; PSI and Mechanics coordinating assessment and repair.

Coordination with Training & National Fallen Firefighters Foundation

- "Taking Care of Our Own" (LODD) training hosted by HFD at Training Branch (Haihai) this Thursday and Friday (March dates); registration full for both days.
- NFFF online (Zoom) info session on Public Safety Officer Benefit Program scheduled for Wednesday at 1400 hrs.

Procurement of NFPA Ground Ladder Testing Equipment/Supplies

- Significant delay resolved: Vendor initially claimed non-receipt of November 2025 PO and demanded pre-payment (inconsistent with standard Purchasing terms). After escalation, vendor agreed to proceed under normal post-delivery/acceptance payment terms. Updated delivery expected week of March 23, 2026. Rollout planning, including procedure review and potential video creation, to be revisited upon receipt.

Environmental / Mold & Lead Testing

- Professional Services contract for comprehensive environmental testing (mold, lead, etc.) remains under review by Corporate Counsel.
- DPW initiated Lehua Environmental testing at Kaumana on February 19, 2026; results pending.
- Follow-up particle sampling conducted:
 - Waiakea: Air quality good overall; no immediate actions required.
 - Kaumana: Indoor particle counts 2–2.3× outdoor averages in select areas (e.g., Captain's Dorm, Captain's Bathroom); main dormitory ~1.5× outdoor. Noted given history of water damage and discolored ceiling tiles (some addressed). Pursuit of formal professional mold testing continues.
 - Kea'au: Indoor elevations in moisture-prone areas (dorms/locker rooms) consistent with past roof issues and slow remediation progress; supports continued push for formal professional testing.
 - Kailua: Extremely high ultrafine particle counts noted in the kitchen during annual PortaCount fit testing; follow-up sampling showed moderate, consistent levels station-wide. Particle size distribution, indoor/outdoor comparisons, and low relative humidity do not indicate active/widespread mold amplification at this time. Follow-up sampling planned mid-March.

Joint Safety Committee

- Meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 26, 2026, was cancelled due to lack of quorum. January-approved schedule (last Wednesday monthly) conflicts with new HFFA meeting timing; committee is discussing alternative dates/times.

Software / Tools

- Demo of IPSDI Exposure Tracker: Free mobile app allows individuals lifetime access to exposure records (sync to NFR account); HIPAA-compliant with deidentified employer access option via paid IPSDI Analytics (\$16k/year, imports from RMS).
 - IPSDI provided HFD access to FireCARES for Community Risk Reduction evaluation (heat maps and stats from NFIRS/NERIS databases).

Safety Concerns and Inspections

- In discussion with the DOH Clean Air Branch to potentially host non-regulated air-quality sensors to address coverage gaps in the Volcano and Puna areas.

Other

-  [Fire Safety Specialist's Annual Report for 2025](#) available on SharePoint.
- COOP exercise for Admin tentatively scheduled for Friday, March 27, 2026.

THROUGH THE YEARS

This month's flashback is to October 27, 1994 via the Hawai'i Tribune Herald featuring Class 22.



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PROMOTIONAL CEREMONY

On February 18, the Hawai'i Fire Department held a promotional ceremony at the Hawai'i County Building in Hilo to recognize members who advanced in rank. The ceremony honored the promotions of Fire/EMS Specialists Austin Bloch and Kawika Roman; Water Safety Officer IIIs (Lieutenant) Jonah Kaye, Ryan Kuamo'o, Ian McVeigh, and Rayme Yang-Kaula; Water Safety Officer IV (Captain) Kert-Pono Kodani; Fire Captains Christopher Berg, Neil "Kula" Cho, Paul Kekela, James Kupahu, and Lui Sales; and Assistant Chief of Operations Christopher Carvalho. Each member reaffirmed their commitment with an oath before Temporary Fire Chief Daniel Volpe. Fire Chaplain Renee Godoy served as emcee for the ceremony, and Representative Cliff Victorine attended on behalf of the Mayor's Office to offer congratulations. Refreshments were generously provided by Friends of First Responders. Congratulations to all!



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