



# FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

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# CHIEF'S OFFICE REPORT

Section Report by Chief's Office

Program Budget Objectives	April	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	\$96,721,823*	\$70,927,663*	73%	

\*Budget numbers have not been verified.

# GRANTS REPORT

Section Report by: Grant Specialist

Program Measures	April	YTD	Goal
Dollar value of grants applied for	\$0.00	\$7,720,254	\$5,000,000
Dollar value of grants received	\$0.00	\$2,678,275	\$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 4/30/2026
FY 25 USDA Vol. Fire Cap. Project	Brush Truck 16B Pu'uanahulu Volunteer Fire Station	\$90,000	\$0	Rebid May 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	04/07/2026	Interview scheduled 4/7/2026
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	01/31/2026	N/A	03/06/2026	
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	1 vacancy
WSO III	02/22/2026	TBD	TBD	Assessment
WSO I	01/25/2026	03/04/2026	03/24/2026	Applicants cleared pre-medical appointments
Fire Equipment Operator	10/12/2025	1/6/2026	2/24/2026	Positions filled 5/1/2026.
Fire Apparatus Trainer	TBD	TBD	TBD	
Fire Prevention Inspector I	N/A	N/A	N/A	No anticipated vacancies in FY 26-27
Fire Training Specialist	TBD	N/A	TBD	
FMS II	04/2026	TBD	TBD	Assessment scheduled for 5/20/2026.
Fire Rescue Specialist	TBD	09/10/2026	09/15/2026	
Hazardous Materials Tech	10/19/2025	1/13/2026	3/3/2026	Positions filled 5/1/2026.

*\*Version one of an annual recruitment calendar*

Program Measure	April	YTD
Vacancy Rate Total	12%	10%
Vacancy Rate Admin & Support	8	-
Vacancy Rate Fire	24	-
Vacancy Rate EMS	10	-
Vacancy Rate Communications	12	-
Vacancy Rate Ocean Safety	9	-

Program Budget Objectives	April	YTD	Goal
Efficient response to human resource queries	100% of 60	100% (417)	<2 Days
	Active	Avg	Goal
Average internal investigations completion in days	5	120+*	<60 days
	Rate	Avg	Goal
Maintain a vacancy rate below 7%	12%	10%	<36 PV

Active Recruitments by HFD	
Position	Status Report
Battalion Chief, Auxiliary Services	Interview complete April 7, 2026.
Fire Captain	Candidates began May 1, 2026.
Fire Captain – Emergency Communications	Score notification letters sent March 20, 2026.
Fire Equipment Operator	Score notification letters sent March 20, 2026.
Fire / Hazardous Materials Specialist	Score Notification letters sent March 20, 2026.
Fire Fighter Recruit	Applications due April 27, 2026.
Fire Fighter Recruit (SAFER grant)	Applications due April 27, 2026.
Fire / EMS Recruit	Applications due April 27, 2026.
Water Safety Officer I	Conditional offers extended April 17, 2026.
Water Safety Officer III	Interview notices sent April 29, 2026.
Account Clerks	Interviews scheduled April 9, 2026.
Clerk III	Interview interest confirmed April 24, 2026.
Fire/EMS II	Interview notices sent April 20, 2026.
Professional Trainee – Grants	Interviews scheduled April 1, 2026.
Human Resources Technician I	Application (HR/Civil Service) closed April 28, 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
62101	S&W	\$43,575,837	\$35,174,200*	81%	79%*
62102	OCE	\$2,652,901	\$2,637,200	99%	83%
62106	Equipment	\$2,633,076	\$2,630,226	100%	83%
62111 - Heli	S&W	\$329,364	\$193,674*	59%	79%*
62112+62742	OCE	\$1,062,399	\$848,840	80%	83%
62116+62746	Equipment	\$20,000	\$1,824	9%	83%

\*S&W reporting through 3/31 only, March goal is 79%

Program Budget Objectives	April	YTD	Goal
95% of all assigned training completed	25%	49%	>95%
Daily Vehicle Checks 90% (OPS)	53%	55%	>90%
Average turn out time (total)	02:11	02:12	<01:20
99% Report completion within 10 days	99%	99%	99%
Total Calls for Calendar Year 2026	April	YTD	%
Fire	69	262	2.49%
EMS	1,930	7,620	72.3%
Other	637	2,657	25.21%
Totals	2,636	10,539	100%

Year	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026 (est.)
Total Calls	27,398	29,594	30,738	31,143	31,162	31,617

Program Measures	April	% < 80 secs	YTD	% < 80 secs
Avg. Turn out time (Fire)	02:13	17.65%	02:18	17.6%
Avg. Turn out time (EMS)	02:10	17.41%	02:06	19.19%
Program Measures	April	% < 9 mins	YTD	% < 9 mins
Avg. Response Time (Fire)	10:08	52.86	10:28	48.91%
Avg. Response Time (EMS)	08:46	61.24%	9:00	60.31%

Call Type	April	YTD
Wildland calls (140, 141, 142, 143)	17	47
Acres burned	31.1	38.55
Structure Fires (110 & 111)	3	25
Property and Contents - Loss	\$ 10,000	\$ 1,601,700
Property and Contents - Save	\$ 245,600	\$ 758,100
Other fires (all other 100 series)	49	190
Property and Contents - Loss	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
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%	83%
62306 *	Equipment	\$192,920	\$121,322	63%	83%

*\*sub-budget within auxiliary service budget*

Program Budget Objectives	April	YTD	Goal
Aircraft Operational Uptime >90%	98%	97%	> 90%
Review & update SOP/SOG within cycle	0	0	>100%
Arrange annual HazTech Course		1	1 per Y
Maintain minimum proficiency training hours Rescue	384	2,652	3,000
Maintain minimum proficiency training hours Hazmat	1,600	2,296	600
Maintain minimum proficiency training hours Air Ops	18.9	56.6	30

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS: SPECIAL OPERATIONS

### Aviation

- 4/17 – C1 and C2 were on scene at brushfire near Palamanui assisting ground crews with bucket drops
- 4/26 – C1 and C2 responded along with Company 9 and 7 to Waipio Rim per report of lost hiker. C2 located hiker and monitored weather and visibility conditions while C1 landed to set up long line. Hiker extricated by C1 via long line

### Rescue

- 4/11 – Co 7 and Co 12 responded to Keauhou Bay per report of swimmer in distress. FRS deployed from shoreline and swam pt to private charter boat who transported pt to shore where care was transferred to M7
- 4/19 – Co 2 responded to boat that had flipped over near Hilo breakwall. Bystanders assisted the passengers to shoreline, while RB2 towed boat back to dock.

### Hazardous Materials (HAZMAT)

- 4/9 - Co 21 responded to the Queen shops per report of smell of propane. Restaurant evacuated, ignition sources identified and shut off, and ventilation initiated prior to arrival. Upon arrival Co 21 utilized gas meters to ensure environment was not dangerous. Property manager instructed to keep gas off to the building until maintenance crews were able to address the gas leak.
- 4/16 – Co 21 responded to the 4 Seasons and Kaupalehu per report of possible chlorine spill. Area secured and hazard zones established, patients triaged and DOH contacted for assistance with mitigation. After taking PH readings and conferring with DOH and property owner, decision to bring in contract cleaner to remove and clean the area was made.
- 4/13-24 - Hazardous Materials Technician class delivered by (ret) Chief Matty Miguel to 20 of our personnel.

# OCEAN SAFETY OPERATIONS BRANCH

Section Report by: Water Safety Officer V

Budget	Category	Adj Appropriation	YTD Expenditures	% Used	Goal
62801	S&W	\$4,532,562	\$3,419,345*	75%	79%*
62802	OCE	\$515,054	\$479,347	93%	83%
62806	Equipment	\$294,335	\$292,529	99%	83%

*\*S&W reporting through 3/31 only; March goal is 79%*

Program Measures (Metrics)	April	YTD # of people
Number of Beach Visitors	408,963	1,591,111
Number of Preventative Actions	353	1,323
Number of Minor Medical Aids	270	885
Number of Major Medical Aids (Transports)	2	7
Number of Rescues	65	248

Program Budget Objectives	Current	Goal
Certified Rescue Watercraft Operators >9	3	9
Provide 80% staffed tower hours to daylight	77%	85%
Maintain Updated Policies and Procedures (10)	No Data	100%

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS: OCEAN SAFETY

### Rescue Watercraft Operator Program Update:

The HFD's Rescue Watercraft Operator (RWCO) Training Program is on track to begin training on May 11th, with 8 candidates.

# EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BRANCH

Section Report by: Battalion Chief of EMS

Budget	Category	Adj Appropriation	YTD Expenditures	% Used	Goal
62701	S&W	\$16,077,526	\$12,340,202*	77%	79%*
62702	OCE	\$2,331,503	\$1,693,706	73%	83%
62706	Equipment	\$6,095,520	\$5,956,597	98%	83%

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Program Measures	April	YTD
ROSC Rate	12.5%	11.7%
Call Volume ALS Transport	1,099	4,292
Call Volume BLS Transport	706	2,664

Program Budget Objectives	April	YTD	Goal
Less than 10% paramedic Vacancy rate	14% (7)	14% (7)	< 6 vac
Quality review of 95% of Critical Calls	10%	3%	95%
Maintain a fleet of >8 Spare medics	9	9	>8 Spare

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS: EMS BRANCH

- EMS Branch met with Laerdal Medical’s local Territory Manager for introductions. As the supplier of our CPR training equipment, they expressed their support for our training programs. A follow-up meeting with HBMC administration was held on April 30th to identify potential sim center equipment purchases and future training opportunities for our EMS personnel.
- EMS Branch met with the Product Specialist for the Fire Engineering Training platform to explore the system’s features and capabilities as a potential alternative to Vector Solutions.
- Preventative maintenance for all EKGs and Lucas Devices has been completed.
- On April 15th, EMS Branch personnel conducted BLS Instructor Training for Ocean Safety personnel.
- The 5th Annual Fentanyl and Addictions Summit was held on April 29 in Waimea. Captain Aaron Mitchell has been on the Q&A panel for several years and was a featured speaker this year. He presented comprehensive EMS call data on opioid overdoses and Narcan administrations.
- On April 30th, EMS Branch personnel provided a presentation on our Community Paramedicine Program to Nani Olu Senior Housing
- EMS Shopify Store – Supply Orders Data for the Month of April:
- 65 orders, approximately \$38K in gross order sales

# TRAINING SERVICES BRANCH

Section Report by: Battalion Chief of Training

Budget	Category	Adj Appropriation	YTD Expenditures	% Used	Goal
62401	S&W	\$1,044,720	\$671,154*	64%	79%*
62402	OCE	\$252,073	\$164,053	65%	83%
62406	Equipment	\$84,893	\$82,393	97%	83%

*\*S&W reporting through 3/31 only; March goal is 79%*

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	April	YTD	Goal
Professional Development	53 personnel	186 personnel	50 personnel
Incident Command Training	69 personnel	80 personnel	171 personnel
Structural Firefighting Training	30 personnel	45 personnel	75 personnel
Wildland Firefighting Training	2 personnel	29 personnel	pending funding

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS: TRAINING SERVICES BRANCH

- 80 supervisory personnel completed the Calm the Chaos 40-hour command workshop as part of the 2023 AFG award. Approximately 80 personnel will be scheduled for make-up sessions this June and July. (See photos in Snapshots and Stories.)
- Collaborated with BC Lindsey to host a two-week Hazardous Materials Technician certification course. 20 firefighters completed this training, which expands our capability to respond to hazardous materials incidents island wide by embedding technicians throughout Emergency Operations. Company 4 was instrumental in supporting the hands-on portions with their equipment and expertise.
- The 54<sup>th</sup> Firefighter Recruit class completed 16 weeks of EMT training through Kapi'olani Community College under the instruction of Christopher Kelly.
- The 54<sup>th</sup> Recruits completed S-130, S-190, and L-180 as part of basic Wildland Firefighting Training. The week concluded at PTA with a full-scale evolution, including progressive hose lays, building fire line, and mobile attack. Chopper 2 Pilot Kalei Gregory and HIANG Blackhawks participated in conducting aerial bucket drops. The course included HFD Volunteers, DOFAW, NPS, and USFS personnel. (See photos in Snapshots and Stories.)

# VOLUNTEER SERVICES SECTION

Section Report by: Senior Volunteer Training Captain

Budget	Category	Adj Appropriation	YTD Expenditures	% Used	Goal
62501	S&W	\$318,752	\$259,341*	81%	79%*
62502	OCE	\$218,541	\$190,598	87%	83%
62506	Equipment	\$377,934	\$377,934	100%	83%

\*S&W reporting through 3/31 only; March goal is 79%

Program Measures	April	Total
Total Volunteers	2	120

Program Budget Objectives	April	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	1	33	51

# FIRE PREVENTION BRANCH

Section Report by: Battalion Chief of Fire Prevention

Budget	Category	Adj Appropriation	YTD Expenditures	% Used	Goal
62201	S&W	\$1,333,598	\$1,075,317*	81%*	79%*
62202	OCE	\$49,875	\$47,565	95%	83%
62206	Equipment	\$40,000	\$39,378	98%	83%

\*S&W reporting through 3/31 only; March goal is 79%

Program Measures	April	YTD	Last Year Comp
Inspections - Occupancy	91	394	N/A*
Public Education Events	6	54	N/A*
Plans Reviewed	51	535	N/A*
Fire Investigations	2	13	N/A*
Complaints Investigated	2	30	N/A*
Average Plan Review Time in Days	9.9	10.5	N/A*

Program Budget Objectives	April	YTD	Goal
Average plans reviewed < 14 days	9.9 days	10.5 days	<14 Days
Public Education min 2 a month	4	58	24
Maintain CFIT Designation for 2 personnel min	1	1	2
Fire Inspection of High Hazard >6 per month	4	43	72 / year
EPR property list input @ 60 updates a month	22	324	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
62301	S&W	\$ 573,412	\$ 376,558*	66%*	79%*
62302	OCE	\$ 1,883,077	\$ 1,818,472	99%	83%
62306	Equipment	\$ 953,005	\$ 931,302	97%	83%

*\*S&W reporting through 3/31 only; March goal is 79%*

Program Measures	April	YTD
Monthly Total Order (59-PPE \$18,337.29, 32-supplies \$12,468.59)	78	946
Gross Product Sent to Dept	\$30,281	\$447,086
Number of variants available in warehouse	429	N/A
Variants Items in stock	391	N/A

Program Budget Objectives	April	YTD	Goal
Expenditure of OCE budget to 99% by end of fiscal	100%	100%	92%
Encumbrance of Equip budget to 90% by end of second quarter	100%	100%	100%
In stock percent > 90% for all warehouse variants	91%	90%	>90%
Average fulfillment within 10 working days or less	7.29 days	6.8 days	<10 days

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS: AUXILIARY SERVICES BRANCH

- The Auxiliary Services Branch ended the month of April with major progress on facilities and logistics improvements. Crews completed a reorganization of the main warehouse to streamline inventory flow and improve access to equipment, while simultaneously erecting the new racking system at the secondary warehouse to expand storage capacity and support future growth. Departmentwide extractor installations are nearing completion as well, with Pāhala becoming the latest station to receive its unit—bringing the organization one step closer to full compliance and improved firefighter health and safety.
- HFD Fiscal Accountant IV Nikol Lonokapu has advised that the Auxiliary Services budget is fully depleted until the next fiscal year. Given this constraint, all personnel should be especially vigilant with County of Hawai'i assets. Please maintain equipment properly, follow established care procedures, and report any issues without delay. Early action helps prevent avoidable repairs and supports the continued reliability of our resources.

# VEHICLE MAINTENANCE SECTION

Section Report by: Chief Mechanic

Budget	Category	Adj Appropriation	YTD Expenditures	% Used	Goal
62321	S&W	\$ 501,253	\$ 401,592*	80%	79%*
62322	OCE	\$ 669,028	\$643,738	96%	83%
62326	Equipment	\$ 1,828	\$ 1,828	100%	83%

\*S&W reporting through 3/31 only; March goal is 79%

Program Measures	April	YTD	LY YTD
Number of Repairs	178	2028	2154
Service Calls	38	321	326
Contracted Work or Tows	5	116	160
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
62311	S&W	\$ 1,917,604	\$900,785*	47%	79%*
62312	OCE	\$ 94,681	\$ 42,184	45%	83%
62610 e-911	OCE	\$ 337,760	\$ 219,999	65%	83%
	Equipment	\$ 2,800	\$ 14,000	500%	83%

\*S&W reporting through 3/31 only; March goal is 79%

Program Measures			Admin (nonemergency)	Total
# of 911 calls	Avg duration	% answered < 10 sec	# of calls	# of calls
2,584	210	84%	2,444	5,028

Program Budget Objectives	April	YTD	Goal
EMD Protocol Compliance 70%+ or greater	76%	57%	>70%
90% of 911 calls answered in <10 seconds	84%	85%	90%
Average time to process 911 call <180	210s	192s	<180 sec
Time from Call to Dispatch <60 seconds @ 90%	166s	149s	<60 sec

† Compliance goal to increase 5% per year

# SNAPSHOTS AND STORIES

## OPERATIONS HIGHLIGHTS

### Battalion 1

- **4/4** Residential structure fire on Waimea Rd. in Nanawale, Dist.10, Inc# 08192. Co.10, Co.18, and Co.5 responded for a possible structure fire reported by neighbors. Upon arrival HFD units found a two story residence 75% involved in fire. Fire was extinguished with a defensive attack. After fire was brought under control a search was conducted. A single occupant was located, deceased under the debris. HPD was able to confirm only one occupant lived at the address. Cause of the fire is under investigation.
- **4/19** Capsized boat outside of Hilo Bay, Dist.1, Inc# 09548. RB02, C1, R02, M01 and BC1 along with DLNR responded for a boat in distress. Upon arrival C1 reported a capsized boat with for people in the water. The people in the water were assisted to safety by HFD rescue personnel and brought to shore. Capsized boat was righted with the help of RB02 and towed back to the boat ramp.
- **4/20** Brush fire on Mana Road, Dist.4, Inc# 09657. Co. 4, BT01, BT05, T03, Co.50, C1 and C2 responded for a brush fire on Mana Road near the area of the November fire. Upon arrival they found a 3 acre fire that was brought under control with ground crews utilizing handlines. No homes threatened by the fire, cause of fire possibly lightning strike.
- **4/28** Residential structure fire on Enos rd. in Mountain View, Dist.5, inc#10330. Co.5 and Co.3 responded to a call for a structure on fire, upon arrival HFD units found two small off grid residential structures in close proximity to each other fully involved in fire. Fire was extinguished with a defensive attack and all parties were confirmed to be out of the structure. Cause of the fire is undetermined.

### Battalion 2

- **4/17** Inc# 260009394 -Brush Fire Palamanui Dist 21. Companies 21, 7, 12, C1, C2, BC2, BT14, T16, BT12, and volunteers responded to a BF, end total of 36-37 acres. Dozer used to cut fire break inside of existing fire break to minimize size and containment. Hot spots and mop up continued up until 4/25. No homes or structures were damaged.

### Events:

- Co.7 assisted with a Fire Truck Display for Family Support Hawaii at La'i'opua 2020 for approximately 50 children and 25 parents.

## WILDLAND FIREFIGHTER TRAINING



# CALM THE CHAOS



## FIRE PREVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

### Community Outreach, Events & Media Engagement

**April 2:** Captain Goo and Chief Henderson attended a DHHL community meeting in the WHCC conference room to provide the community with information about Wildfire resilience and provide access to resources that will encourage community engagement for clean up days.



**April 8-10:** Fire Prevention conducted occupancy checks and safety watch for the Annual Merrie Monarch Festival.

**April 11:** Captain Goo and Inspector Reuelman assisted in the Merrie Monarch Parade by providing vehicles and allowing Keiki to see our vehicles!

**April 21:** Captain Goo took the Fire Inspectors to test our newest Hydrocarbon detector that will assist us on investigating fires.

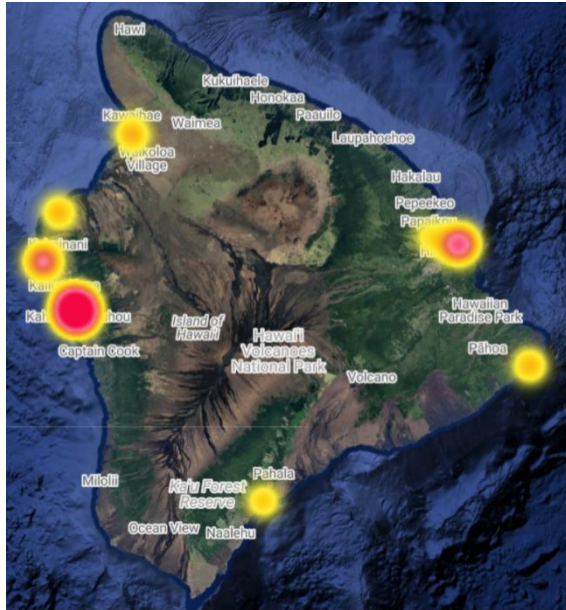
## **Fire Investigations / UAS Program**

**4/4:** District 10, Inc# 26008192, Residential Fire

**4/28:** District 5, Inc# 260010330, Residential Fire

## **OCEAN SAFETY HIGHLIGHTS**

### **Heat Map:**



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

### **Kalani'ana'ole Elementary School Career**

**Day:** WSO III Ryan Kuamo'o poses with students from Kalani'ana'ole Elementary School during their Career Day - 4/16/2026



### **Daniel R. Sayre Memorial Foundation Donations:**



Three donated vehicles from Mike Mathews via the Daniel R. Sayre Memorial Foundation. 4/18/26



Blessing of 3 trucks, 3 Dolphin unmanned rescue drones, and 3 Lucas CPR devices from the Sayre Foundation (Left to right: Laura Sayre, BC Young, Rachel Able, Frank Sayre and Dustin.)



**United States Lifeguard Association Board of Directors Meeting at Biloxi, Mississippi**

Sunset picture of three Hawai'i Ocean Safety Chiefs and one Operations Manager served as Hawai'i Ocean Safety delegates at the United States Lifeguard Association board of Directors Meeting; Biloxi, Mississippi. 4/19 – 4/23.

United States Lifeguard Association Board of Directors Meeting at Biloxi, Mississippi. Left to right; Chief Lager (Honolulu City and County), Chief Vierra (Kaua'i County, Operations Manager Kaneshina (Maui County), Chief Young (Hawai'i County). 4/22/26



**Big Island Junior Lifeguard Program 2026**

**PROGRAM**  
**DATES:** June - July 2026 (Monday-Friday)  
**TIMES:** 9:00am - 1:00pm  
**AGES:** 12-17 ONLY

**SESSIONS**  
 June 15-19, June 22-26, July 6-10 & July 13-17  
**DISTRICTS**  
 Hilo, Ka'u, S. Kohala & Kona

**RUN/SWIM ASSESSMENT**  
 Saturday, June 13, 2026  
 Check-in at 8:30am  
**LOCATIONS**  
**HILO:** Richardson Ocean Park (ROP)  
**S. KOHALA:** Hapuna State Beach  
**KONA:** Kailua-Kona Pier  
**KA'U ONLY**  
 Friday, June 19, 2026  
 Punalu'u Beach  
 Check-in at 9:30am

**REGISTRATION**  
**OPENS:** April 28, 2026  
**CLOSES:** May 22, 2026  
 First come/First serve  
 Run/Swim Assessment Required  
 Scan QR code to Register



**2026 Junior Lifeguard**  
 Junior Lifeguard Registration Flyer for Summer 2026. Registration opened on 4/28/26. Available slots are filling quickly!



**VOLUNTEER TRAINING**

1-A (Pepe'ekeo), 5-B (Hawaiian Acres), 5-D (Fern Acres), 7-B (Kalaoa), 10-D (Ainaloa), 11-A (Naalehu), 11-C (Discovery Harbor), 11-D (Pahala), 14-A (Kohala), and 19-B (Fern Forest)- Conducted monthly training and maintenance.

**6-B (Kona Paradise)** - Monthly training postponed due to recent storm damage.

**8-A (Pa'auilo)**

4/2 Received their new brush truck HFD 685, outfitted and tested pump. 4/8 Responded to a tractor fire with adjacent brush fire. 4/8 public service at Honoka'a credit union for kieiki fire awareness. 4/15 conducted monthly training, trained on the new BT, pump training, foam system, other features. 4/23 picked up E8A from the mechanic shop to transport back to Sta8A, outfitted apparatus back in service.

**9-A (Waiki'i)** - Conducted monthly training on ICS and firefighter safety. Routine Maintenance.

**9-B (Kanehoa)** - Conducted monthly training on drafting, lithium-ion batteries, and hose handling. Palamanui Fire callout. 4/15 public service Honoka'a High School event.

**16-B (Pu'uana'hulu)** - Conducted 36 hours of driver training, FEO training, monthly station maintenance.

**19-A (Volcano)** - Performed monthly station cleaning.

**20-A (HOVE)**

4/5 responded to brushfire call. Monthly training was cancelled due to stormy weather.

## TECHNICAL SERVICES HIGHLIGHTS

### **New Ocean Safety Pahoa Office.**

- Network cable was installed by Parks and Rec electrician.
- Technical Services completed the connection to network switch in Parks and Rec facility.
- Computer and printer have been set up and connected.
- Office is now in use by Ocean Safety Lieutenant.

### **Firegrid Software**

- Firegrid software will be used to track all MSA mask fit test, SCBA test.
- Locations and Personnel have been built.
- All MSA fit test and SCBA test done in 2025 have been imported.
- Other PPE will be added when information is gathered.

### **Site Survey with Banyan Networks for Waiakea Mechanic Shop fiber connection.**

- Fiber connection from Waiakea Fire Station which is on county fiber can be brought over to the Waiakea Mechanics Shop.
- This will get them off a Spectrum cable modem connection that has been spotty.
- While there will be an initial installation cost this will eliminate the monthly Spectrum bill.

### **Meeting with State Department of Health about Medic Starlink setup.**

- Onsite meeting with State Department of Health (DOH) to review how the M10 Starlink, Cradlepoint and cellular/Wi-Fi antenna were installed.
- DOH will be procuring Starlinks for all medic units.
- DOH will be coordinated with HFD to have Cradlepoints, antennas, and Starlinks installed at the same time.
- DOH will be choosing the vendor and procuring the installations.

# SAFETY PROGRAM

## Respiratory Protection Program

- Air quality certifications (as of end of April):
  - Pahoia TCOM: passed 3/7/26, certified through June 5, 2026
  - Makalei TCOM: passed 3/10/26, certified through June 8, 2026
  - Haihai TCOM: passed 3/10/26, certified through June 8, 2026
  - Training (Haihai) Mako: passed 3/14/26, certified through June 12, 2026
  - Waiakea Mako: passed 5/4/26, certified through August 2, 2026.
- Compressor issues:
  - Haihai TCOM-light: ongoing corroded electrical connection issues; new air leak reported around a dial on 4/29/26. PSI notified — repair expected under warranty; visit date pending.
  - Mobile Mako 5400 at Haihai (Training): air leak on bank #4 (Out of Commission) since 1/26/26; no further update.
  - Request for PSI in-service training for Haihai personnel remains pending (reminder sent 4/29/26; requested they combine with upcoming warranty visit).
- Annual review of Safety's Position Matrix completed with helicopter pilots (HIOSH/OSHA training requirements). All five pilots have now completed Hazardous Communications and Step Ladder safety training. BBP and N95 fit-testing arrangements completed via Vector Solutions.

## Procurement of NFPA Ground Ladder Testing Equipment/Supplies

- Equipment arrived at Warehouse on 3/31/26 and is being added to inventory. Fiscal mailed check upon receipt/acceptance.
- Memo sent 4/14/26 soliciting interested personnel to finalize testing procedure and develop training materials/resources (deadline 5/15/26). Three responses received to date. Meeting held with AC1 to advance this effort.

## Environmental / Mold & Lead Testing

- Professional Services contract for comprehensive environmental testing (mold, lead, etc.) approved by Corporate Counsel; requisition issued and now awaiting final signatures and Notice to Proceed from Mayor's Office / Purchasing.
- Laupahoehoe Station: Report of mold/musty odor from dorm window AC unit. Mold confirmed; Captains advised not to operate unit until professionally cleaned or replaced.

## Joint Safety Committee

- Meeting held April 8, 2026 @ 1000 hrs in Puna Conference Room (with Zoom option). Approved minutes posted to SharePoint.

## Safety Concerns and Inspections

- Industrial ladder safety training: Rollout of American Ladder Institute online Step Ladder and Mobile Ladder modules in coordination with Training Branch (targeted at non-emergency station use following in-station injury).
- Updates to Incident/Accident and Vehicle/Equipment/Property Damage reporting processes completed and distributed by HR.
  - Submitted CARFs to update FireAccidentReport email and folder access.

- HIOSH Boiler Inspector issued permit for Haihai compressed air system (mechanical air — not breathing air); permit posted.

### **Wellness and Cancer Screening Initiatives**

- Met with Exact Sciences and UH Cancer Center representatives on 3/31/26 regarding blood-based multi-cancer screening test (>50 cancers, 68% sensitivity / 97% specificity). Corporate Counsel reviewed draft solicitation letters (follow-up on suggested changes 4/23 and 5/4). Awaiting DOH response on potential funding. Exploring hosting options and level of interest; likely out-of-pocket for participants (payment plan ~\$50/month) unless external funding secured. Next meeting in 1–2 weeks.
- Re-engaged Lexipol / Cordico Wellness App (used by HPD) for potential wellness / CISM support. Awaiting updated quote. Inquired with County Opioid Settlement Fund Advisory Committee on possible funding (information and quote provided; response pending).
- Potential donation of 150 NFPA 1582-compliant medical exams (July/August) from Paul Grantsrom / 1582 Medical Group. Notice/consult letter sent to HFFA; LRB submitted for Council Resolution to accept donation.

### **Other Programs and Coordination**

- COOP: [After-Action Report for March 27, 2026](#) exercise completed and posted 4/2/26. Updates to COOP document finalized and posted/distributed to plan holders.
- Eyes On the Road Program (UH/HDOT forward-facing dash cameras): Evaluation terminated; equipment returned. Privacy-mode requirements made program impractical for consistent use.
- Attended Psychological First Aid training with National Child Traumatic Stress Network (Governor’s Office of Wellness and Resilience).
- Meeting 4/24/26 with EMS and Ocean Safety regarding BBP exposure case: Confirmed in-water rescue breathing was appropriate per current USLA/AHA guidelines. Updates in progress to Bloodborne Pathogens Exposure Control Plan and Exposure Packet (reporting process, lab guidance, removal of outdated references, re-issuance of pocket masks to lifeguards).

### **Incident/Accident Reports**

- County highway vehicle struck a light pole at Pahoia Station on 4/13/26 (no HFD personnel or equipment involved).

# PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK



In recognition of National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, Hawai'i County Council honored HFD's Fire Communications Officers at its April 8 meeting. The recognition highlighted the critical role dispatchers play in emergency response, serving as the first point of contact for the public and a vital link between callers and responders in the field.

The Department extends its appreciation to our Fire Communications Officers for their professionalism, composure, and dedication. Thank you also to Friends of First Responders for their support in helping recognize their service.

# 63<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL MERRIE MONARCH FESTIVAL



HFD supported the Merrie Monarch Festival in several ways this year. Personnel volunteered with tent setup for the craft fair, Prevention personnel conducted occupancy checks and provided safety watch, a medic standby was also provided during festival events.

Clerk III Jordyn Mantz assisted with coordination of parade participation, in which Temporary Fire Chief Daniel Volpe and Assistant Chief of Operations Christopher Carvalho walked alongside the 54<sup>th</sup> recruit class and Office of the Mayor.

In addition, Fiscal staff served as scorekeepers for the hula competition, tallying and recording judges' scores for official recordkeeping. Their work required accuracy, attention to detail, and long nights at Edith Kanaka'ole Stadium, with staff remaining until the competition concluded, often around 0100 hrs.

Mahalo to all personnel who supported this important community event!



## HCC CAREER FAIR



HR Program Specialist Monica Louie and HR Tech II Noel Ah Choy participated in a career fair at Hawai'i Community College on Saturday, April 25 to connect with students, community members, and network with HCC programs.

## AP TRITON



HFD contracted public safety consultant AP Triton to assist with the development of the Department's strategic plan and master plan. As part of this process, AP Triton was provided operational and administrative data, which was analyzed to help identify current conditions, service demands, and future needs.

To gather additional input, the Department also released internal and community surveys to identify opportunities, challenges, and priorities from both personnel and the public. Five community meetings were held in the month of April in Waikōloa, Waimea, Pāhala, Hilo, and Kona to provide residents an opportunity to participate in the planning process.



On April 27 and 28, the AP Triton team met with HFD's leadership team for two days of facilitated strategic planning discussions. Once finalized, the strategic and master plans will be available to the department and public

# WGA POLICY FORUM



Temporary Fire Chief Daniel Volpe attended the Western Governors' Association 2026 Policy Forum, hosted by Governor Josh Green on Maui on April 20–21. The forum focused on lessons learned from the 2023 Lahaina wildfire and the ongoing challenges of disaster recovery in rural and geographically isolated communities.

Discussions included trauma-informed approaches to recovery, the future of disaster management, rural disaster recovery, and long-term rebuilding efforts. The forum provided an opportunity to hear from regional experts, policymakers, and government leaders on issues directly relevant to Hawai'i's emergency response and recovery planning.

# THROUGH THE YEARS

This month's flashback is to October 13, 2009, via the Hawai'i Tribune Herald. To submit a Throwback photo, please upload it to the SharePoint folder (Documents,



HFD photo

Members of the Hawaii Fire Department's 38th Fire Fighter Recruit Class pose for a class photo. From left, the new graduates are Jared Spencer, Jason Habu, Jeffrey Maki, Waylen Towata, Christopher Olayon, Damien-Joseph Wengler-loane, West Hawthorne, Andrew Miller, Tyler Nagamine, Roland Laliberte and Paul Higgins.

Throwback Photos) or email [fire@hawaiicounty.gov](mailto: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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## END REPORT