



FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

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ADMIN DIV: FISCAL BRANCH REPORT

Program Budget Goals	March	YTD	Goal
Invoice Settlement within 30 days	93%	94%	90%
Pay-out of CILV's within 90 days	100%	96%	95%
Dollar value of grants applied for	\$5,372,585	\$27,850,085	\$5,000,000
Dollar value of grants received	\$ 0	\$ 488,723	\$5,000,000

Budget	Category	Adj Appropriation	YTD Expenditures	% Used	Goal
Fire	S&W	40,078,922.00	30,863,761.87	77.01	79.17
6221-6225	OCE	6,114,148.96	4,861,955.63	79.52	75.00
	Equipment	3,830,919.61	3,228,666.54	84.28	75.00
Grants & Misc	S&W	661,520.09	257,161.00	38.87%	79.17
6226	OCE	1,327,882.56	266,389.14	20.06	75.00
	Equipment	697,875.20	469,125.77	67.22	75.00
EMS	S&W	15,630,607.00	11,155,444.66	71.37	79.17
6227	OCE	2,889,425.33	1,580,124.76	54.69	75.00
	Equipment	3,220,637.02	3,113,529.41	96.67	75.00
Ocean Safety	S&W	5,483,856.34	3,368,328.04	61.42	79.17
6228	OCE	352,845.49	282,336.35	80.02	75.00
	Equipment	522,905.32	322,495.64	61.67	75.00
Total Budget		80,811,544.92	59,769,318.81	73.96	

Grants	Update
2023 CDBG	(3) Brush Trucks \$625,693 furnished by Orchid Isle Ford. Delivery pending.
2024 CDBG	Received (1) 2025 Kawasaki Mule Pro-FXT UTV and trailer for the Pahala Fire Station. Delivery pending on a fire pump skid. Bid for a brush truck for the Puna Volunteer Fire Station awarded to Rebel Strike LLC.
CDBG- MIT Wildfire Mitigation	Reviewing bids for (1) Mobile Command Vehicle, (3) Brush Trucks, and (1) Mobile Service Trailer.
FY 2021 AFG	Equipment received for Fire Base Station Refresh Project. The grant is 100% obligated as of 3/31/25. Closing out grant.
FY 2023 AFG	Grant awarded establishing a Hazard Zone (IDLH) Incident Command and a Control Training Program to provide safe, effective, and efficient HFD emergency response Operations.
FY 23 USDA Volunteer Fire Capacity Project	The bid was awarded to Orchid Isle Ford for two (2) Brush Trucks \$411,097. Delivery pending
FY 24 USDA Volunteer Fire Capacity Project	Supplies and equipment continue to arrive for the Volunteer Operations section.
Kohanaiki Lifeguard Tower (Fair Share funds)	I.D.R. Surveyor Apex lifeguard tower furnished by Newport Laminates. Delivery expected in the second quarter of 2025.
Leleiwi Lifeguard Tower (Fair Share Funds)	Surveyor Junior lifeguard tower furnished by Newport Laminates. Delivery expected in early 2026.

ADMIN DIV: HR BRANCH REPORT

Program Budget Goals	March	YTD	GOAL
Process actions within 15 working days	103	200	100%
Recruitment Actions < 30 days	13	37	100%
Promotion Actions < 30 days	0	1	100%
Personnel Actions within 30 days, <10% error	90	166	100%

Internal Recruitment within Department

Position	Status Report
Battalion Chief (EMS Bureau)	Recruitment opened 03/16/25 and closed on 03/25/25.
Battalion Chief (Special Operations)	Assessment scheduled 04/08/25.
Fire Equipment Operator	Assessment scheduled 04/09/25.
Fire Haz/Mat Specialist	Written exam on 03/28/25. Two (2) names referred.
Fire Prevention Inspector II	One (1) name referred for screening. Assessment scheduled 04/10/25.
Water Safety Officer V	Recruitment opened 03/16/25 and closed on 03/25/25.

Open-Competitive Recruitment

Position	Status Report
Program Support Technician	Six (6) names referred. Interview scheduled 04/14/25.
Fire Fighter Recruit (Temp)	31 applicants passed PAE; interviews scheduled 04/01 – 04/03/25.
Fire/EMS Recruit	One (1) applicant passed; interviews scheduled for 04/08/25.
Automotive Storekeeper	New recruitment held. Closed 03/25/25. Awaiting referral of names.
Fire Communications Officer I	Open on continuous recruitment.
Water Safety Officer I	Open on continuous recruitment.
Senior Account Clerk	Resubmitted RTF for three (3) positions (hire above the min).
Human Resources Program Specialist	Interviews held 03/07/25; no selection made. Submitted new RTF (hire above the min)

OPERATIONS

Emergency Operations

Total Calls for Calendar Year 2025	March	%	YTD	%
Fire	108	4%	309	4%
Overpressure, Rupture, Explosion- no fire	0	0%	0	0%
Rescue and EMS	1880	71%	5451	69%
Hazardous Cond. (no fire)	15	1%	53	1%
Service Call	196	7%	639	8%
Good Intent calls	408	15%	1339	17%
False Alarm / False calls	22	1%	81	1%
Severe Weather	0	0%	0	0%
Special Incident Type	3	0%	14	0%
Other (not completed yet)	2	0%	0	0%
Totals	2634	100%	7886	100%

Year	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025 (est.)
Total Calls	25,015	27,398	29,594	30,738	31,143	31,544

Response Times CY 2025

Statistic	March	% that meet....	YTD	% that meet...
Avg. Turn out time (Fire)	2:18	(80 sec.) 17.59%	2:17	(80 sec.) 19.54%
Avg. Turn out time (EMS)	2:00	(60 sec.) 19.2%	2:03	(60 sec.) 19.15%
Statistic	March	% that meet 6 min.	YTD	% that meet 6 min
Avg. Response Time (Fire)	10:15	14.81%	10:06	16.83%
Avg. Response Time	9:04	22.39%	8:57	21.23%

Fire Impacts CY 2025

Call Type	February	YTD
Wildland calls (140, 141, 142, 143)	26	70
Acres burned	30	190
Structure Fires (110 & 111)	7	22
Property and Contents - Loss	\$579,000.00	\$1,934,300.00
Property and Contents - Save	\$155,000.00	\$840,600.00
Other fires (all other 100 series)	75	217
Property and Contents - Loss	\$25,700.00	\$26,200.00
Property and Contents - Save	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00

Emergency Operations Highlights

Battalion 1, East Hawai'i

- 3/1, Inc #05307; Rescue: Swimmer in distress, Govt. Beach Rd/Dist. 10, victim floating face down in water. Chopper 1 extricated person to M10 location at landing zone. Resuscitation attempted enroute to HL ER with no return on pulse. No other injuries were reported. 1 fatality.
- 3/8, Inc #05901; Brush Fire: Kapapala Ranch, Mauka of Hwy 11, near 48mm/Dist. 11. Difficult access. Fire controlled by C1 and C2 until able to gain access with assistance of ranch manager. Fire break cut around fire with ranch bulldozer. HFD personnel extinguished and overhauled fire. No injuries or fatalities reported.
- 3/15, Inc #06548, Rescue: Beyond Old Puna Road/Dist. 10, Hiker lost overnight, one person rescued.

Battalion 2, West Hawai'i

- 3/15, Inc #06506, Rescue: Stalled Jet Ski with 2 parties on board, located by C2 and towed in by Sealegs. Dist 12. No EMS needed
- 3/18, Inc #06735 Search and Rescue: Missing Person Milolii Dist. 20, 51 y.o. female. 3-day multi-agency search with negative findings.
- 3/22, Inc #07123; Brush Fire: Alii Dr. near Magics Beach, 1 acre
- 3/29, Inc #07684 Structure Fire: Dist. 7 Charging batteries in garage ignited contents of garage. Fire confined to garage area. No injuries.

Special Operations

Haz-Mat

- Planning for the annual 93rd CST Hazmat training exercise continues.
- New Supplied Air System carts for both Hazmat stations ordered

Ocean Safety

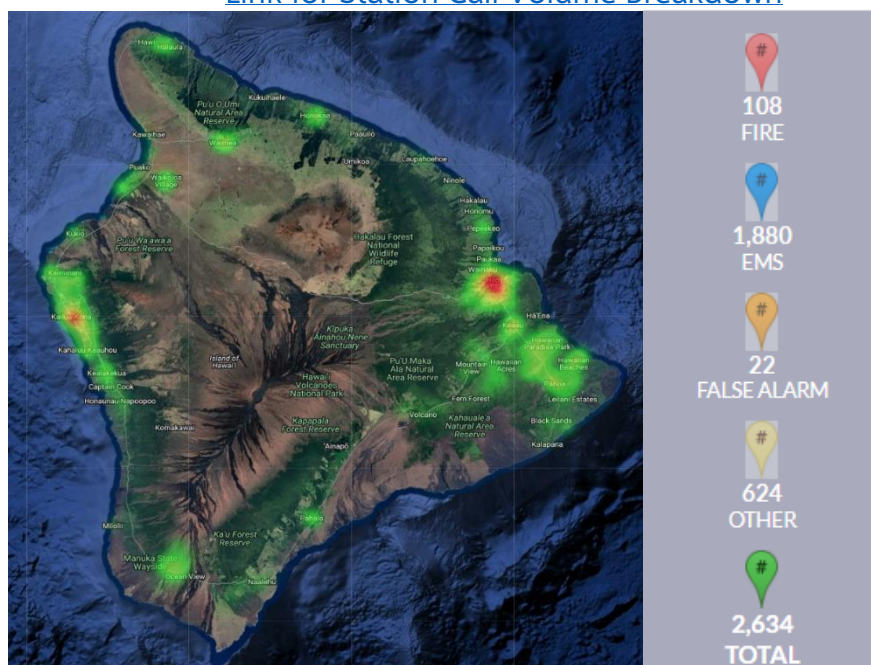
- WSO recruitment update:
 - WSO V recruitment application period closed and awaiting the list of candidates.
 - WSO I on continuous open recruitment.
- WSO V vehicle procurement process initiated

Rescue

- IFB for RB7-7 (Radon) repower to Outboards continues.
- 4 Rescue personnel attended Rope Rescue training with Maui FD on March 23-29.

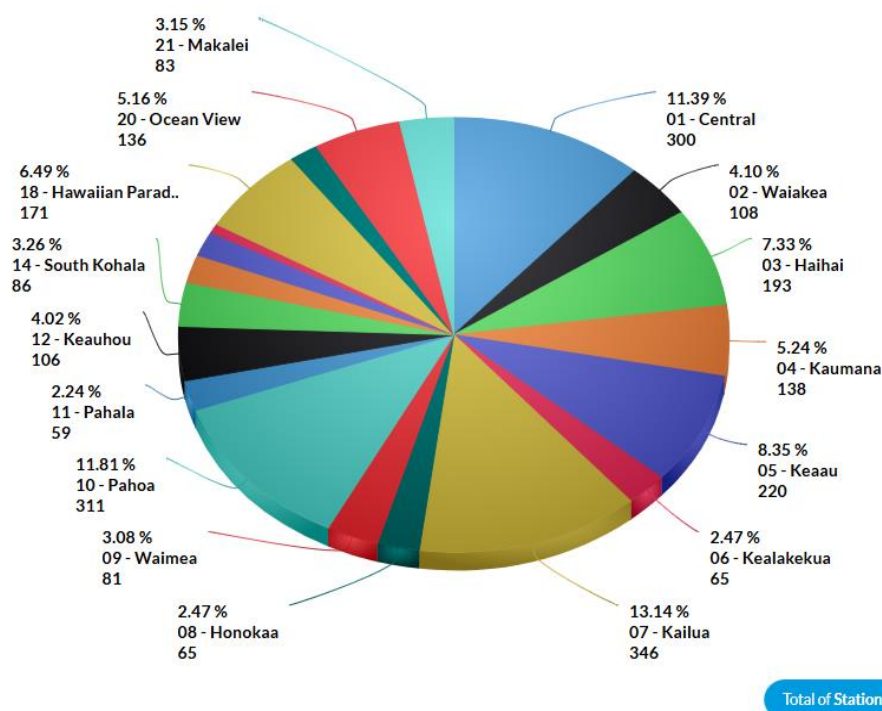
Incident heat map and YTD stats for March 2025

[Link for Station Call Volume Breakdown](#)



Incidents by Stations

03/01/2025-03/31/2025



SUPPORT SERVICES

Emergency Medical Services Branch

Ambulance Blessing

A blessing was held on March 17, 2025, for our four new ambulance units. These units have been assigned to the following fire stations: Station 1 Central, Station 12 Keauhou, Station 16 Waikoloa, and Station 20 Ocean View Estates. A big mahalo to everyone that assisted with this process.



Upcoming Ambulance Deliveries – July 2025

Our next four new ambulance units are expected to arrive in July 2025. Braun Northwest in Chehalis, Washington, has been awarded the bid and has already begun the fabrication process. These new ambulance units will be assigned to the following fire stations: Station 5 Keaau, Station 7 Kailua Kona, Station 10 Pahoa, and Station 18 Hawaiian Paradise Park.

Field Death Pronouncement Protocol

EMS Branch personnel have been working closely with HPD, Corporation Council, and the State Department of Health to develop a field death pronouncement protocol. The new policy aims to alleviate pressure on hospital morgues and will take effect on April 1, 2025.



Waiākea Intermediate Career Fair

Fire Prevention and EMS Branch personnel assisted with a career fair at Waiākea Intermediate School on March 14, 2025. Approximately 70 students attended.

ESO Health Data Exchange (HDE) Rollout

EMS Branch personnel participated in a State Department of Health meeting with all EMS agencies to discuss the rollout of ESO's new Health Data Exchange (HDE) platform. HDE is a bidirectional data-sharing program between

EMS agencies and hospitals. While the implementation date has not yet been determined, Kona Community Hospital and Queen's North Hawai'i Community Hospital are almost complete with product testing. Hilo Benioff Medical Center will be onboarded soon.

Trauma Activation Criteria Updates

EMS Branch personnel met with the trauma coordinators from our island's Level 3 trauma hospitals to discuss updating our trauma activation criteria.

CPR Instructor Recertification Training

EMS Branch coordinated an American Heart Association CPR instructor recertification training on March 25, 2025. Our instructors will be contacting the stations to coordinate training dates and times. The classes will begin in April and will be completed by the end of May.

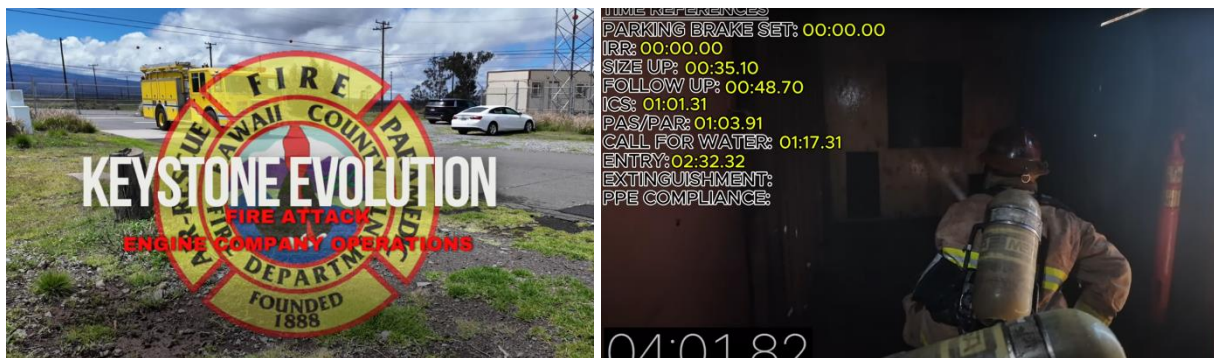
FERNO Technician Recertification

Four of our FERNO technicians from support services attended a recertification training in Honolulu. This is a mandatory certification to repair our FERNO cots.

Training Services Branch

Fire Attack Keystone Evolutions Completed

Fire Attack Keystone Evolutions have been completed for Companies 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 14, 16, 18, and 19. The Keystone Evolution is a needs assessment-based training evolution simulating a Single-Family Dwelling (SFD) fire. It is designed to evaluate and enhance the department's interior offensive fire attack capabilities. Data collection focuses on critical performance indicators such as suppression times, fire attack methods, and compliance with safety protocols. The primary goals are to establish performance benchmarks, identify operational gaps, reinforce firefighter safety, and enhance fireground efficiency through targeted training. After Action Reviews (AARs) for Keystone Evolutions were conducted by the Training Branch at the request of Company Officers. AARs have been completed for Companies 1C and 3B. These company-specific findings, data and video are only shared with the participating company. The aggregated data set is currently being compiled to present this internal needs analysis to Fire Administration.





Firefighter of the Year Recognition

The Aloha Exchange Club of East Hawai'i honored the Police Officer and Firefighter of the year at a recognition ceremony held on Saturday, March 8, in Hilo. Hawai'i Police Department Puna Patrol Officer Rodney De Lima Jr. – 2024 Officer of the Year, for his exemplary role in the apprehension of multiple armed and dangerous fugitives in December 2024. Hawai'i Fire Department Battalion Chief Patrick Springer – 2024

Firefighter of the Year, for his outstanding leadership in expanding and professionalizing the department's Training Section, which has seen significant growth in both size and scope under his direction.

New Auto-Extrication Tools at Haihai Station

Haihai Fire Station received new Genesis battery-operated auto-extrication tools. In service training was conducted on March 17, 18, and 19 by Jay Kauhane of Swift Rescue Group.



Rope Rescue Technician Training Completed

Captains Garrett Kim and Michael Akau, along with Fire Rescue Specialists Tay Soares and Daniel Okumura, completed a 65-hour Rope Rescue Technician I/II course hosted by the Maui Fire Department (MFD). This training opportunity served two primary purposes: to enhance the capabilities of HFD's Rope Rescue Program, and to begin research and development of a formal instructor cadre and certification framework for technical rescue disciplines. These personnel will continue to collaborate with the Training Branch to enhance our Rope Rescue Program.



Final Acceptance Testing of New Fire Engine

Chief Darwin Okinaka, Chief Mechanic Aaron Buyuan, and Captain Roback traveled to Burton's Fire in Modesto, California, to complete final acceptance testing for the department's new Rosenbauer "General" Type 1 Fire Engine. This engine will serve primarily as a spare apparatus, ready to support operational units during equipment downtime. It will be maintained and housed by the Training Services Branch, where it will also be utilized to support training activities for Emergency Operations personnel and Firefighter Recruits.



Volunteer Training Section

1-A (Pepe'ekeo)



Volunteer Company 1A participated in the Keiki Fun Day held at the Puainako Center. The children loved being able to go through the fire truck! They also did a static display at the Kulaimano Community Center during spring break and performed a weekend station cleanup. (photos)



5-D (Fern Acres)

5-Delta responded to 1 structure fire, 1 car fire and 2 calls for "smell of smoke". They also have four new volunteers in various stages of onboarding.

7-B (Kalaoa)

Volunteer Company 7B was dispatched to 2 calls during the month of March and conducted training on PPE and performed vehicle maintenance.

8-A (Pa'auilo)

Volunteer Company 8A was dispatched for a smell of smoke call and a brush fire. Vol. Co. 8A also participated in a joint training with Company 8 Honoka'a which covered drafting from a static water source.

9-B (Kanehoa)

Volunteer Company 9B hosted an HWMO (Hawaii Wildfire Management Organization) meeting for three local neighborhoods to attend. 9-B performed driver training and set up multiple obstacle courses on three occasions to prepare a new driver for the upcoming driver training course in April. 9-B also conducted 2 wildland hose drills.



10-D (Ainaloa)

In the month of March, Ainaloa volunteers responded to 6 incidents; including 1 Vehicle Fire in Hawaiian Acres, 1 Structure Fire in Kalapana Black Sands, & 1 Brush Fire in Pahoa. 10-Delta also increased its community engagement by attending Ainaloa Community Association meetings, & functions. (photos)

20-A (HOVE)

Volunteer Company 20A was dispatched to multiple fires (structure, vehicle, brush, and smoke sighted) during the month of March.

Fire Prevention Branch

Fire Inspections

Our current fire inspectors are conducting business inspections in District 3 and District 9 utilizing EPR Fireworks and adding properties as inspections are completed.

Community Outreach, Events & Social Media



March 3: BC Henderson with all county fire departments participated in reconstructing the state fire code amendments

March 14: Inspector Requelman and Aaron Moniz attended Keaau HS Career Fair with Station 5 personnel

March 14: Capt. Goo attended the Waiakea Inter. Career Fair with BC Honda and Capt. Kanae



March 24: Inspector Requelman, T/A Inspector Moniz and Capt. Goo completed a high hazard fire inspection at Life Care Center in Dist.3

March 21: Capt. Goo met with Fire Inspectors from California for Fuel Farm Inspections in Dist.2

March 27: Capt. Goo attended the Creative Media Summit hosted by COH Mayor's Office, County Council IV and Dept. Of R&D

Month of March: Capt.Goo has been completing several Last Interview for several upcoming retirements for 2025



Plan Review / Active Construction

All plans in the EPIC system and submitted shop drawings have been reviewed and completed within the allotted 14-day turnaround period for the month.

March 13: Inspector Ahu completed the final inspection for the fire alarm for HFS in Dist.1

Fire Investigations/UAS Program

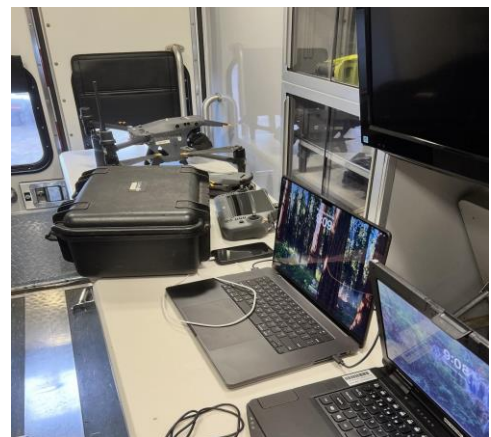
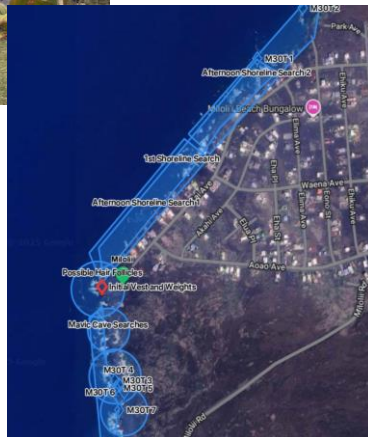


March 5: Capt. Goo attended O&C Fire Investigations on Fuel-Burning Appliances

March 19: Dist. 20 Milolii UAS Search w/P-01 BC Henderson/Capt. Goo

March 21: Dist. 5 Menpachi Street Undetermined
Capt. Goo/Insp. Requelman

March 25: Capt. Goo attended a programming meeting with NOVA for the UAS program including CAL Fire, Phoenix Fire and many other depts utilizing NOVA



Logistics, Emergency Communications, and Vehicle Maintenance Section

- Program Support technician interviews are scheduled, hoping to fill the position.
- Fire ordering for Shopify
 - 391 customers
 - 76 orders for the month of March
 - Approximate gross order sales, 13K of products
- Still working on canopy tent for station 7 hoping to complete it soon
- 15 (460 pails) pallets of foam was received via the VFA grant and were distributed to various volunteer stations
- Apparatus and equipment repair
 - Two hundred and forty-six (246) total repairs/service.
 - Twenty-eight (28) service calls or trouble calls.
 - Twenty-four (24) contracted out and tows

Emergency Communications

- The HCECC project continues to move forward with a projected cutover date of April 24, 2025. Chief Domingo and Captain Kaneshiro continue to meet weekly with the team to make sure everything goes as smoothly as possible.
- RapidSOS trainers came from the mainland to provide in person user training to our Fire Communication Officers and admin training for Chief Domingo, Captain Kaneshiro, and our HPD partners.
- Chief Domingo and Captain Kaneshiro met with the AlertWest team to see how their application can support early detection of wildfires, using AI, on the Big Island. Plans are being made for a Train the Trainer training for the Fire Communication Officers.

Information Technology Highlights

- Fireworks inventory list received from all stations. Working on addressing items not found, when that is completed, list will be uploaded into FireWorks and station inventory and item checks will be built.
- MDT for E07 received back from repairs with Panasonic. Will send to station and receive Spare MDT back.
- Spare MDT for E15 sent out. E15 MDT to be repaired.
- Faulty power supply wire for E18 MDT replaced.
- MDT for BR10 sent in to troubleshoot FirstNet cellular connection problem.
- Central Fire Station relocation site.
 - Site Survey with Spectrum for Inet fiber install.
 - Terminated and tested existing Cat5e cabling for radio and computer network.
- Continued meetings for the Joint Communication Center.
 - Motorola P25 radio setup completed, and primary site moved from Police to ECC.
 - Dispatch CAD computer testing.
 - Targeted go live date in late April.
- CradlePoint VPN license received, working on server setup and configuration.

SAFETY SPECIALIST REPORT

A summary of Safety's notable issues for March 2025: Three crew members reported mild symptoms during an ARFF training exercise, possibly tied to SCBA bottles filled by ARFF or our compressors—air quality tests were negative, and after servicing the SCBA packs, we are in process of sending the suspect bottles for inspection and hydro-testing. We also found G1 SCBA exhaust valve corrosion from improper cleaning; the warehouse is out of MSA disinfectant, but Betco pH7Q is a safe substitute—please clean gear correctly! Station #18's mold and lead tests showed no detectable issues, and I'm awaiting equipment and repairs for further checks, while Waiakea Fire Station's roof still has missing ceiling tiles but no new leaks. The relocation from Central Fire Station remains on track for May 1, and Rescue Boat #2's fuel saturation issue post-tank repair is under close monitoring. The Continuity of Operations (COOP) exercise concluded, with the draft After Action Report out—feedback is due by April 2. Mahalo for keeping safety first.

FACILITIES UPDATES

Temporary Central Fire Station Construction Progress

Photos courtesy of Assistant Fire Chief Ian Chadwick.



SNAPSHOTS AND STORIES

Keonepoko Elementary School Visit

Battalion Chief Troy Gibson, Sr. helps Keonepoko Elementary School Girl Scouts earn their First Aid Badge.



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