

**Emergency Medical Services
Advisory Committee (EMSAC):
Agency Reports**

Meeting Date:
January 24, 2024



FEDERAL FIRE DEPARTMENT

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MEMORANDUM

From: Assistant Fire Chief - EMS

To: Hawaii - Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee (EMSAC)

Subj: QUARTERLY EMSAC ACTIVITY REPORT (21 NOV 2023 – 24 JAN 2024)

Operations:

- Staffing:
 - Since last report, Federal Fire Department (FFD) has completed its next 2024 recruit class physical ability testing and interview process. Human Resources is processing the rank order list and security background checks. Final job offers are expected to be issued in Jan 24. Expect to have a total of 33 seats with 26 FFD Firefighters, 3 FFD Firefighter/Paramedics and 4 State of Hawaii Airports Firefighters as a joint recruit class.
 - Lastly, one (1) Firefighter/Paramedic is transferring to a Navy Region Mid-Atlantic Fire Department on the mainland leaving n=2 permanent FF/PM vacancies in the department.
- Accreditation:
 - Commission Fire Accreditation International (CFAI) re-accreditation process has started for FFD this month. Quality improvement courses and manuals have been distributed to the FFD accreditation team. The self-assessment process for the next 5-year cycle begins this year. Self-assessment uses a quantitative approach to evaluate; What are we doing? Why are we doing it? How well are we doing it? and How can we make it better? This will be our 4th cycle re-applying as an accredited Fire Department.
- Equipment:
 - New leased General Services Administration (GSA) ambulance is schedule to arrive in spring of 24. Ambulance is a Type I - Additional Duty (AD), 2023 Ford F450 diesel chassis with 6.7L Power Stroke V8 Turbo Diesel. Apparatus is equipped with an external “cool bar” AC condenser systems with 30% greater condensing capability and 30% greater BTU capacity. Internally it is equipped with Stryker Power Load system, Power Pro XT cot; Medixsafe Wi-Fi enabled MS Series narcotics vault and Ziamatic electrical oxygen lift rack. Cylinders storage and retention systems are accessed via external compartments and are NTEA-Ambulance Manufactures Division standard 003, SAE-J3043 and U.S. Government GSA “KKK” ambulance specification approved.
- Mutual Aid:
 - Approximately 120 mutual aid responses “given” to City and County of Honolulu during 01NOV23 - 31DEC23.
- Last Alarm:

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- FFD Engineer/EMT Daniel Bennett last watch was on 08NOV23. Bell toll and Last Alarm service was held at the JBPHH Chapel 28DEC23.

Training:

- Continued coordinated training in alignment with Joint Task Force Red Hill. As emphasis transitions from defueling to long term closure of the Red Hill Fuel Storage Facility (RHFSF). FFD will continue with required training and adjust any Fire Department deployment plans as required by leadership and external stakeholders.
- Attending mutual aid training with Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) on low-rise multiple family apartments to include primary search team integration and patient removal with ground ladders. 25NOV23.
- Small Boat Attack/Active Shooter exercise completed at JBPHH. 29NOV23
- Emergency Pediatric Course (EPC) Provider/Instructor course. 31OCT-01NOV23 and 28-29NOV23.
- Completed required live fire training night burns. 11DEC23.
- Completed HAZMAT Technician certification performance testing. 11DEC-22DEC23.
- Completed required Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) Radiological Controls (RADCON) training. 01DEC-07DEC23.
- Passed Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) and Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (BUMED) RADCON inspection audit exercise. 12DEC23.
- Hosted HFD recruit class for live fire training burn at FFD training grounds. Total of n=27 HFD personnel placed in live fire flashover trainer. 04JAN24
- Started Marine Firefighter certification training and testing. 08JAN-19JAN24
- FFD Training Division will be holding its initial National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians (NAEMT) - Tactical Emergency Casualty Care (TECC) course for organic FFD providers on 11JAN and 12JAN24.

Community Outreach:

- Nothing Significant to Report (NSTR) during this reporting period.

Quality Improvement Updates:

- Continued monthly PCR reviews with reports submitted to local Medical Director at Tripler Army Medical Center and Navy Medicine's Regional Medical Director - Naval Medical Forces Pacific, San Diego.
 - QA included "High Risk Encounters" or Sentinel Events:
 - Out of Hospital Cardiac Arrest
 - Chest Pain
 - Stroke
 - Trauma
 - Behavioral health
 - OBGYN

If you have any questions concerning this, you may contact me at (808) 471-2402 or by e-mail at douglas.a.asano.civ@us.navy.mil.

DOUGLAS ASANO

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Training and Education

- Through collaborative efforts of the Training and EMS Branches, a one week comprehensive EMT preparation class was held for the 52nd fire recruit class. This training prepared the recruits with a sound foundation for success in their upcoming EMT training that begins in January.
- The 2023 Fall MICT class has completed their MICT 190/191 portion of training. They will begin their clinical and internship phase of training in January 2024.
- Personnel conducted an in service training for our 52nd fire recruit class on ESO charting and documentation requirements.

Operations

- EMS Branch personnel assisted with an EMS standby at the West Hawaii Civic Center's Magic of the Season event held on December 15, 2023.
- Our state licensing recertification and reimbursement process has commenced.
- The EMS Branch participated at a wellness event at the West Hawaii Community Center in Kona. At this event personnel assisted with blood pressure screenings and diabetes awareness.
- In the month of January, EMS Branch personnel assisted with a multiple hands only CPR classes for the Department of Education. The primary audience for these classes were school security and teachers.
- Hawaii Fire Department personnel assisted with a medical stand by at the 2024 Mitsubishi Electric Golf Championship held at the Hualalai Golf Course.
- The Hawaii Fire Department Community paramedicine program continues to assist with high utilizers of the 911 system by connecting them with appropriate resources and assisting patients with durable medical equipment.

City & County of Honolulu – EMS January 2024 EMSAC Report

OPERATIONAL UPDATES:

- Responses: 108,442
- Transports: 58,466
- Staffing:
 - Graduated 26 EMTs on December 15, 2023. Those EMTs are going through field evaluations.

TRAINING UPDATES:

- CME Classes October – December 2023
 - a. ACLS – 4
 - b. AMLS – 3
 - c. PALS – 2
 - d. PHTLS – 5
 - e. EPC – 4
 - f. BLS – 4
- Clinical/Internship hours for October – December 2023: 5,212 hours
 - a. Paramedic Internship & Clinical Hours
 1. KCC – 864
 - b. EMT Clinical Hours
 1. KCC – 3,384
 2. HFD – 528
 - c. Ride Along Hours
 1. Community – 40
 2. HPH – 48
 3. JABSOM – 48
 4. HCC – 300
- Clinical/Internship hours for CY 2024: 28,132 hours
 - a. Paramedic Internship & Clinical Hours
 1. KCC – 16,396
 - b. EMT Clinical Hours
 1. KCC – 7,488
 2. HFD – 1,024
 3. OS – 1,008
 4. FFD – 704
 - c. Ride Along Hours
 1. Community – 136
 2. HPH – 160
 3. JABSOM – 200
 4. HCC – 1,016

COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

- Continuation of PulsePoint for community CPR notification.

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT:

- Continue internal QA initiatives through chart reviews (unit, district, and administrative levels). Participate with partner hospital agencies for stroke, trauma, and cardiac care. Partner with City and County of Honolulu first responder agencies for quarterly meetings to discuss topics such as training and areas of improvement.

Kauai EMSAC report January 24th 2024

Kauai EMS, American Medical Response

Operations:

Hanalei Bridge Work Scheduled from Jan 2nd to Feb 8th. Full night closures with walking path only from 2300-0530 Sunday – Thursday. Friday and Saturdays off. AMR has stationed a ALS unit in Hanalei town nightly for continued coverage north of Hanalei Bridge.

Scheduling Standing orders update session for crews with Kauai’s State and local Medical directors.

Staffing:

1 EMT from Kauai currently attending KCC’s MICT class on Oahu.

Kauai AMR is fully staffed

Community:

Every Tuesday – AMR, KFD, Elderly affairs, and State DOH provide home visits for our fall prevention and wellness check program. Three homes with individuals 60 and above every Tuesday.

Provided AHA CRP Classes Island wide.

AMR along with Kauai police department attended the “Hope for Hero’s” event on December 6th at target. Great Event with our EMS providers who got to shop alongside children for the holiday season.

Volunteer Preschool and Elementary school ambulance demos.

Mahalo,

Kauai AMR/EMS



**AMR – Maui County
Mona Arcinas – Operations Manager
December 27, 2023
EMSAC Report**

Operational Updates

- Currently interviewing for Operations Assistant
- Completed over 1000 Medevac flights
- Maui AMR fully staffed

Training in the most recent quarter

- AHA classes held at Maui CC
- Annual LII (medevac) flight training

Community Outreach updates

- Lahaina Keiki Health Fair
- Holoholo Ka'a (Touch a Truck) event for Keiki
- Toys for Tots
- Target Heroes and Helpers

Current Quality Improvement updates

- Trauma case meetings
- Base Station meetings



EMSAC REPORT

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By Mark Leggett - Director of Service Delivery

OPERATIONS UPDATES – Q4 2023

- HLF met and completed the annual renewal of its State of Hawaii DOH EMS Ambulance Provider License, including site visits and inspections of all 9 licensed aircraft
- Continued sustained operations of 9 aircraft (8 fixed wing and 1 rotor wing aircraft) throughout the state, each staffed by Critical Care RN/Paramedic or Critical Care RN/RN flight teams for each transport
- HLF services are staffed with air medical crews, pilots, and aircraft deployed to on-island at base locations (Kauai, Molokai, Maui, Kona, Waimea, Hilo) with back-up aircraft stationed in Honolulu to respond to each island
- Clinically fully staffed with 30 Flight RNs and 13 Flight Paramedics at end of Q4 2023

TRAINING – Q4 2023

- Completed Annual Procedures Lab in November at UH John A. Burns School of Medicine led by HLF medical directors. Content included quarterly and annual advanced airway & vascular access procedures and advanced ventilator management for adult, child, and neonatal transport scenarios
- Completed quarterly physician-led virtual didactic training on advanced airway management
- Completed quarterly advanced skills training check-offs at each base along with bi-annual equipment proficiency check-offs
- HLF Fixed-Wing Pilots conducted King-Air C90 live flight training locally at the HLF Honolulu location in addition to remaining compliant with FAA training and check-rides
- HLF Fixed-Wing pilots, medical crews, and communications team completed safety training for new flight acceptance procedure
- HLF clinical staff completed annual didactic and live Aircraft Safety Training (October / November / December)
- All HLF employees completed annual Crew Resource Management (CRM) training in December
- IABP Transport training and mock exercise at Maui Memorial Medical Center and Kahului Airport (December)

COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND OUTREACH – Q4 2023

- HLF Outreach Courses taught to medical and hospital providers statewide: TNCC – 1 course (Wilcox Medical Center – November); Cardiac Assist Device (Impella) Training – 1 course (HMC – December); Advanced Burn Life Support with Straub Burn Unit – 2 courses (Straub Medical Center – December)

CLINICAL CARE MONITORING AND PROCESS IMPROVEMENT – Q4 2023

- GAMUT Metrics Monitored
- 24 clinical performance measured quarterly for every patient transport
- 24 metrics 100% compliant
- PCR 100% Case Review by HLF Clinical Manager and HLF Medical Directors
- PCR trauma case follow up provided to State Trauma Program Managers as requested

To: Celeste Toyofuku, Interim EMSAC Chair

From: Stacey Oho, Department Chair

Date: January 9, 2024

Subject: KapCC EMSAC Report

Jeff Zuckernick has stepped down as the KapCC EMS Department Chair. We were blessed with his vision and leadership, which paved the way for how training is done in Hawaii. Stacey Oho will be taking his place as of January 1, 2024.

EMS Cohorts – Current Students Enrolled

EMT – Oahu (civilian):	16
EMT – Oahu – CHW:	7
EMT – Maui (MFD/ARFF/Other):	15
EMT – Hawaii Fire:	20
EMT – ARFF (statewide):	TBD
EMT – Oahu (Ocean Safety):	12
MICT – Statewide:	21 (13 Oahu and 8 Hawaii Island)

KapCC Students

The City and County EMT Academy 4 class graduated and is going through or has completed their new-hire evaluations.

The Oahu MICT cohort has completed all of their clinical site experience. Mahalo to Queens Medical Center and Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women and Children for assisting our students. They will be starting their internship in February.

The Hilo MICT cohort just completed their Oahu clinical site experience. Mahalo to the hospitals and the City and County EMS Department for accommodating our students. They will return to the Big Island to start their internship at the end of February.

Paramedic Stipend

The Paramedic Stipend, a DOH grant intended to support non-employer sponsored paramedic students with a monthly stipend, was renewed for FY 24-25. The college provides logistical support for the DOH in effecting this grant. The contract has been signed and will resume in January 2024.

Distance Education Grant

The DOH provided a grant to the college to support Neighbor Island EMS training. The grant was not renewed for FY 23-24. This affects both credit and non-credit programs.

CME UPDATE

The college is currently working with the Health Education Non-Credit Department ([HENC](#)) to provide Continuing Medical Education (CME) training statewide. Maui has used this successfully. Kauai will implement it in January 2024. Both Oahu and Hawaii are on hold, awaiting additional faculty.

Faculty Staff Openings

Oahu: 1 faculty position (1 is on leave) and 2 office assistants

Hilo: 1 faculty position