

Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee (EMSAC): Agency Reports

Meeting Date:
January 22, 2025



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MEMORANDUM

From: Assistant Fire Chief - EMS

To: Hawaii Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee (EMSAC)

SUBJ: QUARTERLY EMSAC ACTIVITY REPORT (17 JUL 2024 – 16 OCT 2024)

MEETING DATE: 22 JAN 2025

1. Operations

- Number of total EMS Responses: 850
- Number of EMS Ambulance Transports: 568
- EMS Mutual Aid Given: 118
- EMS Mutual Aid Received: 51

2. Training to meet Clinical Requirements for Certification.

- No new Paramedics in Training Pipeline.
- 23 new EMT's in Training.
- Total number of individual students/trainees: 23

3. Operational Challenges. (related to State EMS system)

- Nothing Substantial to Report.

4. Community Paramedicine Activities.

- Nothing Substantial to Report.

5. Other:

- Hosted Honolulu FD live fire flashover burns for recruit class 117A. 24JUL
- NCIS Strangulation behavioral training – ID signs leading to homicide: 28/29AUG
 - Improve detection and documentation for domestic violence offenders.
- FFD Training Recruit class graduation: 06SEP.
 - Class size was n=28; 25 males, 3 females; 5 already NREMT Paramedic.
- Participated in USMC Lethal Breeze Audit Exercise: 10SEP.
- Hosted Honolulu Local Emergency Planning Meeting. 17SEP.
- Hosted Honolulu EMS-Auto extrication training on 03OCT.
- Hosted State Airport Fire; re-certification of High Reach Extendable Turret training for Airport Rescue Fire Fighting. 16OCT.
- Public Access AED/CPR classes completed: n=4; total students trained: n=51.
- Commission Fire Accreditation International (CFAI) self-assessment manual (SAM) completed. Started compiling final data for 2025 peer assessment team visit JAN.
- New FY24 ambulance on order expected arrival in 2026.

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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.

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Distribution:
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Agency Name: Hawaii Fire Department

Contact Name: Battalion Chief C. Honda

Date range the report covers: October – December 2024

EMSAC Meeting: January 22, 2025

- Operational Updates (for the last quarter)
 - Number of Responses
 - 7,685
 - Number of Transports
 - 4,016
 - Number of vacancies / Total positions
 - Total MICT positions – 48
 - Fully staffed

- Training to Meet Clinical Requirements for Certification (for the last quarter)
 - Paramedic Clinical Hours
 - Approx. 24 hours a week
 - Paramedic Intern Hours
 - NA (MICT students have not started internship)
 - EMT Clinical Hours
 - EMT class started on Tuesday 1/13/25
 - Total number of individual students/trainees
 - MICT Students – 4
 - EMT Students - 13
 - Training Gaps

- Operational Challenges
 - Anticipated MICT vacancies due to promotions and retirements

- Community Paramedicine Activities
 - Resident physician ride alongs for community outreach
 - Continuing community outreach through various agency referrals
 - Pickup & drop off of donated DMEs
 - Fall risk assessments of high utilizers of the 911 system

- Other

American Medical Response (Maui)

Mona Arcinas

October 2024 – December 2024

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1. Operational Updates (for the last quarter)
 - Number of Responses: **4860**
 - Number of Transports: **3487**
 - Number of vacancies / Total positions: **0 vacancies/ 83 positions + 4 (management positions)**

2. Training to Meet Clinical Requirements for Certification (for the last quarter)
 - Paramedic Clinical Hours: **44 hours**
 - Paramedic Intern Hours: **~600 hours**
 - EMT Clinical Hours: **68 hours**
 - Total number of individual students/trainees: **5 students/ 5 trainees**
 - Training Gaps: **none**

3. Operational Challenges: **getting M9 added to our dispatch system.**

4. Community Paramedicine Activities: **none**

5. Other:

Volunteer Events

October - (Grand Wailea Health Fair)

November - (AMR annual Food Drive, Kamehameha School Career Day, Pukalani School Fun Run)

December - (Toys for Tots, Heroes for Helpers, Iao School Career Day)

To: Debbie Morikawa, Interim EMSAC Chair
From: Stacey Oho, EMS Department Chair
Date: January 10, 2025
Subject: KapCC EMSAC Report

EMS Spring 2025 cohorts and enrolled students

EMT Oahu (civilian): 15
EMT Hilo (HFD and civilian): 17
EMT (recruit) Kauai Fire Dept: 6
MICT Statewide: 17 (8 Oahu, 5 Maui, and 4 Hawaii Island)

KapCC Students

Eighteen students graduated from the EMT program in the Fall of 2024. Most have passed the NREMT on their first attempt and are applying for their licenses at the DCCA.

Four KFD and PMRF EMT recruits completed the EMT-1 (non-transport) program in Fall 2024.

Hawaii CC Pāalamanui Campus

Hawaii CC in Hilo and its Pāalamanui campus in Kona plan to do EMT (transport) courses in Spring 2025.

Neighboring Island EMT Programs

Kauai is projected to offer an EMT (transport) course in Fall 2025. Kauai CC counselors have been encouraging potential students to enter the healthcare field.

Maui EMS Training Center will also have an EMT (transport) course in Fall 2025.

Community Health Workers

Lanai will have an Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) course in the Summer of 2025.
Maui EMS Training Center (MEMST) faculty will teach this course.

Paramedic Stipend

Ten students (five from Maui and five from Oahu) received the paramedic stipend from September to December 2024. The Maui students and one Oahu student are projected to receive an employer-sponsored scholarship, and another Oahu student will be sponsored by their respective agency.

CME Update

Oahu: The Continuing Medical Education (CME) refresher courses through the Health Education Non-Credit Department ([HENC](#)) are temporarily on hold due to a lack of enrollment. Each class must have a minimum of ten students. It's projected to restart close to the time for recertification.

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Department of Emergency Medical Services

Maui: They continue to schedule their CME courses through HENC for the calendar year.

Kauai: CME courses are done as requested by the contracted agency.

Hawaii: CME courses can be done upon request.

Faculty Staff Openings

Oahu: Four candidates applied for the two open faculty positions. They are undergoing a screening process to evaluate their minimum and desired qualifications. Interviews are projected to occur later this month. We are hopeful two will be hired during the spring semester.

Oahu: Eight candidates applied for the office assistant position. They are undergoing a screening process to evaluate their minimum and desired qualifications. Interviews are projected to occur later this month. We are hopeful at least one, if not two, will be hired during the spring semester.

Maui: The office assistant position has been approved and is awaiting HR to post.

KapCC has one faculty on administrative leave.

Accreditation Site Visit

The Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions ([CoAEMSP](#)) will visit Kapi'olani Community College in Fall 2025. The site evaluators are expected to tour the training centers and emergency departments in Oahu, Maui, and Hawaii. They will also interview current and former students, faculty, mentors, nurses, physicians, and administrators. The purpose of accreditation is that the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians ([NREMT](#)) requires all paramedic applicants to graduate from an accredited program. The NREMT certification is a requirement for state licensure. Thus, it is essential for the public safety of our communities. Otherwise, students would have to go to the mainland for training.

AMR Kauai

Contact Name: Tito Villanueva

Date range the report covers: October 16th 2024 – January 21st 2025

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1. Operational Updates (for the last quarter)
 - Number of Responses: 1,716
 - Number of Transports: 1,358
 - Number of vacancies / Total positions: 0

2. Training to Meet Clinical Requirements for Certification (for the last quarter)
 - Paramedic Clinical Hours: ACLS, PALS, PHTLS, CPR Every Wednesday through KCC instructors. Staff will individually do online portions and test out Wednesdays.
 - Paramedic Intern Hours: 0
 - EMT Clinical Hours: (Same as Paramedic clinical hrs.)
 - Total number of individual students/trainees: 0
 - Training Gaps: None

3. Operational Challenges: None at this time.

4. Community Paramedicine Activities:

Every Tuesdays AMR provides fall prevention and wellness checks to the elderly across the island. 2-3 home visits per week alongside the agency of elderly affairs and KFD. Together we provide Fall prevention tips, Vital sign checks, medication reconciliation, recommendations and referrals through agency of elderly affairs.

5. Other:

AMR Kauai is working on relocations of 6th ambulance to the north shore. Location and staff has been secured and in the process of renovations. Awaiting approval from DOH.

Two new Ambulance have arrived to replace current fleet.

Provided AHA CRP Classes Island wide.

Providing Ambulance stand bys for Drag races season which is scheduled monthly for FEB-NOV 2024.

Volunteer Preschool and Elementary school ambulance demos.

City & County of Honolulu – EMS
Korey Chock – Assistant Chief
Oct-Dec 2024 & CY 2024
January 2025 EMSAC Report

OPERATIONAL UPDATES:

- Oct – Dec 2024
 - Responses: 27,454
 - Transports: 14,700
- CY 2024
 - Responses: 110,776
 - Transports: 59,530
- Staffing:
 - Graduated seventeen (17) EMTs from internal class in November.
 - Hired four (4) EMTs and three (3) Paramedics in Oct/Nov. Paramedics are undergoing field orientation and evaluations. EMTs have cleared orientation/evaluation.

TRAINING UPDATES:

- CME Classes Oct – Dec 2024
 - a. ACLS – 4
 - b. AMLS – 2
 - c. PALS – 2
 - d. PHTLS – 3
 - e. EPC – 4
 - f. BLS – 3
- Clinical/Internship/Ride Along hours for Oct – Dec 2024: 7456 hours
 - a. Paramedic Internship & Clinical Hours
 - 1. KCC – 732
 - b. EMT Clinical Hours
 - 1. KCC – 2772
 - 2. HFD – 480
 - 3. HEMS – 3264
 - c. Ride Along Hours
 - 1. Community – 40
 - 2. JABSOM – 128
 - 3. HPH – 40
- CME Classes CY 2024
 - g. ACLS – 14
 - h. AMLS – 10
 - i. PALS – 10
 - j. PHTLS – 15
 - k. EPC – 14
 - l. BLS – 17
- Clinical/Internship/Ride Along hours for CY 2024: 23,652 hours
 - d. Paramedic Internship & Clinical Hours
 - 1. KCC – 7404
 - e. EMT Clinical Hours
 - 1. KCC – 8520
 - 2. HFD – 1008
 - 3. FFD – 996
 - 4. ARFF – 1248
 - 5. HEMS – 3264

- f. Ride Along Hours
1. Community – 112
 2. JABSOM – 312
 3. HPH – 152
 4. HCC – 636

OPERATIONAL CHALLENGES:

- Maintaining a healthy fleet of frontline and backup ambulances.
- Ability to obtain certain supplies/pharmaceuticals do to manufacturing availability.
- High volume of requests for 911 EMS services.
- Monitoring wall times when ambulances arrive at an Emergency Department and are waiting for an available bed.
- Managing space on ambulances for all the training/ride-along requests Statewide. Over 23,000 hours of clinical training/experience on our 911 ambulances for CY 2024.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

- Continuation of PulsePoint for community CPR notification.
- Worked with City Departments to conduct CPR, Stroke & Heart Attack Awareness classes

OTHER:

- Expanding and enhancing our 911 response fleet with the addition of BLS ambulances and ALS rapid response SUVs (Non-transport)

