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 2 COUNTY OF MAUI
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1 (October 15th, 2018, 10:31 a.m.)
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 3 Good morning.
 4 CHAIR HIRATA: It's 10:31 a.m. I'd like to thank
 5 everybody for showing up for today's meeting of the fire and
 6 public safety commission. The first item we have is Approval
 7 of Minutes, so let us take action on --
 8 Do we have to take action individually on each
 9 minute or can we approve all of them?
 10 MR. UEOKA: You can approve all of them.
 11 CHAIR HIRATA: Okay. So for the meeting minutes of
 12 August 9th, 2018; August 20th, 2018; and August 27th, 2018, do
 13 I have a motion to approve the minutes?
 14 COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: Are we going to approve all
 15 of them at one time --
 16 CHAIR HIRATA: Yes.
 17 COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: -- or do them individually?
 18 CHAIR HIRATA: We can do them all.
 19 COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: I make a motion to approve
 20 the minutes of the August 9th, 20th, and 27th meetings.
 21 CHAIR HIRATA: Okay. Gregg moves. Any second?
 22 COMMISSIONER KALEPA: I second.
 23 CHAIR HIRATA: Archie seconds. All in favor?
 24 (Response.)
 25 CHAIR HIRATA: I guess it was interesting reading

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1 ATTENDANCE
 2 COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:
 3 Charles Hirata, Chair
 4 Jack Freitas, Member
 5 Kyle Ginoza, Member
 6 Archie Kalepa, Member
 7 William Kennison, Member
 8 Gregg Lundberg, Member
 9 Travis Tancayo, Member
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 11 STAFF:
 12 David Thyne, Deputy Fire Chief
 13 Bradford Ventura, Deputy Fire Chief
 14 Richard Kawasaki, Assistant Fire Chief
 15 Valeriano Martin, Assistant Fire Chief
 16 Jeffrey Ueoka, Deputy Corporation counsel
 17 Jill Matsui Peterson, Commission Secretary
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1 the minutes, it's more like a volume, more like reading a
 2 novel, but I didn't realize I say "you know" a lot. It's only
 3 when you read the minutes, you go, Oh, my God, I say that a
 4 lot, you know.
 5 (Laughter.)
 6 CHAIR HIRATA: Okay. Do we have anybody present for
 7 public testimony?
 8 (No response.)
 9 CHAIR HIRATA: Seeing none, Herman is not here, so
 10 we have the -- we have the report from NEMA already, so I
 11 guess you guys can peruse that at your own -- on your own
 12 time.
 13 Which brings us to fire department, Chief.
 14 CHIEF THYNE: Well, good morning, everybody.
 15 COMMISSIONERS: Good morning.
 16 CHIEF THYNE: And I'll say right at the outset,
 17 thank you for, you know, giving us the opportunity to work
 18 with you all to continue to move our department forward. And
 19 our goals and objectives are vast, but we feel that we're
 20 going to work our tails off to make sure we accomplish them,
 21 you know, in agreement or concurrence with you folks as our
 22 additional leadership and guidance, so we thank you for that
 23 opportunity.
 24 And I wanted to start off first by -- before I get
 25 into the nuts and bolts type of stuff -- introducing our chief

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1 staff. These are -- these are the crew. Trav knows this and
2 Arch does too and also does Chair, when we move up in the
3 leadership, we go from being a company level captain or leader
4 to now leading an organization and we as this crew are the
5 ones that are going to lead the organization, again, along
6 with you folks into the foreseeable future, so I want to just
7 take a moment to -- you've all met me, but to introduce our
8 deputy chief and -- and they all have prepared just kind of a
9 version of Cliff Notes for you on who they are and what they
10 do.

11 So I'll start off by introducing the Deputy Chief
12 Brad Ventura.

13 DEPUTY CHIEF VENTURA: Good morning.

14 COMMISSIONERS: Good morning.

15 DEPUTY CHIEF VENTURA: Thanks for all being here,
16 thanks for giving your time to our department, it's important
17 to help us get where we need to get.

18 So a little bit about myself, I've been in the
19 department about 16 years plus now, spent time in Napili,
20 Wailea, Kahului a lot, Lahaina, and most recently I was the
21 captain in Napili for three years and then made my way here.
22 The diversity of everywhere I've been has been a good
23 foundation for myself just so I have an understanding of what
24 everybody's doing out there and hopefully we can keep that
25 connectedness of everybody on the line.

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1 We're kind of starting to delegate all of our
2 different responsibilities within our team and so some of the
3 things that I've been tasked with are a lot of approving of
4 purchase orders, employment things, time sheets, contracts,
5 certain things even with corp counsel are coming through me,
6 and fire report releases. We get a lot of requests for fire
7 reports every day. We have a big community service team in
8 our department that's involved in several different community
9 service things so they help me with that as well as approving
10 requests from our community. So we have people requesting
11 fire prevention assistance, just show up and whatnot to give
12 them guidance, so working with prevention to do those things
13 as well.

14 Lately we've been very busy with interviews, so
15 we've promoted several people since we've been in. We have
16 seven drivers, two captains, a battalion chief, and an
17 assistant chief all in the last month and a half, so it's been
18 quite a fierce pace, but things are moving in the right
19 direction.

20 And then currently we're getting really going on the
21 budget process, so that is an important part of accomplishing
22 all of our goals, so we're all invested in that.

23 Just about myself and my style sort of a thing, I
24 really think that we can all accomplish things together.

25 There's a lot of smart people in our department and I think if

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1 we are able to tap into all of the people and ideas and we
2 work together, that we'll be able to accomplish more things.
3 So currently right now my goals are -- some are
4 short term for now, we're looking at -- we have a lot of
5 little things in the department that need improvement. The
6 first is communications, so the chief is working on a lot of
7 ways to keep our members involved with communicating with us
8 and us to communicate to you guys as well. The commission is
9 an important part of how we're going to get things done, we
10 think.

11 It's been an enlightening two months to see what --
12 how many vehicle damages that we have, so it kind of bugs me,
13 so one my short-term projects is to get together and create
14 some sort of -- a kind of matrix to guide our members to
15 receive the training to be more protective of our vehicles
16 and, you know, just be safe out there. It's a very expensive
17 asset that we have and it's not only apparatus, it's all the
18 way down to just trucks, you know, they're all important. So
19 that's that.

20 And then the chief is also kind of pushing me in the
21 direction of creating a program so that our members can make
22 recommendations, we can work as a committee, try to see if we
23 can accomplish those things and then push them through and get
24 things changed that people in the department see that we might
25 not necessarily see because we're not on the line. So that's

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1 a project that we want to get started as well.

2 So that's about all I have for you guys. I'm
3 excited to be here. Appreciate your time. It's a whole new
4 world.

5 (Laughter.)

6 COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: Chief, I have a question.

7 DEPUTY CHIEF VENTURA: Yeah.

8 COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: You mentioned that one of
9 your -- one of your tasks is approval of POs and things like
10 that. One of the -- one of the things we heard especially
11 from the motor pool during the interview process was how
12 frustrated they are in getting POs approved, that vehicles are
13 broken down that they don't have parts for because orders
14 haven't gone through. Is that kind of be your whole bailiwick
15 and responsibility or who's going to take on that duty?

16 DEPUTY CHIEF VENTURA: Well, the -- as far as parts
17 and stuff like that goes, we have our mechanic shop that's
18 going to take care of organizing, ordering parts and stuff
19 like that, and Lynn, she creates the POs in their department
20 and then it comes through me for approval.

21 COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: Maybe it's the timeliness of
22 approval that has been what has been the frustration --

23 DEPUTY CHIEF VENTURA: Maybe.

24 COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: -- on their team.

25 DEPUTY CHIEF VENTURA: Maybe.

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1 COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: But it seemed like you have
 2 a lot of great staff members in the vehicle motor pool who are
 3 very frustrated with the way things are going, vehicles broken
 4 down that they can't get parts for and all of that, so
 5 hopefully that's something that -- Chief, I know we've had
 6 that conversation.
 7 CHIEF THYNE: Yeah, absolutely, Gregg. And just to
 8 jump in, we've ordered -- those two pending items were ordered
 9 almost immediately because they were just waiting for
 10 approval. Just to -- real briefly on the process is we
 11 identify with our business administrator Cindy Kagashima, who
 12 works with Chief Martin -- and he'll explain that a little bit
 13 as he has his time, but we've got to make sure we have the
 14 appropriate funding. And if it's something that needs to be
 15 kicked into the new fiscal year on ask, if you will -- if
 16 it's, let's just hypothetically say, a \$100,000 repair, if
 17 it's not allocated in the funding and it has to do a
 18 contractual level of procurement, then we've got to wait.
 19 It's just -- but in this case what you're speaking of, the
 20 frustration related to the motor vehicle pool folks was
 21 less -- quite a bit less than that and it was just they
 22 weren't getting the approvals for whatever reason, I don't
 23 know why. But as soon as we looked at our two front line
 24 apparatus, one being our Engine 7, which is our Hana engine,
 25 and Lahaina engine, Engine 3 in the shop up on blocks, we said

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1 losing more hair.
 2 DEPUTY CHIEF VENTURA: Okay.
 3 CHIEF THYNE: So I'd like to introduce our chief of
 4 operations, newly promoted, was a battalion chief, now our BC
 5 of operations, Chief Kawasaki.
 6 ASSISTANT CHIEF KAWASAKI: Good morning, everybody,
 7 Rick Kawasaki. I'd just like to like to say, as chief said, I
 8 just got promoted October 1st, a big change for me, you know.
 9 I was like -- worked 27 years, I got hired in '91, 27 years,
 10 never had to work 40 hours and now I'm facing that challenge,
 11 but -- it's rough, I mean, hopefully it gets better. So I
 12 started on October 1st, came back from my vacation, got
 13 interviewed, promoted. I was the only applicant, so I don't
 14 know how good I had to be or whatever, so take it for what
 15 it's worth. I was a captain for 12 years and a battalion
 16 chief for the last five years.
 17 So the assistant chief of operations' job,
 18 basically, for the most part is I have my six battalion chiefs
 19 that work on -- I mean, two each day for three different
 20 shifts, and so I, you know, assist them with whatever their
 21 needs are, create plans of what our operations are going to be
 22 like, assist in any major calls. You know, obviously we're
 23 not going to go every call, but we go out to the big ones,
 24 there is a -- all of us, you know, all of us there on the big
 25 calls.

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1 we need to get those front line apparatus out ASAP. Obviously
 2 you don't want a relief out there on the front line unless
 3 they absolutely need to. So we prioritized that and we've got
 4 it moving through the process.
 5 COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: Great. Thanks, Chief.
 6 CHIEF THYNE: And we'll continue that effort, for
 7 sure.
 8 COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: Okay. Thank you.
 9 DEPUTY CHIEF VENTURA: That's all I have. Any
 10 questions.
 11 COMMISSIONER TANCAYO: Did you take a before
 12 picture?
 13 (Laughter.)
 14 DEPUTY CHIEF VENTURA: I'll have no hair.
 15 COMMISSIONER TANCAYO: Congratulations, Chief. I
 16 really understand the shoes you have to fill, so good luck.
 17 And then I know you guys have a strong team together, you
 18 know, the potential is always there and good luck. A lot
 19 of -- a lot of challenges, a lot of challenges are there, but
 20 I know you guys are prepared, so...
 21 CHAIR HIRATA: Right now you only have a little bit
 22 of gray hair.
 23 (Laughter.)
 24 CHIEF THYNE: Give it some time, huh?
 25 COMMISSIONER KALEPA: Watch out, you might start

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1 So my personal approach is pretty much with us is
 2 just team work. I feel chief's built a good team, we all get
 3 along really good together, mutual respect, and -- you know,
 4 I'm kind of the quiet even, you know, I don't -- I'm not up
 5 and down, I'm not really a talkative person, just -- you know,
 6 I try to look grouchier than I actually am, but give me a
 7 couple beers and then, you know --
 8 (Laughter.)
 9 ASSISTANT CHIEF KAWASAKI: You know, so --
 10 COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: We love honesty.
 11 ASSISTANT CHIEF KAWASAKI: Yeah. So for me, my --
 12 you know, I'm just learning this position, you know. I've
 13 been around initiatives for a while now, but it's still -- to
 14 actually be in the position and learn what I need to do.
 15 Basically I'm just focusing on carrying out Fire One's -- he
 16 sent out that packet for you guys that, sorry, leader's intent
 17 document, so if you guys had a chance to look that over,
 18 that's pretty much our path of what we'll be doing. And I'm,
 19 you know, just here to support that as best I can and, you
 20 know, also do the BC stuff, run calls and make sure that goes
 21 smoothly.
 22 I have a business card that was just got dropped a
 23 couple of days ago for you guys with my contact information.
 24 And other than that, I just want to thank you guys for
 25 allowing the membership to provide input for you guys'

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1 selection. Thank you guys for that.

2 CHAIR HIRATA: It's kind of spooky to see you

3 smiling more.

4 (Laughter.)

5 CHIEF THYNE: Thanks, Chief.

6 And then Assistant Chief Val Martin, our support

7 services AC.

8 ASSISTANT CHIEF MARTIN: Good morning. I put

9 something together just so that I didn't forget anything, but

10 I won't be too long. So I know most of you, worked with most

11 you over the years. So I'm Val Martin, assistant chief of

12 support services. I've got 28 years of fire service, but nine

13 of that was on Oahu, yeah. I came over in '99, so -- I was

14 appointed to my current position about four years ago, a

15 little over four years. Previous to that I was a battalion

16 chief in Battalion 2 from 2009 to 2014 working with Chief

17 Nakaio on the west side and Molokai and Lanai.

18 My main responsibility now is to oversee the various

19 bureaus including ocean safety. I've got health and safety,

20 fire prevention, and training bureau. In addition, I'm

21 meeting a couple of committees working on the annual fiscal

22 budget request and, you know, trying to work with Chief Thyne

23 on how we can improve that process and so we hope to have a

24 better process moving forward on how we do the budget. And

25 then I also oversee grants.

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1 And I'm going to try and get our rules and regs

2 updated. It has been updated, but it hasn't been updated, so

3 we have a lot of stuff that we've already made changes to, so

4 it's just now going to -- going to try to implement that.

5 The grants part, I do have a couple of great

6 firefighters that actually keep our grant programs alive,

7 yeah, trying to -- trying to -- you know, writing the grant.

8 So we've got a team, I'm always looking for new team members

9 for the grant committee. Searching for grants and then

10 writing the grant and then a lot of times the most work is

11 processing the grant and maintaining it, you know, because

12 grants go on for years and so that takes a lot of work, so we

13 have a good team.

14 Previously I lead the accreditation process which

15 resulted in an updated strategic plan. I know some of you

16 guys have taken a look at this and it's already updated, so

17 there's things in here that we have already completed, things

18 that are irrelevant that our -- our direction has changed on

19 some things, and then things that we'd actually like to add.

20 So we're going to be revisiting that again and try to see if

21 we can create -- not going to be major changes. Usually these

22 strategic plans are overhauled completely every five years, so

23 in 2020 we'll have a completely overhauled one. So maybe more

24 of just some amendments to the current one, you know, so maybe

25 we can get that out.

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1 I also oversee the -- a lot of the station work with

2 our fire command officer and as you know, we've got 14 fire

3 stations and other auxiliary buildings that need constant

4 repair and maintenance, you know. We've got all the hot water

5 and the roofs and really sinks and toilets and faucets and so

6 it's a constant challenge to maintain, so we hope to have a

7 better process also in place in the near future.

8 And I think out of -- out of all that, though, right

9 now we really want to try and get Pukoo relocated, that's one

10 of our main -- that's more imminent, you know, out of all the

11 stations, is getting it out of its current location. But

12 there's a lot of procedures and processes that it needs to go

13 through, a lot of agencies, a lot of committees, a lot of

14 money, permits and so forth, and so that takes a little while,

15 so -- but we are actively doing what we can, making sure that

16 nothing is on our desk. We're trying to get that -- get that

17 going.

18 But if at any time you've got any questions or

19 comments on anything, feel free to contact me, probably the

20 easiest way is at the chief's office. We're all together in

21 the office there and I'd be more than happy to get back to

22 you.

23 COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: Thanks, Chief.

24 CHAIR HIRATA: Chief Martin and I were on firework

25 patrol one year together, catching people shooting off

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1 aerals, and he was giving out the citations. I think people

2 were surprised that we actually did that.

3 CHIEF THYNE: Thanks, Chair.

4 Thanks, Chief Martin and Chief Kawasaki.

5 So I've kind of jotted down some things, I'm just

6 going to kind of rattle through the list and stop me or let me

7 know if you want more detail, but -- so as you know, when we

8 went through the process, it was directly after the Lahaina

9 fire and, obviously, you know, that was a landmark incident

10 for our organization. There was a lot of borderline heroics

11 that went on, you know, they faced a pretty -- you know, a

12 very dynamic, very threatening -- obviously we know of the

13 homes that were lost and things like that and so our

14 firefighters really stepped up and, you know, did the best job

15 they could to protect everything they could. And, you know,

16 so it -- it kind of fortifies the need for our wildland

17 training program. I think you all know that, Trav. Chief

18 Travis was one of our primary pillars of that program when he

19 working with us and we've all benefited from that. But, you

20 know, here they were, stood up for a hurricane, and were

21 called for task on one of the major fires in Lahaina. I was

22 raised out there alongside my friend Archie Kalepa and worked

23 for many years out there as well, so obviously it hit home for

24 me as well, so, you know.

25 And then talking with the community about Fire Wise

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1 and the things they can do about creating buffer areas and
 2 maintaining some of those areas around their homes and
 3 whatnot, farms and those types of things. We did, deputy
 4 chief and I, go to the community meeting at Lahainaluna High
 5 School. There was a lot of bad press on it, but I can tell
 6 you for what it was fire department related, including
 7 Kahumoku Kahu I've known for many, many years, it came across
 8 that he was feeling like he wasn't happy with the fire
 9 department and we didn't do our jobs and this and that. We
 10 had our captain, who is on the committee out there, Keola
 11 Robinson, go up and visit with him in Kauaula Valley and he
 12 reiterated -- I saw Kahumoku before the meeting started, we
 13 shook hands, we know each other very well, and I knew he
 14 didn't have a person -- or he would've talked to me right then
 15 and there the first time we saw each other before the meeting
 16 started. I tried to talk to him afterwards, he was with a
 17 bunch of people, I didn't want to be rude, so I followed up
 18 with him as well after. And they are not against us, they
 19 weren't mad at us, they understand the limitations of our
 20 vehicles getting into that valley.

21 I talked to Commissioner Ginoza on the phone one day
 22 about the kuleana water situation and I followed up with Dave
 23 Unami, who's a calabash cousin of mine, and that is a holdover
 24 from HC&S days -- or, excuse me, Pioneer Mill days, to be more
 25 correct. So that water line diverts water out of the stream

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1 and they kind of did that kokua kind of deal back in the
 2 Pioneer Mill days. It's not fire protection, it's not meant
 3 for that reason and oftentimes the intake gets clogged:
 4 roots, trees, leaves, whatever. West Maui Land folks go up
 5 there and clean it just like Pioneer Mill days, whenever
 6 they're notified of it. Again, it's not fire protection
 7 water, it's just a take care kind of thing.

8 So if they do restore the stream flows and all of
 9 that, which is what we've been seeing in the paper, that may
 10 mean that they don't have any water in that standpipe, that's
 11 just the way that it is. There's no written agreement, it's
 12 strictly kokua. And so when the question -- so for those of
 13 you that didn't see, the question came up at the meeting: How
 14 come they shut off our water? The water was never shut off.
 15 It was a storm, there were branches and everything was
 16 clogging up the intake. They never went up there and shut it
 17 off. As soon as they could go up there and get that stuff out
 18 of there, which was the very next day, they did.

19 But I know Commissioner Ginoza, we had talked about
 20 that, so that's kind of the -- what we found out. And we've
 21 engaged with them up in the valley, the folks up there, and
 22 Keola Robinson, our captain -- one of our captains in Lahaina
 23 is going to continue that relationship and go up there and do
 24 preplans and making sure when they rebuild, we're right
 25 alongside of them knowing where things are located and

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1 whatnot. 'Cause there's really -- with the kuleana program --
 2 or I shouldn't call it a program, but the way it works, they
 3 kind of can almost build what they like, is from what I
 4 understand, you know, it's their indigenous rights. I don't
 5 know how the zoning and the planning and -- I can't speak to
 6 that, but we're going to make sure that at least -- at the
 7 very least, we know where their homes are at and how we can
 8 effectively save people if we have to, so...

9 COMMISSIONER GINOZA: Okay. Can I make a comment?
 10 So, you know, with the kuleana rights, they don't have any
 11 exemptions from building permits or --

12 CHIEF THYNE: That's what I heard too.

13 COMMISSIONER GINOZA: So it's really just that they
 14 can apply for an exemption from real property tax.

15 MR. UEOKA: Chair, you're going a little bit off
 16 your subject of the fire -- I think what the chief is trying
 17 to say -- if I can clarify, Chief, please correct me --
 18 they're just going to up there so they know where things are
 19 from a public safety standpoint.

20 CHIEF THYNE: Yeah.

21 MR. UEOKA: They're not involved in zoning,
 22 subdivision, any of those other matters; just strictly as
 23 public safety officials. People are doing what they're doing,
 24 legal/illegal, they're not getting into that, they just want
 25 to make sure they know where things are for health/safety/

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1 welfare reasons.

2 COMMISSIONER GINOZA: But related to that, how can
 3 they ensure health and safety if they don't know where the
 4 legal dwellings are or there's not adequate fire protection?

5 MR. UEOKA: I don't think the department is in the
 6 position right now to enforce the illegal dwellings and stuff.
 7 If -- I believe that would be more of a planning or maybe a
 8 DSA-type thing. But right now the department's not condoning
 9 it, they're not -- they're just strictly going in there,
 10 You're doing what you're doing, we just want to make sure that
 11 if push comes to shove, we're able to respond. They're not --
 12 nothing will be signed off officially as --

13 CHIEF THYNE: Right, that's correct.

14 MR. UEOKA: Fire prevention bureau does look at --
 15 review permits, I believe. If those permits come through, it
 16 will be the standard review. Right now your guys are just
 17 going out there from a -- not fire prevention bureau --

18 CHIEF THYNE: Right.

19 MR. UEOKA: -- but more just their responder, first
 20 responder type review. So while I understand where you're
 21 coming from, Commission Ginoza, but I don't believe it is the
 22 intention of the fire department for them to be signing off or
 23 giving any exemptions in any way, shape, or form. This is
 24 truly just a first responder type thing.

25 COMMISSIONER GINOZA: Yeah. I was just concerned

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1 that -- I saw the meeting that they -- it seemed like they
 2 were blaming the fire department for not kind of being
 3 prepared or, you know, that they had met with fire officials
 4 and I felt like, you know, it was a -- kind of a slap to the
 5 fire department that --
 6 CHIEF THYNE: That's what I mean, that's the --
 7 sorry, Commissioner Ginoza. That's what it was perceived as.
 8 And I actually was on a rescue with Kahumoku's family and we
 9 pulled them right off of the back -- we were dropping buckets
 10 on the fire. Calling for help kind of thing, we dropped a
 11 bucket, we ended up pulling the family out. He came the
 12 next -- very next day and testified for helicopter funding and
 13 increasing the funding because of that. So it's -- it was
 14 perceived as that, like I said, we clarified that. We -- in
 15 the mayor's show, which I'll talk about in a minute, it was
 16 brought up that, Would they have gone in there? And I said,
 17 If they could get in there, they would've, they would've
 18 gotten in there. They were facing 20-foot high flame links
 19 with 60-mile-an-hour winds, I mean, it wouldn't have mattered
 20 where it was, whether it was the valley or downtown --
 21 downtown Lahaina, if you're facing those kind of conditions,
 22 you may not be able to advance and protect homes, it's plain
 23 and simple. And they understood that, so yeah. So thanks for
 24 the clarification, Chair, I appreciate it.
 25 (Commissioner Freitas entered the room.)

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1 CHAIR HIRATA: Archie.
 2 COMMISSIONER KALEPA: Chief, I have a question. So,
 3 you know, like in Lahaina, like Kahoma Stream and Kauaula,
 4 those two streams, they're looking at having the streams a
 5 hundred percent flow.
 6 CHIEF THYNE: Right.
 7 COMMISSIONER KALEPA: Right?
 8 CHIEF THYNE: Yep.
 9 COMMISSIONER KALEPA: So my question is: Is there
 10 and do you guys have an apparatus that allows you guys to draw
 11 water from the stream into like a bucket --
 12 CHIEF THYNE: Yeah. So --
 13 COMMISSIONER KALEPA: -- to deal with stuff like
 14 this.
 15 CHIEF THYNE: Yeah. So we have floatation ponds, we
 16 have the ability to draft if we can get a truck close. We
 17 used to always do that in Lahainaluna.
 18 COMMISSIONER KALEPA: Yeah, yeah, yeah.
 19 CHIEF THYNE: Because, remember, (inaudible).
 20 COMMISSIONER KALEPA: Yeah.
 21 CHIEF THYNE: So there were gates in the front --
 22 COMMISSIONER KALEPA: Yeah.
 23 CHIEF THYNE: -- we dropped the gates and we'd
 24 draft.
 25 COMMISSIONER KALEPA: Yeah.

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1 CHIEF THYNE: And we fought a few pretty good-sized
 2 fires off of that drafting capability. But we also have the
 3 ability to -- with portable pumps to pump -- you know,
 4 basically pump it into a pumpkin, is what we call it, a big
 5 frog pond, a big bladder, and then the crews come and fill off
 6 that.
 7 COMMISSIONER KALEPA: Okay.
 8 CHIEF THYNE: So we do have that ability.
 9 COMMISSIONER KALEPA: Okay.
 10 CHIEF THYNE: And we -- and we use it, so...
 11 COMMISSIONER KALEPA: Thank you.
 12 CHIEF THYNE: Chief.
 13 COMMISSIONER TANCAYO: Just one thing, you know,
 14 very much like the situations on Maui, Chief, you're going to
 15 face a lot of issues like in the Honokoa area as far as
 16 illegal buildings, access to the buildings, a lot of people
 17 are utilizing Hawaiian Homes land that -- you know, they're
 18 illegal structures, basically, and, you know, and you're going
 19 to have that all over and that's something -- it's hard to
 20 touch at times, you know, how do you face it, but it's
 21 becoming more and more reality, especially with the homeless
 22 situation, it kind of goes almost hand in hand. So, you know,
 23 that's something, Chief, that's going to be on the table.
 24 CHIEF THYNE: Yeah, understood.
 25 COMMISSIONER TANCAYO: We need to -- you know, our

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1 whole county needs to face that and address that a little bit
 2 better so we can do -- the department can do our job, because
 3 we are going to depend on the other agencies to -- for
 4 clarification.
 5 CHIEF THYNE: Yeah. And as you know and I think
 6 this commission knows, you know, when we go to a medical call,
 7 we go to any type of call, we don't -- the person has
 8 insurance/they don't, they have a home/they don't have a home,
 9 they have a -- it doesn't matter, it's a call, somebody called
 10 911 and we go and that's the way it's been. And speaking
 11 specifically of Kauaula Valley, I was out there for 15 years
 12 and, like I said, it didn't matter. I didn't even know that
 13 that was the way it worked up until the meeting at Lahainaluna
 14 High School. I assumed they had some kind of title or
 15 something. But it didn't matter either way, we know there's
 16 people there, we're going to respond and we're going to take
 17 care of whatever problem we can within our limitations and
 18 capabilities and irregardless of, like I said, insurance/no
 19 insurance, whatever it is, yeah.
 20 COMMISSIONER TANCAYO: One more thing -- and I know,
 21 Chief Martin, you have a lot of -- you have a lot of insight
 22 on prevention and those homes and water access and stuff like
 23 that, because I remember him trying to help us to work out
 24 issues on Molokai, so just something that we need.
 25 CHIEF THYNE: Thanks, Commissioner Tancayo.

1 So I'm going to go ahead and -- so the other major
 2 incident I wanted to mention to you folks, I got a call from
 3 our chief pilot Don Sheer and he felt the need to call me up
 4 and say, "Do you realize what happened yesterday?" And I said
 5 a couple of alerts, we get alerts on our phones calls about
 6 calls within certain categories and I had saw a couple of CAD
 7 alerts when I was out mowing my grass, but it wasn't to the
 8 point where it was like, Oh, my gosh, I've gotta go grab the
 9 radio and get involved with this. It was just a couple of
 10 rescues kind of back to back. And it was related to a
 11 (inaudible) and a long story short, for your knowledge, 25
 12 people were rescued on that day. They were airlifted to
 13 safety on your island, on Maui, in one day.

14 And, you know, we watched CNN and you'll see three
 15 people got rescued from a rooftop in Houston and it was all
 16 over CNN and nobody even knew about this. And so we put
 17 together a press release, unfortunately, it got whitewashed or
 18 however you want to call it and it wasn't as extensive as it
 19 should be. But they had one person at Nakalele Point was
 20 incapacitated, it would've probably taken the guys at least an
 21 hour to hike them out of there over rugged terrain; fifteen
 22 people in Iao Valley along the Wailuku River; and then nine at
 23 the old Swinging Bridges Trail. So I just wanted to share
 24 that with you because that's something that you as a
 25 commission should know that happened in our islands and nobody

1 hears about it, nobody knows about it. And we did our best to
 2 put together a press release, we had one of our trained public
 3 information officers put it together, send it off to the news
 4 agencies, and there was a little blip on page 4 of The Maui
 5 News tucked in a corner. So it is what it is, but I did want
 6 to share that with you.

7 So we did meet with the mayor, you know, as you know
 8 all that stuff happens, the managing director, that's a
 9 regular meeting, went very well. They are appreciative of our
 10 efforts to date and will continue to work with us to improve
 11 our processes and we'll try to contribute as best we can to
 12 make sure we meet their timelines and whatnot.

13 I did, as some of you may have seen, participate on
 14 the mayor's Akaku show and it was about the line of fire and
 15 that seemed to go pretty well.

16 With the county council, we did meet with Riki
 17 Hokama, the budget chair, and it was regarding our vehicles
 18 that were awarded in this year's budget and a holdover, which
 19 is -- which is the replacement for the Wailea ladder. The
 20 price came in at higher than they wanted to pay. When Interim
 21 Chief Montalvo was here, we worked on the specs, he worked on
 22 the specs with the group, it actually -- because of the
 23 tariffs and things in the economy now, even though it's --
 24 theoretically they cut things off of the truck, it still came
 25 in higher than what it was originally bid at, so we are kind

1 of stuck. So we -- Brad and I met with him and his assistant,
 2 we talked about options, they're basically going to group all
 3 of our trucks together, try to get a bulk pricing discount for
 4 the trucks that were awarded. We got the bids this morning,
 5 it's still higher than we would like, but it is what it is
 6 with the tariffs and the things that are going on at the
 7 national level. It's not something we can get around.

8 So we're going to meet with Chair Hokama and see
 9 where he wants to go as far as: Do we eliminate a truck?
 10 We've done that evaluation. To summarize, in talking with the
 11 lead mechanics and our apparatus committee, the determination
 12 was made that the Napili engine could actually still be a
 13 primary engine for another year and so that would be our,
 14 quote/unquote, sacrificial lamb if we have to go down that
 15 road. And that would put us well under the budgeted amount,
 16 it's just that we would push one truck to the next year, so,
 17 anyway -- and that's Brad's old truck and he knows that's Old
 18 Faithful, so -- we hope not to go there, we hope to replace
 19 them on schedule, that's what the third-party auditor Citygate
 20 advised the county council on, You need to appropriate XYZ
 21 amount of money. We've done evaluations of our vehicles, we
 22 feel comfortable we can stand by those, but we'll just see,
 23 you know. They can't print money, so whatever they decide,
 24 we'll work with them on, so --

25 The Makena agreement, I think Arch probably knows a

1 little bit about this, but what the Makena State Park problem
 2 is, is that with the collective bargaining agreements and
 3 whatnot with the lifeguards and their -- and their bargaining
 4 unit and whatnot, they get raises just like everybody else in
 5 a certain structure or timeline. When the Makena
 6 appropriations were awarded for the memorandum of agreement to
 7 have our lifeguards there, they had it at a set amount. Well,
 8 with the collective bargaining increases, it's substantially
 9 less than what we actually need to pay the people. So we got
 10 called in front of council and had to basically explain to
 11 them and so their -- their ask was, Well, what are you gonna
 12 do about it? And we said, Well, obviously we're gonna try and
 13 negotiate and get that higher, a memorandum -- a memorandum of
 14 agreement that's existing for the right amount, and then
 15 moving forward, let's sit at a table and look at this from a
 16 financial perspective rather than just grabbing a number and
 17 throwing it down on paper, which I hope isn't happening, but I
 18 can't testify that that is or is not happening. But we should
 19 at least know here's what it costs us to run Makena State Park
 20 lifeguard services, so this is what we're asking of you.

21 COMMISSIONER KALEPA: I have a question.
 22 CHIEF THYNE: Sure.

23 COMMISSIONER KALEPA: If the state doesn't agree to
 24 an amendment to the contract to add in those extra funding to
 25 fund the raises for the position, is it -- is it something

1 that the county's going to have to absorb?
 2 CHIEF THYNE: Yes.
 3 COMMISSIONER KALEPA: Will you guys have to go in
 4 and fight for that money?
 5 CHIEF THYNE: So I don't want to -- I think Jeff's
 6 going to grab my ear if I say any numbers, but we were
 7 actually short last year, but we were able to move money
 8 around within the operational program to cover it, it was a
 9 fairly small amount. Now it's a big amount because it was
 10 across the board XYZ personage, so it became a bigger amount.
 11 And, of course, we support our unions, it's not saying that
 12 I'm saying that's wrong, it's just that now the state should
 13 realize that they have to increase that funding or we as the
 14 county taxpayers -- now, understand, though, I say that with
 15 reservations because the state is paying for the majority of
 16 that -- a vast majority of that funding, 90 percent or more of
 17 that funding is coming from the state. And we know we have
 18 our local people going down to, you know, Big Beach and
 19 whatnot and enjoying the surf and whatnot as well.
 20 And being a captain for three years in Kihei, I
 21 responded to numerous calls down to Big Beach. We never had
 22 Wailea in those days. So we are providing a valuable service
 23 to the community and the state is covering the majority of
 24 that, so -- but ideally it would be covered a hundred percent
 25 because it is a state beach park. Okay? So we're going to

1 continue. We send a the letter to the land board chair
 2 requesting a meeting and to discuss these things, so we'll
 3 keep you posted on that as any updates come across.
 4 Again on the ocean safety tangent, if you will, we
 5 did get donated 61 pairs of Kaenon sunglasses to our ocean
 6 safety folks from the Hawaii Lifeguard Association, the
 7 Hawaiian Lifeguard Association, valued at around \$12,000. So
 8 that went to the corp counsel, corp counsel and county council
 9 process to formally accept those. And so it's, you know,
 10 basically sun protection for their vision and stuff.
 11 And then we have an ongoing -- we'll hopefully be
 12 able to update you, it's, again, through the corp counsel and
 13 county council process with getting rescue tubes. It was
 14 Rotary Clubs of Lahaina, they kind of spearheaded a program,
 15 and so we'll update you as that goes through the processes as
 16 well.
 17 MR. UEOKA: Tomorrow.
 18 CHIEF THYNE: Yeah.
 19 MR. UEOKA: At the council committee.
 20 CHIEF THYNE: Correct.
 21 And then we did have our incident management team
 22 transitioning a little bit. We had them stood up for what
 23 became Tropical Storm Olivia, so that is a management team
 24 that's trained and qualified at the national level to manage
 25 large-scale incidents and so we were stood up for -- basically

1 from September 10th to the 13th to assist with management of
 2 that, so.
 3 Talk a little bit about working with our
 4 counterparts in the other services. We had participated in
 5 the state crash rescue at Kahului Airport training exercise
 6 that's held every three years. It's an FAA requirement. They
 7 simulated, basically, a plane crashing into one of the tank
 8 farms off of Keolani, the road that goes in -- the old road
 9 that goes in over there by Enterprise Rent a Car. There's a
 10 rent a car tank farm, gas tank farm, so -- so we did
 11 participate in that and, again, that's a requirement.
 12 And then A&B we worked with on our recruit training
 13 burns. We actually put our recruits out in the cane fields
 14 practicing brush fire tactics and suppression, so...
 15 Speaking of our recruits, I know I saw a couple of
 16 you there. Chief Travis, thanks for coming. Graduated 34 --
 17 excuse me. Recruit Class 34 on September 28th, 21 MFD
 18 recruits and then two RF craft rescue recruits, they trained
 19 with us. And it was held at The Dunes.
 20 Chief Martin referenced our budget planning and
 21 appropriations committee. We've formed a couple of different
 22 committees to help us with the process and we want to mentor
 23 some of the younger guys as well. When some of the people --
 24 like I was telling the chair, our approach is that we don't
 25 want to leave with all this knowledge and now we're sitting on

1 a golf course or working down at a hotel side job or whatever
 2 and we never imparted any of this knowledge to the next level
 3 of leadership for this department. And so we grabbed some of
 4 these younger folks and are training them as we go through
 5 preparation of the budget, as we go through procuring
 6 vehicles. As we go through the various steps that are land
 7 marked to our success, we're taking some younger folks,
 8 forming committees, and working with them so they can carry
 9 that forward.
 10 So we have an apparatus committee working on our
 11 engine specifications and our ladder, I mentioned that
 12 earlier. And then our budget planning and appropriations
 13 committee, we've held two meetings preparing our budget.
 14 We're going to need to bring that before you folks at the next
 15 meeting, according to our corp counsel. We'll talk about
 16 that, I guess, whenever the agenda items come up, so --
 17 And then the last one or two things: The fire
 18 office, as was alluded to earlier, it's changed now. We
 19 encourage you stop by any type to visit, of course, you're our
 20 bosses, but we have all four chiefs are located in the fire
 21 office now, we're not separated with, you know, some people in
 22 the back and we're really looking at efficiency. We needed
 23 more room for our HR department as well, they have
 24 confidential files, they were kind of shoehorned into one
 25 office upstairs. So we grabbed all four chiefs, we put -- at

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1 no cost to the county, it's basically our sweat equity putting
 2 that four offices -- the chair was there helping us with the
 3 class, with the recruits, and was able to see us in all of our
 4 glory dragging desks and file cabinets and whatever we could
 5 around.
 6 And then the other thing is we're going to move our
 7 mechanics up here. We built that mechanic shop in 1992. We
 8 as a department have grown tremendously in that time frame and
 9 we've expected our mechanics -- they're out there wrenching in
 10 the parking lot. They have inadequate facilities. They're
 11 great guys, they're hard working, we need to support them, and
 12 so we're going to -- we've talked with everybody, we didn't
 13 slam this down their throats. We said, Here's what we're
 14 thinking of, and they all start doing cartwheels after they
 15 thought about it for a while, because our mechanics will now
 16 have a majority of this warehouse. Our warehouse will be down
 17 in Kahului where it's accessible to our battalion chiefs.
 18 We'll move our health and safety down there as well, 'cause
 19 they handle all of our personal protective equipment and our
 20 medical supplies. It's more than adequate space for them and
 21 it's, hopefully, more than adequate space for our mechanics as
 22 well.
 23 So we hope that that's going to happen within the
 24 next couple of months or so, but don't hold us to it. Because
 25 you can imagine how many nuts and bins and bolts and things

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1 and wrenches and tools they have, but we're going to put a
 2 plan together and make that transition happen. We want to get
 3 them up running in one day, so there's full functionality to
 4 keep trucks coming in and out, and then we'll systemically
 5 bring everything to do the swap out. So that's an ongoing
 6 project, but we're looking forward to it.
 7 And then the last thing I have -- I don't know,
 8 Chair, if this is a your deal, but we did want to propose an
 9 agenda, the way these meetings would go. From our fire
 10 department side instead of me just doing this and blabbering
 11 to you, having the chiefs come up and talk specifics about
 12 what their committees are doing, what their operations are
 13 doing. Instead of the introduction thing we did, they would
 14 just go right down the line. So I did propose a -- to the
 15 chair a draft. I made a copy for everyone, but I'll let you
 16 decide how you want to do that and it's -- take it -- if you
 17 don't want to do it, we don't do it, it's not -- it's just the
 18 way I thought was it's a way -- similar to -- I know some of
 19 you were on the police commission, it's a similar format to
 20 that where you would have AC of operations talking to you
 21 about the major incidents and any questions or feedback that
 22 you may be able to have or need, that he could provide that.
 23 AC Martin with the budget and appropriations stuff, you know,
 24 again, everybody's responsible for their certain area, they
 25 would report out to you. They would have a report that you

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1 would have a hard copy of and then they'd just summarize that.
 2 And you could read through it at your leisure. If you have
 3 any questions, we could talk about it. If not, then we move
 4 on. So, anyway, that's just what we -- what we proposed as a
 5 draft to the chair and what you folks decide, we'll follow
 6 accordingly, so...
 7 CHAIR HIRATA: I think it's a good idea to -- at
 8 least since, you know, most of us are lay people in here, to
 9 kind of get an idea of what's -- what each unit in the fire
 10 department does, like what type of -- what type of duties or
 11 skill sets, for example, haz. mat. has, you know. And I said
 12 again, you know -- sorry. It's to basically give all the
 13 commission members a little bit of background for each section
 14 of the fire department. Like the police department will do
 15 the same thing with, you know, the -- like the chaplains would
 16 do a presentation and vice would do a presentation, etc., so I
 17 think it really helps the commission get a really good idea of
 18 the inner workings of the fire department.
 19 CHIEF THYNE: Yeah. So, yeah, however you want
 20 to -- if you want us to be prepared at the next meeting to
 21 follow this format, we will. It's just -- again, it's up to
 22 you folks, you guys are our bosses, so we'll adjust and
 23 provide the appropriate information to you if you want to --
 24 if you want to do that.
 25 COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: Chair, I think maybe the

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1 recommendation or thought too is that in addition to the
 2 proposed changes -- which I like, Chief -- we should put a
 3 schedule out for the year when we're going to take these
 4 meetings on the road to different fire stations. Are we going
 5 to go to Lanai or Molokai at all? I think we should think
 6 through that process too and --
 7 CHAIR HIRATA: In the same vein --
 8 COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: I know Mr. Ueoka loves the
 9 idea.
 10 CHAIR HIRATA: In the same vein, I think there was a
 11 suggestion that we move our meetings to the third Thursday. I
 12 believe Member Misaki was -- suggested that, but if that were
 13 to happen, I hope he knows that he'll be the -- he'll have to
 14 be the chair for the next two meetings if you do that because
 15 I will be gone.
 16 So what do you guys think about --
 17 MS. PETERSON: As far as the schedule, though, we
 18 usually put it together. This year we couldn't do it because
 19 of the chief's selection because no money was added to the
 20 budget to do it; therefore -- we normally do quarterly
 21 revisits, so it's on plan to be next year, yes.
 22 COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: Okay. Thank you.
 23 MS. PETERSON: You're welcome.
 24 COMMISSIONER TANCAYO: I'd just like to make a
 25 comment in regard -- so when me and Mr. Misaki used to come

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1 over for the meetings, there would be a lot of dialogue
 2 between us on just structure of the fire department and this
 3 would answer a lot of the questions that he had and -- you
 4 know, he's been around the fire department a lot and he still
 5 had a lot of questions. And luckily, you know, I could tell
 6 him the different structures and he was really pleased that I
 7 could answer for him because that way he could better -- he
 8 feels we can support the department better overall. So I
 9 think this is a great idea. And on top of that, the station
 10 visits so we can see what you guys are dealing with, the
 11 conditions of the trucks and the facility itself. It's hard
 12 to paint a picture, you know. When you look at it and then
 13 you see, we can just support you guys a whole bunch better
 14 and, you know, nothing like seeing it for yourself. So I
 15 think this is a great idea.

16 CHAIR HIRATA: I think it would be like a really
 17 good idea to just one day walk over to the mechanic's shop and
 18 have them present and show the types of equipment they work
 19 on. It's rare that you actually -- they actually lift the cab
 20 up where you can actually look at the engine of one of the
 21 fire trucks, because you normally see the outside, but you
 22 never see the inside.

23 COMMISSIONER TANCAYO: You can see where the money is
 24 going. And in light of that, something this administration is
 25 very proud of is the training center that we have, because it

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1 was, from what I remember, a minimal cost and it does a great
 2 service to this community, a great, great service, so -- and I
 3 don't think that there's been a visit there to see, you know,
 4 it's a very simple warehouse, but great things are done there,
 5 so...

6 CHAIR HIRATA: As far as the format that you present
 7 to us, this is your report to us, so you basically can put
 8 what you want. So I think we can all agree that we still want
 9 to see the statistics.

10 CHIEF THYNE: Yeah.

11 CHAIR HIRATA: Yeah. That's, you know, the report,
 12 yeah, on the stats. So, yeah, you know, you go ahead and you
 13 present in what order you want and -- but, you know, we just
 14 want to get a briefing from the different sections every once
 15 in a while.

16 CHIEF THYNE: Yeah.

17 CHAIR HIRATA: Yeah. And like I said during the
 18 interview, you know, we know -- we don't only want to hear the
 19 good news --

20 CHIEF THYNE: Right.

21 CHAIR HIRATA: We also want to the bad news. If
 22 there's any bad news, you know, please let us know.

23 CHIEF THYNE: Yeah. And you'll see a reference to
 24 that, Chair, on the deputy's responsibilities is that
 25 transmittal from the public, good or bad. Because we get them

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1 both and primarily, you know, fortunately, knock on wood,
 2 they're good. I mean, we had probably six or eight people
 3 that felt that they needed a sit down and/or call or send an
 4 email regarding the Lahaina fire, other rescues, things that
 5 happened. And so I basically sent those out to those people
 6 that responded and they were like, Wow, this is great. I've
 7 never gotten one of these before. And I'm thinking, Really?
 8 What happened before? Did they just sit there? You know, but
 9 you guys, you folks should hear that too, I feel, you know,
 10 because that's important. Good or bad, like you said, Chair,
 11 you know, and we'll want to share those.

12 CHAIR HIRATA: Archie.

13 COMMISSIONER KALEPA: Chief, may I make a suggestion
 14 too, you know, because ocean safety is like the new kid on the
 15 block with the fire department, is at least once a year at
 16 some of those site visits maybe they can visit like Makena --

17 CHIEF THYNE: Absolutely.

18 COMMISSIONER KALEPA: -- or some of the lifeguard
 19 towers to see what's going on so that the commission can get a
 20 better grasp on some of the challenges that you guys are
 21 having in regards to bringing ocean safety up and, you know,
 22 so everybody just has a better understanding of their function
 23 and what their function is and their response is to what they
 24 do.

25 CHIEF THYNE: Yeah, and I agree a hundred percent.

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1 A hundred percent, yeah.

2 CHAIR HIRATA: Jack.

3 COMMISSIONER FREITAS: I'd like to make a comment on
 4 that -- moving that mechanic shop, that's a smart move. I've
 5 been in there, I don't know how those guys can work in there,
 6 you know. That's a great move, you know.

7 CHIEF THYNE: Thanks. We -- yeah, it's -- you've
 8 been there, I've seen you in there.

9 COMMISSIONER FREITAS: Yeah.

10 CHIEF THYNE: It's -- you know, it's ridiculous. I
 11 mean, it's -- well, anyway, you're right. I agree a hundred
 12 percent. I don't want to go off on a tangent, so...

13 I think the only thing I have is I just wanted to
 14 share the agenda of our captains meeting. We have a captains
 15 meeting coming up and it's more for your information on the
 16 structure and how we work it. So we basically bring in --
 17 bringing in ocean safety captains as well. That hasn't
 18 happened in the past, but we're going to do that. They're a
 19 part of us, that's one of our high priorities is to -- and
 20 it's just a piece of paper, but I just wanted you to know that
 21 this is the structure that we have coming up on the 24th, it
 22 will be at Kihei Community Center. I know you folks all work,
 23 so I'm not going to say you have to be there, but you're more
 24 than welcome if you choose to be there. And that's our
 25 leadership, the captains, we all get together and we spend a

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1 day together. And we have Pono Shim coming in, he's a great
 2 speaker, and he's actually doing it for free just because he
 3 feels the importance of where we're going, where we would like
 4 to go. So, again, that's just kind of our agenda so you folks
 5 have an understanding of that meeting, so -- and you're more
 6 than welcome, like I said, to attend if you choose to.
 7 COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: I'm sorry, Chief. Where is
 8 it?
 9 CHIEF THYNE: Kihei Community Center.
 10 CHAIR HIRATA: Okay. Is that it?
 11 CHIEF THYNE: Yes, sir.
 12 CHAIR HIRATA: Any other questions for Fire One?
 13 Comments?
 14 (No response.)
 15 CHAIR HIRATA: Next meeting date is November 8th
 16 over here at 10:30 a.m. I will not be here.
 17 MS. PETERSON: So we're not moving it? Just to
 18 clarify, we're not moving the meeting date?
 19 CHAIR HIRATA: Does anybody want to change the date
 20 to the third Thursday? I won't be here for that one, either.
 21 Everybody want to do it on the third Thursday?
 22 COMMISSIONER FREITAS: Don't matter.
 23 COMMISSIONER GINOZA: I won't be here the third
 24 Thursday, but I'm too fine with --
 25 CHAIR HIRATA: How about the rest of the months?

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1 COMMISSIONER GINOZA: I'm indifferent for the rest,
 2 but just November I'm not going to be here the third Thursday.
 3 CHAIR HIRATA: Yeah. I won't be here for the second
 4 or third.
 5 MS. PETERSON: The last two Novembers we've never
 6 had a quorum, so can we kind of find out if we might have
 7 quorum for either date?
 8 CHAIR HIRATA: Okay. Can you do a -- is anybody
 9 else going to be MIA on that date?
 10 COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: I'm available November 8th.
 11 COMMISSIONER KALEPA: I'll be here.
 12 CHAIR HIRATA: Two, three.
 13 COMMISSIONER KENNISON: I can be here.
 14 COMMISSIONER FREITAS: I'll be here.
 15 CHAIR HIRATA: You guys will have quorum. It's just
 16 you've got to figure out if Misaki is going to be here to
 17 chair the meeting. But as far as subsequent date, maybe we
 18 can push it to the next meeting to decide.
 19 MS. PETERSON: I'll put it on the agenda.
 20 CHAIR HIRATA: December I won't be here. I won't be
 21 here for the third Thursday in December, so November and
 22 December I'm out.
 23 MS. PETERSON: Maybe we can start it in the new
 24 year.
 25 CHAIR HIRATA: I think, yeah, we can -- we can

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1 discuss that at the -- or you guys can discuss it at the next
 2 meeting.
 3 MS. PETERSON: Anything else on the agenda?
 4 CHAIR HIRATA: No, that's it.
 5 MS. PETERSON: Anything else on the agenda for the
 6 next meeting?
 7 CHIEF THYNE: Budgets.
 8 MR. UEOKA: Budget.
 9 CHAIR HIRATA: Yeah. We need to review and approve
 10 the budget.
 11 COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: That's why you're not going
 12 to be here.
 13 (Laughter.)
 14 COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: I see how you work now.
 15 CHIEF THYNE: And it's the -- it's our proposal for
 16 the mayor, so then it gets sliced and diced and julienned by
 17 the mayor and then it gets sliced and diced and julienned by
 18 the council, so out the other end we get what we get, but I
 19 guess at least you can see the --
 20 CHAIR HIRATA: Cut to the bone.
 21 CHIEF THYNE: -- the proposed budget, our ask, you
 22 know, so...
 23 CHAIR HIRATA: And also don't forget to return the
 24 executive session minutes to Jill, if you guys brought them.
 25 Okay. So move to adjourn?

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1 COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: One last thing, Chair,
 2 before you go to adjournment. I'm support -- I don't know if
 3 we need to vote it or -- the Chief's new presentation format.
 4 I think it's great, I would suggest we start that immediately.
 5 CHIEF THYNE: Absolutely.
 6 CHAIR HIRATA: I don't think we need a motion for
 7 that. No, he's just -- he's the chief.
 8 CHIEF THYNE: We'll get that -- we'll have that on
 9 the 8th.
 10 COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: Perfect.
 11 COMMISSIONER FREITAS: I support that.
 12 CHAIR HIRATA: Okay. So move to adjourn?
 13 COMMISSIONER FREITAS: So moved.
 14 CHAIR HIRATA: Moved by Jack. Second?
 15 COMMISSIONER TANCAYO: Second.
 16 CHAIR HIRATA: Travis. All in favor?
 17 (Response.)
 18 CHAIR HIRATA: Okay. Meeting adjourned.
 19 (The proceedings were adjourned at 11:27 a.m.)

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