



1 FIRE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION  
 2 COUNTY OF MAUI  
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 7 TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS  
 8 REGULAR MEETING  
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 13 Held at Kahului Fire Station, Training Classroom #2,  
 14 200 Dairy Road, Kahului, Hawaii, commencing at 9:00 a.m., on  
 15 September 11th, 2019.  
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 20 REPORTED BY: SANDRA J. GRAN, RPR/CSR #424  
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1 ATTENDANCE  
 2 COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:  
 3 Edwin Misaki, Chair  
 4 Kyle Ginoza, Vice-Chair  
 5 Travis Tancayo, Member  
 6 Dwight Burns, Member  
 7 Lisa Vares, Member  
 8 Donna Sterling, Member  
 9 Jack Freitas, Member (in at 10:14 a.m.)  
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 12 STAFF:  
 13 David Thyne, Fire Chief  
 14 Bradford Ventura, Deputy Fire Chief  
 15 Kaulana Kino, Battalion Chief  
 16 Valeriano Martin, Battalion Chief  
 17 Michael Werner, Battalion Chief  
 18 Jennifer Oana, Deputy Corporation Counsel  
 19 Jill Matsui Peterson, Commission Secretary  
 20 Herman Andaya, Maui Emergency Management Agency  
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1 (September 11, 2019, 9:00 a.m.)  
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 3 CHAIR MISAKI: Good morning, everyone. I would like  
 4 to welcome everyone and just say it was a really nice ceremony  
 5 this morning and thanks to the commissioners who showed up for  
 6 the ceremony.  
 7 So I'd like to call this meeting to order. The  
 8 first order of business is I want to take roll call and if  
 9 you're here, just say "here." Okay?  
 10 Kyle Ginoza.  
 11 VICE CHAIR GINOZA: Here.  
 12 CHAIR MISAKI: Linda Fernandez is excused.  
 13 Jack Freitas.  
 14 (No response.)  
 15 CHAIR MISAKI: Travis Tancayo.  
 16 COMMISSIONER TANCAYO: Here.  
 17 CHAIR MISAKI: Greg Lundberg is excused.  
 18 Dwight Burns.  
 19 COMMISSIONER BURNS: Here.  
 20 CHAIR MISAKI: Lisa Vares.  
 21 COMMISSIONER VARES: Here.  
 22 CHAIR MISAKI: Donna Sterling.  
 23 COMMISSIONER STERLING: Here.  
 24 CHAIR MISAKI: Okay. Thank you. I would like to  
 25 call for the approval of the minutes.

1 COMMISSIONER VARES: Moved.  
 2 COMMISSIONER BURNS: Seconded.  
 3 CHAIR MISAKI: Okay. It's been moved and seconded.  
 4 It has been moved and seconded. All those in favor, say  
 5 "aye."  
 6 (Response.)  
 7 CHAIR MISAKI: All those opposed?  
 8 (No response.)  
 9 CHAIR MISAKI: Okay. Is there any public testimony  
 10 today?  
 11 (No response.)  
 12 CHAIR MISAKI: Seeing that there's none, I would  
 13 like to --  
 14 What is the term?  
 15 (Conferring with corp counsel.)  
 16 CHAIR MISAKI: I would like to close the public  
 17 testimony and we will commence with touring of the fire  
 18 station, so we'll recess for that and we'll be back -- by  
 19 9:30, let's make it a point to be back.  
 20 MS. MATSUI: It's supposed to be 10:00.  
 21 CHAIR MISAKI: It's supposed to be 10:00?  
 22 MS. OANA: And if I can just make a correction, the  
 23 tour is part of the meeting --  
 24 CHAIR MISAKI: Yes.  
 25 MS. OANA: So we're not really recessing, as it's

1 part of it, so...  
2 CHAIR MISAKI: Okay. So I would like to go to Item  
3 4 -- 5, which is the Tour of the Station. And even though --  
4 even though the meeting is set to begin again at 10:00, we can  
5 continue whenever we get back. Okay? Thank you.

6 (The Fire Commission Members started their Kahului  
7 Station tour at 9:02 a.m. and returned to the  
8 classroom at 9:50 a.m.)

9 CHAIR MISAKI: Okay. I want to thank Chief Ventura  
10 for the nice tour of the Engine 10.

11 DEPUTY CHIEF VENTURA: Yes, sir.

12 CHAIR MISAKI: Thank you.

13 So with that, we can go to Item No. 6, which is the  
14 MEMA report. Herman.

15 MEMA OFFICER ANDAYA: Good morning, Mr. Chair,  
16 Members of the Commission. You have my report in front of  
17 you, it's included with your packet, but just -- I'll give you  
18 a quick highlight. We did hire another person in our agency.  
19 This is a new position, it's a recovery specialist. We noted  
20 from last year that we fell short when it came to recovery and  
21 so for that reason, we asked the council if we could have a  
22 position that would primarily focus on the recovery phase of  
23 an emergency. And so the council did grant us that position  
24 and we, in turn, hired Colleen Hauptman. Colleen is actually  
25 a veteran of our EOC, she's been -- she volunteers as a Red

1 Cross, Red Cross volunteer, so we've spent a lot of hours in  
2 the EOC together, so she was an easy pick for us and we're  
3 very fortunate to have her, have her on board.

4 That's pretty much the highlights. There was -- we  
5 were -- we did end the 2016 cycle, this is for the Homeland  
6 Security Grant Program, and so we did purchase some equipment  
7 for the fire department. In the last two weeks we spent about  
8 \$20,000 on equipment and so -- this is primarily for haz.  
9 mat., I believe. There's a new grant coming up, a new grant  
10 cycle that'll be starting, that's our 2019 monies, and, again,  
11 there's various projects for the fire department that we're  
12 providing funding for as well.

13 That's all I have.

14 CHAIR MISAKI: Thank you, Herman.

15 Any questions?

16 (No response.)

17 CHAIR MISAKI: Okay. Chief.

18 CHIEF THYNE: Thank you, Chair.

19 Thank you for joining us at the remembrance  
20 ceremony, we appreciate you making the effort to come and also  
21 appreciate you coming for the meeting and watching over us, if  
22 you will.

23 Just a quick note on the two reports that you have.  
24 As you'll see in the yellow, the fire loss report/incidents  
25 report, we're still trending fairly high on brush fires. As

1 you're all aware of in our beautiful county we still have  
2 those are going on with the fuels that are out there, the  
3 conditions, and, you know -- although today is a little bit  
4 rainy, thank goodness. But every weekend when we leave the  
5 office and throughout the week we always say, "Well, I hope I  
6 don't see you till tomorrow" kind of thing, because it's been  
7 pretty consistent that we've had to come in and assist. And  
8 Chief Martin has gone up and worked with Herman at the EOC and  
9 Chief Werner as well. The chief's have been out in the field  
10 a lot lately because he's been the bad luck, it seems like  
11 he's worked right next to the fires, you know, but -- so  
12 you'll see a trend in there and, otherwise, pretty much the  
13 statistics are pretty much the same as what they are in the  
14 previous months.

15 And then I know you all study your handout on the  
16 training when go home at night and sit down with your cup of  
17 tea, but... So you'll see pretty consistently that there's --  
18 the numbers are fairly consistent throughout the year with our  
19 training because we have a training calendar that gets posted,  
20 we approve it as chief officers coming in for the new year,  
21 and our training staff looks at all the different capabilities  
22 that we have to perform in the field and incidents we have to  
23 respond to and they cater our training towards that and our  
24 scheduling.

25 So you'll see an up tick some months in things like

1 hydraulics and driver training, and then you'll see other  
2 months where there's an up tick in, you know, EMS-type  
3 training and other types of training, but you'll see that the  
4 numbers pretty much stay the same as far as our tempo. And a  
5 lot of it is based on, you know, what we have available time  
6 for and meeting the requirements that we have in our various  
7 disciplines, if you will.

8 So that's that handout and I don't want to talk too  
9 much more about it because I know you're aware of that and I  
10 just want to just bring a little bit of attention to that  
11 because we do pride ourselves on being a training department  
12 as a whole and preparing as best we can.

13 So I'll just scoot right through, if you don't mind,  
14 Chair, the -- what I have provided in my report. I just have  
15 one or two small updates, but... You know, we did meet with  
16 the mayor and Herman folks and the police chief and deputy  
17 chief as well. There was a meeting that was scheduled  
18 regarding the Kihei fires, you know, and that community is  
19 very active in fire prevention and the concerns that they have  
20 boarding the ranchlands and some of the open fields, so Chair  
21 King scheduled a meeting with the community. We had done two  
22 previous meetings with the community association, so this was  
23 kind of an extra credit one, if you will, but I think the  
24 chair just felt that being a representative of that community,  
25 she wanted -- and was probably getting a lot of calls.

1 And so I'm understanding that our folks represented  
 2 the department very well, we had our prevention folks. Chief  
 3 Martin went as well because a lot of it comes down to: What's  
 4 the code? What is the restriction on brush? How much do they  
 5 have to clear? And so we typically send our subject matter  
 6 experts, which are our fire prevention folks, because they're  
 7 our public education, they're the most adept in the fire codes  
 8 and whatnot and the restrictions, and so they represented us  
 9 very well. It was captain Paul Haake, who most of you have  
 10 met, as well as Chief Martin. And I know Herman folks did a  
 11 great job as well, from what I heard, and so we appreciate  
 12 everybody coming together and getting that consistent message  
 13 out there about Firewise and prevention of fires.

14 We do meet again with the managing director and the  
 15 mayor and the mayor's staff, the other department heads,  
 16 and -- so Chief Ventura and I typically attend that meeting  
 17 and we just share our thoughts, ideas, strategic planning  
 18 things, and just try to stay on the same wavelength, for lack  
 19 of a better description, with the other county agencies that  
 20 we work with and around, so that's always a good meeting to  
 21 have.

22 We did meet with the budget director and the mayor  
 23 and I -- that's one addition I have is we also met with  
 24 Councilmember Molina regarding the Haiku property. So years  
 25 ago, and I could be wrong on the actual date, but it was

1 around -- somewhere between 2004 and 2007 we purchased about  
 2 27 acres, a little over 27 acres, the previous fire  
 3 administration did, it was actually Chief Kaupalolo. And they  
 4 purchased the property, it basically is bordered by East  
 5 Kuiaha on the east side, Hana Highway adjacent to the Valley  
 6 Isle Memorial Cemetery on the north side, and almost all the  
 7 way over to West Kuiaha on the west side, if that kind of  
 8 orients you to that location.

9 It's a very sloping lot, however. It used to be  
 10 occupied and its last use was a mushroom farm -- real  
 11 mushrooms like the edible kind, just to go on record. But I  
 12 never did go there, but I know we used to train there when I  
 13 was at the station at Paia. It was already purchased by the  
 14 county and we asked to go up there and be able to do a  
 15 simulated fire attack and different trainings because the  
 16 county owned it. And our chiefs approved it, so we'd go up  
 17 there, so that's why I know it was a mushroom farm.

18 It's severely overgrown. We're dealing with some  
 19 vagrants and whatnot going in there, so we're looking to work  
 20 with a local contractor -- wink, wink, nudge, nudge --

21 (Laughter.)

22 CHIEF THYNE: -- to clean up that property and to  
 23 make it a little bit more visible and discourage any kind of  
 24 squatting or unapproved people dwelling in that area. But,  
 25 anyway, we -- the mayor, when he took office, called Chief

1 Ventura and I and then said, I want to move forward with the  
 2 Haiku Fire Station. There was some concerns previous to that,  
 3 just to include you in the conversation, from some of the  
 4 community members related to the cost of building a fire  
 5 station at that location, if it is exactly -- or the best  
 6 location for the fire station for Haiku, 'cause it doesn't  
 7 align currently with the community plan that's on record,  
 8 which has basically been from '95, so it's a little bit out-  
 9 dated.

10 The understanding at the time, because I was at that  
 11 community plan update, was -- is that there was going to be  
 12 growth in the former H-Poko area going back towards Paia, was  
 13 going to be where the growth happened. There was a plan by  
 14 A&B, I believe, at the time to basically build out the old  
 15 H-Poko with homes and all of these different things. That  
 16 obviously never happened, but that's why they wanted the  
 17 station closer to Haiku Community Center, the school, kind of  
 18 making that more of a hub of development versus out further in  
 19 the country.

20 There's also some concerns about a water line that  
 21 has to be brought in. The last costing we got, which is about  
 22 six years ago or so, was around \$2 million to bring in the  
 23 water line big enough to supply that fire station property.  
 24 Not for the spigots and the showers and stuff, but,  
 25 ironically, for the fire protection requirements and fire code

1 requirements because of the size of the building and whatnot,  
 2 so... And also some of the design features were contrary to  
 3 what the community felt were the best for the Haiku country  
 4 atmosphere.

5 So, anyway, a long story short, the mayor decided to  
 6 put some funding in, Councilmember Molina decided to put some  
 7 funding in to do a study on: if that is the best location,  
 8 what needs to happen to make a fire station there, what is it  
 9 going to cost, what is an estimated timeline, and then also  
 10 can you study and look at some other options for where we  
 11 could potentially put the fire station. And then we'll go  
 12 down that road if they purchase it or try to swap a state  
 13 property or whatever may happen once they locate options for  
 14 the community, the council, and the mayor to look at. So  
 15 that's kind of what that is. So we had that meeting, Chief  
 16 Ventura and I, both with the mayor and his staff and then  
 17 last -- just yesterday or the day before with Councilmember  
 18 Molina, so we're gonna move forward on that assessment, if you  
 19 will. We already have a consultant that we've selected and so  
 20 we're gonna work with that consultant on the scope of work and  
 21 move that forward, so...

22 So going right to the next one, we had the Paia fire  
 23 was just outside or as you center into Paia, it was about 200  
 24 acres on the mauka side of the highway. Again, with a lot of  
 25 fires that we've had of late: Location, location, location.

1 It's been very fortunate for us and the community that they've  
 2 been in locations and burned away from developments versus  
 3 burning towards them. And so we'll take that any chance we  
 4 can get versus having those fires headed, you know, hard and  
 5 fast towards communities and businesses and whatnot. This was  
 6 one of those where it burned away from Paia towards  
 7 Spreckelsville and stayed on the mauka side of the highway,  
 8 so, in essence, it was in the fallow fields, but we still had  
 9 a lot of work and a lot of expense related to that with  
 10 helicopters and bulldozers and things like that, so...

11 We were approached -- the Dorian King Grant I  
 12 reference here, this young lady approached our office after  
 13 the -- we kind of loosely call it the Maui Meadows fire, but  
 14 the one that was adjacent to Maui Meadows, just on the north  
 15 side of the Maui Meadows development. And she's a resident of  
 16 that area and she has some access to grant funding, they want  
 17 to remain unnamed as far as the benefactor, if you will, but  
 18 they want to donate to the department -- the short version of  
 19 it is a hundred thousand dollars for equipment and/or whatever  
 20 we can get that fits their grant requirements.

21 So I've been working with her primarily because we  
 22 don't have currently a nonprofit associated with our  
 23 department. So we're working through the Hawaii Professional  
 24 Firefighters Association, which is a nonprofit associated with  
 25 our union on Oahu, and so they've been working with us to

1 facilitate or create a platform for us to accept that grant  
 2 funding. We currently have planned some utility vehicles for  
 3 off-road access basically like on Molokai. I know Chief  
 4 Travis knows or Ed knows -- or Chair Misaki knows, those UTVs  
 5 can be very good for us when we scout areas or when we need to  
 6 get off road in the areas that are even possibly difficult to  
 7 access with a four-wheel drive pickup, 'cause they're small  
 8 and maneuverable. And they also have a portable pump on  
 9 there, which is basically -- which is good as well. So we're  
 10 looking at those options as well as some skid-mount pumps for  
 11 the back of our pickups that we have, our utility vehicles,  
 12 with that grant funding. So I'll continue to update you as  
 13 move that through the process. Currently, our grant has been  
 14 applied for and I will update you hopefully with good news as  
 15 soon as we hear.

16 Going into the next couple things, we've been going  
 17 through reorganization conversations to propose to you folks.  
 18 Obviously, as you know, you okay our org. chart as well as  
 19 part of your process as a commission, and so as we look at  
 20 formalizing our proposed department reorganization as well as  
 21 the Ocean Safety Bureau with the new positions we got, where  
 22 they're gonna be working out of and things of that nature.  
 23 We'll be updating you and getting your approval to move  
 24 forward with that. We've done the preliminary work to put  
 25 that together for you.

1 The Hansen Road fire, the one right up here behind  
 2 Commissioner Freitas's baseyard, if you head out that way or  
 3 or if you travel home that way, you're gonna see another block  
 4 scar from that recent fire. Chief Werner found a way to burn  
 5 that as well --

6 (Laughter.)

7 CHIEF THYNE: And that was a hundred acres,  
 8 approximately, so thanks for putting that out, Chief.

9 In this room we had our second version ever in this  
 10 department of captains training -- I'm sorry, third version.  
 11 When we opened Wailea Station, we were able to do a bunch of  
 12 captains then, we did it one more time in Chief Murray's  
 13 administration, and we were able to -- the newly promoted  
 14 captains that we got in, we structured a curriculum and were  
 15 able to introduce them to a fairly comprehensive training for  
 16 what -- the positions they're gonna assume. And we've been  
 17 trying to do that over the years and this was the first time  
 18 that we've been able to do it in the recent past and it went  
 19 very well and that's what I have here as the captain's  
 20 training.

21 So, basically, instead of just giving them the keys  
 22 and saying, Go to work and do good things; we're putting them  
 23 through processes with HR, policies, requisitioning items,  
 24 leadership, fire reporting, all of the different aspects of  
 25 their job that they don't always get training for, they just,

1 Here's the keys, go forth and do good. So we feel pretty good  
 2 about that and we're gonna try to continue as many and as  
 3 often as we can, so...

4 And the last thing is we have a monthly meeting with  
 5 our battalion chiefs and it's a way for us, of Fire One, Two,  
 6 Three, and Four, to meet with our battalion chiefs and discuss  
 7 their specific issues that are happening at the company level,  
 8 at the station level, and at the management level. Because as  
 9 we talked and -- I was talking to Jennifer, I believe, the  
 10 battalion chiefs are really our working supervisors, our  
 11 middle management. They're out there, you know, working with  
 12 our captains at the station level who ultimately are the ones  
 13 that are working with our firefighters who are reaching the  
 14 public. So it's very important, they're our leadership on a  
 15 daily basis, and so we meet with them monthly and we all get  
 16 on the same page, so...

17 That's what I have, Chair. The only one addition I  
 18 have is -- and I give props to former Commissioner Archie  
 19 Kalepa, he was able to get through the process, we just got  
 20 another award of 185 pairs of footwear through Olukai.

21 COMMISSIONER STERLING: Wow.

22 CHIEF THYNE: He's very involved in that company,  
 23 so... It's primarily for our ocean rescue folks. This is, to  
 24 my knowledge, the third version of this. So if you see those  
 25 lifeguards out there, don't feel pity, because they didn't

1 have to fork the however many hundred dollars for an Olukai  
 2 set of -- the kine, they're getting them from Archie.  
 3 COMMISSIONER STERLING: Are they copies or, you  
 4 know --  
 5 CHIEF THYNE: No, no, no. They're the Olukai  
 6 slippers and they also have all these shoes as well. As far  
 7 as Tabis and stuff, that's taken care of by the department if  
 8 they require them or on their own if they choose to wear them.  
 9 A lot of them don't, it's more of the footwear. And Archie's  
 10 been a guy that's stepped forward with this even when he was  
 11 you, as a commissioner. The first time I saw it was about  
 12 five or six years ago when he was a commissioner he approached  
 13 Chief Murray about it, so... So we got that award, so we're  
 14 happy about that for our ocean safety folks.  
 15 Chair, all I have unless you folks have any  
 16 questions.  
 17 COMMISSIONER TANCAYO: One question, Chief.  
 18 CHIEF THYNE: Yes.  
 19 COMMISSIONER TANCAYO: As far as the meeting in  
 20 Kihei, the Firewise program now with the fires that are  
 21 happening, is there any -- is that program still going on --  
 22 CHIEF THYNE: Absolutely.  
 23 COMMISSIONER TANCAYO: -- in the community? At what  
 24 level is that --  
 25 CHIEF THYNE: So Denise is no longer here, I don't

1 know if you remember Denise Laitinen, she was actually a fire  
 2 commissioner as well and did a lot of good work. She's on the  
 3 Big Island. I don't know -- I believe she's still on the Big  
 4 Island, I'm not sure if she's still doing Firewise. That was  
 5 a grant-funded opportunity for her. I think she's doing some  
 6 other type of consulting.  
 7 But, generally speaking, the information's out there  
 8 on the internet. We do have the public education folks that  
 9 Chief Martin may be able to allude to more. In fact, just  
 10 yesterday regarding some of the projects related to affordable  
 11 housing in West Maui, Oliver Vaas, our lieutenant -- and there  
 12 again, our subject matter expert with codes and regulations  
 13 related to the fire code, testified before the council and  
 14 his -- one of his statements was and one of Captain Haake's  
 15 statements at the Kihei Community Association meeting was, you  
 16 know, fire prevention and those types, that's everybody's  
 17 responsibility, yeah. It's not just the responsibility of our  
 18 large land owners, it's not just the responsibility of us as  
 19 residents, but everybody's responsibility to do their part in  
 20 protecting our communities, so...  
 21 So the public ed. folks do speak, Oliver mentioned  
 22 in the West Maui conversation, If anybody wants to meet, I'll  
 23 meet with them and we'll talk about a fire plan. And that's  
 24 our responsibility to help them with that and we're willing to  
 25 do that, so... I don't believe we have anybody carrying the

1 banner for Firewise as far as, you know, like Denise was  
 2 before, but the information is very available on the internet  
 3 and whatnot as well.  
 4 COMMISSIONER STERLING: Chief.  
 5 CHIEF THYNE: Yes.  
 6 COMMISSIONER STERLING: A question. I was  
 7 approached by Waiohuli, Keokea, and Moho. I guess the last  
 8 fire that came underneath Waiohuli and Keokea was close and  
 9 they were concerned. And I -- at the time I was kind of busy,  
 10 but is that what you're speaking about, they can come directly  
 11 to you instead of --  
 12 CHIEF THYNE: Yeah. So we have our pub. education  
 13 folks and we also have a fire inspector that's assigned to  
 14 each major district, and so it's kind of a face to the name to  
 15 the relationship building kind of concept.  
 16 COMMISSIONER STERLING: Great.  
 17 CHIEF THYNE: And so they -- understanding that they  
 18 do all of the other things that are associated with that  
 19 district, but they also will meet with community members and  
 20 have conversations. Actually, Brad is -- Chief Ventura is  
 21 going to the Kihei Community Association meeting -- or, excuse  
 22 me, Kula Community Association meeting --  
 23 COMMISSIONER STERLING: Oh, yeah.  
 24 CHIEF THYNE: -- to speak there as well, so there  
 25 may be some interaction there.

1 COMMISSIONER STERLING: Okay. I'll let her know.  
 2 CHIEF THYNE: But any opportunity that we're asked  
 3 to meet community associations especially, we take that  
 4 opportunity, absolutely.  
 5 COMMISSIONER STERLING: Thank you.  
 6 CHIEF THYNE: You bet.  
 7 CHAIR MISAKI: Thank you, Chief.  
 8 DEPUTY CHIEF VENTURA: All right. Good morning,  
 9 everybody. The -- I don't like to read verbatim, but you guys  
 10 kind of have what we have here. We've been active with DPS,  
 11 we have a lot of positions to refill and new positions to  
 12 fill, so we're working with them diligently. As soon as  
 13 something hits our desk, we're trying to get it done. Part of  
 14 the challenge is creating actual qualifications, minimum  
 15 qualifications for people that we want to hire in the new  
 16 positions in our department, so writing job descriptions and  
 17 then advertising. How -- do we do exams, do we not do exams,  
 18 that's how -- see what kind of people of people that we get  
 19 for these positions. So we've been working on that with them  
 20 quite a bit trying to get these positions filled.  
 21 Chief Thyne kind of gave us direction when the  
 22 budget comes out in July, everything that we need to purchase,  
 23 procure, or fill; let's go get it immediately so that we can  
 24 things out in the chamber and happening. We don't want to  
 25 start new things February and March and then they run past

1 July and then we lose them, so...

2 We've been working on all the new positions that we

3 want to hire. We did the captains' promotion which we talked

4 about earlier and then the warehouse technician's exam is

5 today, ironically. So when we walked through the warehouse

6 earlier today, you can see how big of a job that is.

7 Currently, our Health and Safety Bureau is manning that, but

8 they have health and safety things to worry about, so we've

9 really got to get that position filled as soon as possible so

10 that'll alleviate a lot of their daily duties.

11 Department Improvement Community: You saw -- some

12 of you saw our honor guard this morning, we've been working

13 with them to get that equipment that you saw. We didn't

14 always have those things as far as like their uniforms and the

15 flags. That department flag is brand new, that was just

16 created in the Pukoo Fire Department, so that's something that

17 we've added.

18 And then some of the things that have crossed our

19 desks for requests through this program are forward-looking

20 infrared, a drone program, and as I mentioned earlier, a

21 captain improvement project of a new training facility. So we

22 are sending some people to grant training coming up this

23 month, it's here on -- or next month, it's here on Maui, and

24 we're hoping to attach those projects to a person and then

25 work with them and guide them to try to acquire those things.

1 So that kind of stems from the department improvement

2 committee and then how we're gonna take this grant process to

3 try to help guide us through to get these things.

4 Union Interactions: There's a lot of little ones,

5 but some of the bigger things that we've dealt with this month

6 are some pretermination meetings that we had with HFFA and

7 then working on MOUs. The collective bargaining agreement is

8 a statewide bargaining agreement, so we have all of these

9 little MOUs that work for our county the best, so we're

10 constantly updating and changing our MOUs.

11 (Commissioner Freitas entered the room.)

12 DEPUTY CHIEF VENTURA: Transmittals From the Public:

13 Chief mentioned the Kihei Community Center meeting we went to,

14 that was -- that was well taken and received by the community.

15 We received a very nice letter about our ocean

16 safety guards at Hookipa from a lady who regulars the place

17 and she was -- she knew every lifeguard by name and talked

18 about how gracious they were. And she's partially

19 handicapped, but she still likes to go in the water and they

20 help her daily when she shows up and they're all great. So

21 that was good reinforcement, so we shared that back to the

22 battalion chief of ocean safety, so please make sure this

23 message gets out to the men who are doing the good work so

24 that they know that it's being well received.

25 The West Maui Planning Committee Meeting: Chief

1 Kino and I went to that last week. It's several meetings to

2 create the new community plan for the west side, so we talked

3 about a lot of the issues with fire and access and brush fires

4 and whatnot.

5 Going back to that Firewise point that was asked, we

6 passed out the pamphlets there, we reiterated -- at one time,

7 I don't know if they still are, but Launiupoko was a Firewise

8 community. Firewise is basically a way you design your

9 community and build your homes to be fire -- wildfire safe.

10 And so it's not a requirement, but it's a recommendation and

11 it does cost money because you need to have size of land, you

12 need to have so much clear debris around your home, you can't

13 have foliage up against your house. Even in that neighborhood

14 of Launiupoko, they have inch and three-quarter like stand

15 pipes on every property so that you can fight fire from your

16 property much more efficiently than a garden hose. So all of

17 that kind of goes into that Firewise, the attempt to become a

18 Firewise community. And so we recommend it to everybody, as

19 it should -- you know, the better and safer we can build the

20 communities, the better off we're all going to be. And when I

21 go tonight to the Kula Community Association meeting, I'll

22 suggest it up there as well to the people.

23 The firefighters were honored at the annual Fur

24 Ball, which is the Humane Society's annual fund-raiser. And

25 they were very gracious to invite us and very thankful. They

1 had nice aerial pictures of how the big Waiko fire burnt right

2 around the humane society and how the firefighters' apparatus

3 and stuff were staged there to accomplish that mission, so

4 they were extremely grateful and kind of honored several

5 firefighters there.

6 VICE CHAIR GINOZA: Had a standing ovation too.

7 DEPUTY CHIEF VENTURA: Had a standing ovation.

8 Extremely nice. You know, we all, being firefighters, can say

9 that we don't do it for that reason, we do it 'cause we love

10 to do it and we do it tomorrow again and again and again. But

11 these opportunities come up once in a while, so we want to

12 make sure that people are thanked for their efforts.

13 That's all I have on my report. Any questions?

14 (No response.)

15 CHAIR MISAKI: Thank you, Chief.

16 Before we move forward, I just want to note and

17 welcome Commissioner Freitas to the meeting.

18 Who's giving the assistant chief of operations

19 report? Oh, Chief Kino.

20 BATTALION CHIEF KINO: Good morning. Good morning,

21 Commission. My name is Kaulana Kino and I am a battalion

22 chief out in Battalion 2, first watch, so covering Wailuku,

23 West Maui, Molokai, and Lanai. This week I'm filling in for

24 chief of operations, Assistant Chief Kawasaki, so I'll be

25 giving his brief.

1 So we can start with Major Incident Summary. You  
 2 see we had, again, as the Fire One mentioned, numerous brush  
 3 fires, numerous -- several of those included incidents that  
 4 quickly overwhelmed our normal staffing where we had to do  
 5 emergency call out. I believe six incidents we did have to  
 6 bring out personnel. So as Fire Two mentioned when we were  
 7 doing our tour, you saw that relief apparatus where we  
 8 actually had to call out 10-15 people back, jump on this and  
 9 get out there and help. Again, so several ocean rescues,  
 10 several ocean- related incidents. Not on this list is the  
 11 incident that Fire One included as well, the 8/23 Paia brush  
 12 fire that was 200 acres.

13 Regarding the Standard Operating Guidelines, we are  
 14 going through our final edits of the SOGs or I anticipate --  
 15 or Fire Three anticipates that that probably will be ready  
 16 shortly, in the near future.

17 For the Apparatus and Equipment Committee, I did  
 18 touch base with our point person on that project, who is  
 19 Captain Gavin Fujioka, many of you may have heard that name,  
 20 he's one of our young, outstanding guys, and he did mention  
 21 that they are meeting and setting up their initial meetings  
 22 with our manufacturer, Pierce, and they are currently working  
 23 on the specifications for these three apparatus, which are  
 24 Engine 1 and M1, so those are two apparatus that will be  
 25 stationed at the Wailuku Fire Station, and then Engine 3,

1 which is our Lahaina pumper out of Lahaina to cover West Maui.

2 For our Training Bureau, as it wasn't covered last  
 3 month, our new recruit class, Recruit Class 35, did begin on  
 4 August 1st. They have already completed their emergency  
 5 medical responder training as well as their fire apparatus  
 6 driver operator's program training. What that is, it's not  
 7 the full training yet at that point. What they do is they go  
 8 through a complete class and they go out to the line, then  
 9 when they are finishing their initial probation, we bring them  
 10 in at that time to do final training when you think of in  
 11 terms operating the apparatus, operating the pump, how to  
 12 charge hose lines. What they do right now during this portion  
 13 is just the initial emergency vehicle operations, so getting  
 14 used to driving on the roadway, signaling, maneuvering  
 15 apparatus in tight areas, that kind of training, so that the  
 16 apparatus can be used from here on out for recruit class for  
 17 their different training, for their different drill scenarios.

18 For Ocean Safety, we did promote Chief Giesea  
 19 effective August 16th. He had been TAing, acting in the  
 20 position for two and a half months prior, and then he's got a  
 21 lot of stuff going on that he's working on, including Homeland  
 22 Security Grant purchases, different policies that we're trying  
 23 to implement overall through ocean safety, and specifically  
 24 with our rescue watercraft as well as he is anticipating, as  
 25 Chief Ventura mentioned, getting ready to absorb all of those

1 new ocean safety positions.

2 And that is it for the chief of operations report.

3 COMMISSIONER TANCAYO: Questions, Chief.

4 BATTALION CHIEF KINO: Yes, sir.

5 COMMISSIONER TANCAYO: As far as the backup  
 6 apparatus, how many do you guys -- are you able to keep on  
 7 backup and are they a full complementary as far as everything  
 8 that appears?

9 BATTALION CHIEF KINO: That's a good question,  
 10 Chief. So currently, I'll give you an example of a challenge  
 11 we're running into, is because our recruit class is  
 12 concurrently using our backup apparatus, our relief apparatus,  
 13 that is also kind of what we rely on for our call-out  
 14 personnel. We are not running into challenges, but it is the  
 15 kind of thing where we're working on that balance where, okay,  
 16 recruit class, Monday through Friday they're using our Relief  
 17 Engine 13, Relief Engine 14, Relief Engine 10, but now this  
 18 brush fire occurs where we have to work on an effective change  
 19 out to bring those from class back to our operations, ensure  
 20 that they are adequately equipped with our firefighting  
 21 equipment.

22 To answer that other part of your question is we're  
 23 working on a full complement for our apparatus, that's a  
 24 project currently under Battalion Chief Cambra, where he's  
 25 designing a full inventory so that we can keep apparatus fully

1 staffed, where we're not having to shuffle equipment, where we  
 2 can create accountability systems to make sure that the  
 3 equipment is operational. Basically we want guys to come in,  
 4 pretrip the truck, and be able to get on the truck and respond  
 5 to fires without having to worry about: Is there enough hose?  
 6 Are any of the nozzles broken? Those kind of tedious things  
 7 that can delay their response an hour or two while they have  
 8 to check the truck.

9 So, yes, currently we do have three plus one tanker  
 10 for relief and, again, as recruit class goes back and forth,  
 11 this is where we reach that challenge where -- yeah.

12 COMMISSIONER TANCAYO: One more question.

13 BATTALION CHIEF KINO: Sure.

14 COMMISSIONER TANCAYO: As far as these fires that  
 15 you guys have been -- what resources or agencies have you been  
 16 getting backup tankers? I know they were very fortunate to  
 17 get tankers and where are they coming from and -- as far as  
 18 are they coming from the county or another vendor or  
 19 something?

20 BATTALION CHIEF KINO: So we have been since --  
 21 during this fire season especially, we've been relying heavily  
 22 on private contractors, so we've built good relationships  
 23 particularly with Alpha Construction and Goodfellow, where we  
 24 have -- if we have this fire break out, we initiate our  
 25 emergency call-back procedures and our battalion chief is able



1 to quickly call, whether it be Alpha or whether it be  
 2 Goodfellow, through their dispatcher and quickly mobilize  
 3 resources. So we've been receiving resources from both  
 4 companies as fast as an hour and a half, sometimes faster.  
 5 Sometimes a little bit longer depending on where the fire is  
 6 located and where their equipment is staged, where their  
 7 baseyard is. But, yes, we have been receiving a good amount  
 8 of our resources from them.  
 9 Public works has also been supplying us resources,  
 10 so if you talk about our 9,000-acre Waiko Road fire, we did  
 11 have I think five private contractors in addition to public  
 12 works, five plus in addition to public works. So what we try  
 13 and do is utilize the most effective resource and the closest  
 14 resource that can provide us equipment.  
 15 COMMISSIONER TANCAYO: Okay. Just digging a little  
 16 bit more deep, my hope is that the guys, the contractors that  
 17 are getting called, are knowledgeable in firefighting. I  
 18 remember the S130 class that the -- I see as almost like a  
 19 minimum, that those guys should be aware of those classes so  
 20 they can keep -- we can keep the guys safe. I know we're  
 21 keeping them away, but just being around fire, things happen  
 22 and stuff and we don't want those guys to -- so just, you  
 23 know, a minimum of knowledge for those contractors that we are  
 24 calling in to help.  
 25 BATTALION CHIEF KINO: Absolutely, Chief. So as

1 part of our Recruit Class 35 wildland training which takes  
 2 place at the end of this month, in about a week and a half, in  
 3 addition to that we're bringing in contract instructors from  
 4 the mainland that are going to provide us with additional  
 5 wildland training, further firing operations, and what we're  
 6 doing is we're also going to create a dozer class that we've  
 7 invited these private contractors to come, and including  
 8 public works, so we can sit down, we can go over firefighter  
 9 tactics and strategy, knowledge about operations, basically  
 10 what we do and then how we can expect them to best support us  
 11 in responding to incidents. So that's something we scheduled  
 12 coming up shortly.  
 13 COMMISSIONER TRAVIS: Thank you, Chief.  
 14 COMMISSIONER STERLING: Chief, question. With Mahi  
 15 Pono now on board, are you going to draw any resources from  
 16 them? Are they going to be available for heavy equipment or  
 17 training?  
 18 BATTALION CHIEF KINO: Yeah. So when I mentioned  
 19 like the 9,000-acre brush fire, Mahi Pono was one of the  
 20 companies, one of the entities that did provide us with  
 21 resources. So from that meeting to this point we've had a few  
 22 meetings with Mahi Pono where we can identify those  
 23 relationships, how we can better support them, how we can  
 24 better access their locations, what they're doing where, and  
 25 then, again, what kind of equipment they have that they can

1 provide us in these types of incidents.  
 2 COMMISSIONER STERLING: Okay. Thank you.  
 3 CHAIR MISAKI: Just one confirmation, the recruit  
 4 class graduation is December 27?  
 5 DEPUTY CHIEF VENTURA: Yes.  
 6 CHAIR MISAKI: Commissioners, I would mark that on  
 7 your calendars, yeah.  
 8 VICE CHAIR GINOZA: What was the date?  
 9 CHAIR MISAKI: December 27th, it's on Friday.  
 10 Usually it's around, what, nine o'clock in the morning.  
 11 DEPUTY CHIEF VENTURA: Yeah. It's usually a  
 12 luncheon.  
 13 CHIEF THYNE: Usually a luncheon type of --  
 14 CHAIR MISAKI: Yeah, yeah.  
 15 And it is something that when Jill sends out the  
 16 invitation, you do get back with her right away. Thank you.  
 17 Chief Martin.  
 18 ASSISTANT CHIEF MARTIN: Good morning, Val Martin,  
 19 assistant chief of support services. I do have an agenda that  
 20 I hope you have that was submitted in your packet. I'll be  
 21 real brief because I'm really looking forward to Chief  
 22 Werner's presentation.  
 23 (Laughter.)  
 24 CHAIR MISAKI: We are too.  
 25 ASSISTANT CHIEF MARTIN: So I wanted to just point

1 out and I hope you guys had an opportunity when you were in  
 2 the warehouse to look at that the new room where all that SCBA  
 3 packs are in. We used to send our SCBA packs to Oahu, we had  
 4 to ship it out for our annual testing and even repairs, which  
 5 is really costly. And we've done that for I don't know how  
 6 many years, at least 20 years or more, just shipping it out.  
 7 We get FedEx bills, we get vendor bills. But what we're gonna  
 8 do now is do it right here in-house and keep track of our  
 9 maintenance and the testing of our SCBAs. So that room was  
 10 built by our building maintenance person, Patrick, doing an  
 11 outstanding job, by the way, since he's been here. He's been  
 12 with us maybe for six months now. So that's really nice.  
 13 Also in the warehouse we're going to be build --  
 14 putting in an air compressor to fill those bottles for our  
 15 SCBA tanks. Unfortunately, the bid came back a little bit  
 16 higher than we wanted it to be, so we're working on that, but  
 17 we're going to identify -- just a little bit, a little bit  
 18 more money to get that contract done.  
 19 We are also working with DPS, as Chief Ventura  
 20 pointed out, about getting our warehouse tech position filled,  
 21 as HSB is running all of that in that -- in that warehouse.  
 22 So as soon as we get that, we'll be happy.  
 23 Also, we're waiting for the firefighter 3 exam to be  
 24 given and we do have some vacant firefighter 3 positions, so  
 25 we want to fill those after this test is given.

1 And I believe it's November 1st; right, Chief?  
 2 Yeah. So November 1st, so we have a couple of  
 3 openings in our fire prevention bureau.  
 4 And also, as was touched on a couple of times, is  
 5 the meeting in Kihei. We had attended that meeting on behalf  
 6 of Council Chair Kelly King's request and then I believe it  
 7 was Mr. Andaya, myself, and -- several of us. And even Chief  
 8 Werner was there. It was a real good meeting and, yeah,  
 9 Firewise is a great educational program that was brought out  
 10 at the meeting. They have a good online presence on what to  
 11 do and -- you know, the main point was we've all gotta take  
 12 care of our own properties, that the government cannot be on  
 13 everybody's property and try to take care, there's just not  
 14 enough resources, manpower, and it's just too much. So by  
 15 providing them that avenue to get that education, we hope that  
 16 they look at it and see what they can do within their home, so  
 17 that was one of the main points.  
 18 We still -- I know I bring this up all the time, but  
 19 through Hurricane Lane -- this is actually one of the quickest  
 20 ones that we've done with getting our reimbursement from FEMA  
 21 through Hawaii Emergency Management through Maui Emergency  
 22 Management. It's been over a year since we've had that event,  
 23 but this is actually one of the quickest since we've actually  
 24 submitted everything and we plan to get back some money in  
 25 this fiscal year. It's in their hands, we're just waiting for

1 them. In fact, the next step, we're just waiting to see a  
 2 check in the mail, so we'll see. We'll see when that comes.  
 3 You know, somewhere around a hundred forty-something thousand,  
 4 I think, we'll get back.  
 5 And then we also worked with MEMA on that recent  
 6 Paia fire across Baldwin and it was another one of those  
 7 events where do we open the EOC or not, you know, it's -- we  
 8 don't want to waste everybody's time. Is it gonna get bigger?  
 9 And we decided to partially activate the EOC only because the  
 10 roads were blocked for a moment on Hana Highway, the location  
 11 of it near the airport. Is the fire gonna come near the  
 12 airport? Is it gonna affect air traffic? Is the airport  
 13 gonna get closed? Is it gonna make it to Haleakala Highway?  
 14 Are we gonna close Haleakala Highway?  
 15 So all of these uncertainties was a concern, so we  
 16 partially activated the EOC with MEMA staff, fire, police, Red  
 17 Cross, and any agency that we felt would need to be there, but  
 18 it's a really small group. So a lot of times when we activate  
 19 the EOC for a hurricane or even for another big event like  
 20 maybe a tsunami that's six hours away or something, we bring  
 21 in a lot of agencies and entities and pack the EOC; but in  
 22 this particular case, it's just the agencies that we feel that  
 23 need to be there and communicate especially with fire and  
 24 police with road closures and fighting fires and so forth. So  
 25 that's -- yeah, it's been a great working relationship with

1 MEMA.  
 2 And then we're still working on some big projects  
 3 with selecting consultants and one of them is the East Molokai  
 4 station, so we had just actually selected the four  
 5 consultants, so we still need to work with them on getting the  
 6 scope of work done. And one of the projects is East Molokai,  
 7 the Lanai location site, and some other projects like the  
 8 apparatus shelter that we're gonna build out here.  
 9 But that's it.  
 10 CHAIR MISAKI: Any questions?  
 11 (No response.)  
 12 CHAIR MISAKI: And without further ado.  
 13 (Setting up presentation.)  
 14 BATTALION CHIEF WERNER: I'm not the great public  
 15 speaker that the chiefs are, so I need to leave the lights on  
 16 so I can read my notes.  
 17 (Laughter.)  
 18 BATTALION CHIEF WERNER: So most of you know me, I'm  
 19 Mike Werner, battalion chief here, and I'm also our  
 20 administrator of our department record systems, so the chief  
 21 asked me if I would come in today and just go over what NFIRS  
 22 is and talk a little bit about FireRMS. So I'm just gonna do  
 23 a real brief overview, but if you have any questions, I'm more  
 24 than happy to answer them either at the end of the meeting  
 25 today or any time. You guys all have my contact information.

1 So back in the 1970s the U.S. Fire Administration  
 2 was tasked with creating a database of fire department  
 3 incidents across the entire nation, so in order to do that,  
 4 though, they needed to develop a reporting system that would  
 5 be uniform across the nation so that we're all reporting in  
 6 the same way. So the system that they came up with is the  
 7 National Fire Incident Reporting System. So in order to  
 8 achieve their goal of everybody reporting the same way, they  
 9 had to create coding for fire incidents and this is what they  
 10 came up with.  
 11 So if you look at like the first one here, 111,  
 12 that's a building fire.  
 13 (Commissioners opening printed presentation.)  
 14 BATTALION CHIEF WERNER: So for every incident  
 15 there's a coding to it. So each month the -- we send up all  
 16 of our fire reports to the National Fire Service and they put  
 17 together all of that into a database and anybody can have  
 18 access to that. And we use that to look at what's going on  
 19 across the nation and/or what's going on in Hawaii or Maui  
 20 itself.  
 21 So that's basically what NFIRS it and I create -- I  
 22 put this in your packet, so there's a website if you guys ever  
 23 want to take a look at it and see what it's about.  
 24 Does anybody have any questions on NFIRS?  
 25 CHAIR MISAKI: So is the database like an Excel

1 spreadsheet or --

2 BATTALION CHIEF WERNER: It can be. So there's

3 different -- lots of different ways to look at it and you can

4 do Excel spreadsheets from it, yeah.

5 So FireRMS is a little different. So in order for

6 us to report to NFIRS, we need to have report-writing software

7 that uses that coding format that I was talking to you guys

8 about. And there's several of them out there, but FireRMS is

9 the one that we use here on Maui and we also -- the entire

10 state of Hawaii uses the FireRMS. But FireRMS is not just for

11 reporting to NFIRS and it's not just for writing fire reports,

12 it's a complete records management system.

13 So this is what FireRMS looks like when we open it

14 up and we use it for creating our daily roster, for writing

15 the incident reports that we do report to NFIRS, we also use

16 it for creating training reports, we can use it for tracking

17 our equipment, our SCBA's, all those types of things.

18 So I wanted you to just kind of see what a fire

19 incident report looks like. So when we open it up, we have

20 all of these different drop-down boxes that have different

21 items in them and all of these fields are required. So, for

22 instance, if we went to a building fire, like I showed you

23 earlier, we have the 111, which is a building fire, and also

24 we have all of the actions taken inside of there. So when we

25 write fire reports, we collect and capture all kinds of data.

1 We capture the dispatch times, our response times, the

2 incident duration, the districts, the types of incident we

3 went to, what we did, the persons involved, whether they were

4 a resident or they were a visitor, and then at the end we

5 write an incident report about what we did. If it's a fire,

6 we capture additional information such as the fuel type, the

7 dollar loss, the ignition source, all those types of things.

8 So how do we use that data that we collect? So

9 using FireRMS we can create reports on just about anything

10 related to the data that we collect in our incident reports,

11 in our training reports, in our daily roster. So, for

12 instance, say training, we have required training that each

13 company is supposed to do, we can run a report to make sure

14 that everybody's completed it. We also can look at our

15 manpower and see the sick leave use, vacation use, who is on

16 certain days, anything like that.

17 And then looking at our incident reports, we can run

18 all types of different reports. This is just a small sample

19 of the types of reports that we can run to use that data to

20 make decisions. For example, if we wanted to get a count of

21 all of the incidents that happened in the third quarter of

22 this year, we would just click on that button, enter the date

23 range, and a report like this would pop up.

24 So looking at this report, if you look at that

25 one -- oops. If you look at that -- the 111, the building

1 fires, you can see we had ten of them in the third quarter of

2 this year. Now, if you compare that to the 142, our brush

3 fires, we had 171. So we look at that information and we can

4 decide -- maybe that would direct our efforts towards training

5 or towards what kind of apparatus that we're going to be

6 purchasing.

7 So some of the other uses for the data is we satisfy

8 the Office of Information Practices requirements of the

9 Uniform Information Practices Act and what that act says is it

10 requires open access to all government documents. So we get

11 lots of requests, I would say several a week, for requests for

12 incident reports that we responded to from either the private

13 sector or insurance companies, that type of stuff, so we can

14 create those reports, redact them, and then we can send them

15 to the reporting parties.

16 We also use it to gather information to create

17 different documents like the strategic plan or our standards

18 of cover. A lot of the information that went into that got

19 maintained from running reports with FireRMS. And then during

20 budget time or like the fire commission meetings, a lot of the

21 statistics that you received today, all of that information

22 came from FireRMS. We get -- during budget times we get lots

23 of questions about spending or number of incidents in

24 different locations and that type of stuff and so that's how

25 we can use that.

1 So that's basically what I had for you today. Does

2 anybody have any questions right away?

3 (No response.)

4 BATTALION CHIEF WERNER: All right. Thank you.

5 Oh, I'm sorry.

6 COMMISSIONER FREITAS: Do you report the medical

7 emergency response too or no, or just fire?

8 BATTALION CHIEF WERNER: No, we do. And I'm glad we

9 brought that up. Let me just show you something real quick.

10 If you look -- oh, it's not. Sorry, it's not on this one, but

11 I did run another report. During that same quarter we had

12 over 4,000 during that same period.

13 COMMISSIONER VARES: Chief Werner?

14 BATTALION CHIEF WERNER: Yes.

15 COMMISSIONER VARES: Who all --

16 CHAIR MISAKI: It's on here.

17 COMMISSIONER VARES: Who does all this inputting,

18 who's the lucky guy?

19 BATTALION CHIEF WERNER: That's a good question. So

20 we go out on an incident, we come back to the station, the

21 captain writes the incident report. So while he's out there,

22 he gathers all of the information knowing that he's gonna have

23 to write this report when he gets back. If we do training,

24 the -- whoever facilitates the training, often it is the

25 captain, they'll come back and create a training report. If

1 you are the apparatus operator, you'll enter like your SCB HX  
 2 and all that type of stuff.  
 3 CHAIR MISAKI: But your role is to make sure  
 4 everybody does fill in all the data?  
 5 BATTALION CHIEF WERNER: Yes. And then for me to  
 6 send it up to U.S. Fire Administration.  
 7 CHAIR MISAKI: Great.  
 8 COMMISSIONER STERLING: Chief, do they have a  
 9 computer in the fire engine? I mean, the --  
 10 BATTALION CHIEF WERNER: Not at this time. We're  
 11 actually working on that. I don't know that we'll actually be  
 12 able to do FireRMS reports in there. So FireRMS runs  
 13 alongside of CADs, which is a computed-aided dispatch from the  
 14 police department, and it can't necessarily work with our  
 15 computers on the trucks.  
 16 DEPUTY CHIEF VENTURA: It's not web-based.  
 17 BATTALION CHIEF WERNER: Yeah, it's not a web-based  
 18 thing.  
 19 CHAIR MISAKI: So we do field stuff and we've  
 20 started to use just simple tablets to take data and you can  
 21 probably those in the tablet, so you come back and you just  
 22 plug into the computer and transfer the --  
 23 BATTALION CHIEF WERNER: Exactly.  
 24 CHAIR MISAKI: So the tablets can just be taken on  
 25 the fire trucks.

1 BATTALION CHIEF WERNER: Yeah. They're actually  
 2 gonna be mounted in the fire truck --  
 3 CHAIR MISAKI: So you are looking at that.  
 4 BATTALION CHIEF WERNER: -- with the keyboard, but  
 5 they can -- the top can come out and they can do stuff,  
 6 especially like the preplans, that type of thing.  
 7 CHAIR MISAKI: Yeah. And the other thing we use --  
 8 and we actually use two tablets in the helicopter, one to take  
 9 data and the other one shows where you are at all times in  
 10 reference to the incident. And it's a really good system.  
 11 BATTALION CHIEF WERNER: Yeah.  
 12 CHAIR MISAKI: So if you guys want to learn more,  
 13 you're welcome to come see me in my office.  
 14 CHIEF THYNE: For a fee.  
 15 (Laughter.)  
 16 BATTALION CHIEF WERNER: Anything else?  
 17 (No response.)  
 18 BATTALION CHIEF WERNER: Thank you.  
 19 COMMISSIONERS: Thank you. Thank you, Mike.  
 20 CHIEF THYNE: Was it worth the wait?  
 21 COMMISSIONERS: Oh, yeah.  
 22 (Laughter.)  
 23 BATTALION CHIEF WERNER: I cut it short 'cause Val  
 24 texted me, Hurry, I'm hungry for lunch.  
 25 (Laughter.)

1 CHAIR MISAKI: So I'd like to thank Mike for your  
 2 patience. As you guys know, we deferred him from the last  
 3 meeting because we ran out of time.  
 4 I just wanted to note that the next meeting date and  
 5 time is October 17th. And I want to thank all of you for  
 6 getting back to Jill right away to let her know if you're  
 7 coming or not and please continue to do so. Thank you.  
 8 And if there's no other things, I'd like to adjourn  
 9 the meeting. Thank you.  
 10 COMMISSIONER TANCAYO: Second.  
 11 (The proceedings were adjourned at 10:44 a.m.)  
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1 CERTIFICATE

2 STATE OF HAWAII )  
 3 COUNTY OF MAUI ) SS.  
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5 I, Sandra J. Gran, Certified Shorthand Reporter for  
 6 the State of Hawaii, hereby certify that on September 24th,  
 7 2019, at 9:00 a.m. the proceedings was taken down by me in  
 8 machine shorthand and was thereafter reduced to typewritten  
 9 form under my supervision; that the foregoing represents, to  
 10 the best of my ability, a true and correct transcript of the  
 11 proceedings had in the foregoing matter.  
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13 I further certify that I am not an attorney for any  
 14 of the parties hereto, nor in any way concerned with the  
 15 cause.  
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17 DATED this 24th day of September, 2019, in Maui,  
 18 Hawaii.  
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 23 Sandra J. Gran, RPR  
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