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FIRE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION

COUNTY OF MAUI

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

REGULAR MEETING

Held at Maui Fire Department Prevention Bureau via
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ATTENDANCE

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Kyle Ginoza, Chair
- Lisa Vares, Vice Chair
- Jack Freitas, Member
- Travis Tancayo, Member
- Gregg Lundberg, Member
- Dwight Burns, Member
- Donna Sterling, Member
- Punahеле Alcon, Member
- Max Kincaid, Jr., Member

STAFF:

- David Thyne, Fire Chief
- Bradford Ventura, Deputy Fire Chief
- Michael Werner, Battalion Chief
- Richard Kawasaki, Assistant Fire Chief
- Gary Murai, Deputy Corporation Counsel
- Keola Whittaker, Deputy Corporation Counsel
- Richelle Wakamatsu, Commission Secretary
- Herman Andaya, Maui Emergency Management Agency

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(November 19, 2020, 10:02 a.m.)

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CHAIR GINOZA: Good morning, everyone. It's just after 10:00, 10:02, and I'm Kyle Ginoza and I'd like to call the fire and public safety commission meeting to order. The first -- welcome, everybody. The first thing is roll call, so do we have Lisa.

COMMISSIONER VARES: Here.

CHAIR GINOZA: Jack.

(No response.)

CHAIR GINOZA: No Jack.

Travis.

COMMISSIONER TANCAYO: Here.

CHAIR GINOZA: Gregg.

COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: Here.

CHAIR GINOZA: Dwight.

(No response.)

CHAIR GINOZA: No Dwight.

Donna.

COMMISSIONER STERLING: Here, Chair.

CHAIR GINOZA: Thank you.

Punahale.

COMMISSIONER ALCON: Here.

CHAIR GINOZA: Okay. And Max.

(No response.)

1 CHAIR GINOZA: No Max. Looks like we have as well
2 as resources Gary and Keola.

3 MR. MURAI: Good morning, Mr. Chair.

4 CHAIR GINOZA: And -- good morning.

5 And Herman from the emergency management agency.
6 Good morning, Herman.

7 MEMA OFFICER ANDAYA: Good morning, Chair.

8 CHAIR GINOZA: And, Chief, you want to introduce who
9 you have as fire resources, please.

10 CHIEF THYNE: Certainly, Chair. Thanks. We have
11 Richelle, who's off camera here, and then Chief Ventura across
12 the table from me, Chief Kawasaki to the back right here or to
13 your left, and then Chief Werner adjacent to me right here, it
14 would be your back right, and then myself.

15 CHAIR GINOZA: Awesome. Anybody else we missed that
16 would like to be recognized?

17 (No response.)

18 CHAIR GINOZA: Perfect. So I don't know if people
19 got their packets and were able to review the minutes from the
20 last meeting on October 15th. Does anybody need time to
21 review the minutes or can we go forward with approving the
22 minutes?

23 COMMISSIONER STERLING: I'm good, Chair.

24 CHAIR GINOZA: Would somebody -- oh. Would somebody
25 like to make a motion to accept the minutes?

1 COMMISSIONER TANCAYO: I'll make a motion to accept
2 the minutes.

3 CHAIR GINOZA: Thank you, Travis.

4 COMMISSIONER VARES: (Gesturing.)

5 CHAIR GINOZA: As second, Lisa. All in favor, raise
6 your hand.

7 (Response.)

8 CHAIR GINOZA: Aye. Okay. Gregg, you okay with it,
9 the minutes?

10 COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: (No audible response.)

11 CHAIR GINOZA: I guess so. Okay. The minutes are
12 approved.

13 Do we have anybody wanting to testify from the
14 public? Richelle, anybody signed up or anybody on the call
15 who wants to testify?

16 MS. WAKAMATSU: No, I don't have anybody.

17 CHIEF THYNE: Did you get that, Chair? That was
18 from Richelle. She doesn't have anybody.

19 CHAIR GINOZA: Sure. Okay. Thanks. So if there's
20 no objection, I'll close public testimony.

21 (No response.)

22 CHAIR GINOZA: Okay. Great. And next we'll move to
23 Herman and MEMA's report, please. Herman.

24 MEMA OFFICER ANDAYA: Thank you, Mr. Chair, Members
25 of the Commission. You have my report before you. And we're

1 still -- we're still activated, partially activated for
2 COVID-19. We've been working on the -- our vaccination plan
3 and we expect the vaccine to be available in the next several
4 months now, so we're preparing for that, working with HiEMA
5 and the department of health.

6 We continue to do surge testing and so for the past
7 five -- three days now, we've been at the airport conducting
8 surge testing there. And these are tests that's provided to
9 us by the department -- U.S. Department of Health and Human
10 Services. It is totally free, so we're not asking for
11 insurance cards or anything like that. Unlike other tests,
12 this is absolutely free. We also conducted a similar test on
13 Lanai as well and, again, the test is totally, absolutely
14 free.

15 So that's -- that's what I have. There's more in my
16 report, but do you have any questions? I'm open to any
17 questions that you may have.

18 (No response.)

19 COMMISSIONER VARES: Kyle, you were muted.

20 CHAIR GINOZA: Sorry, I just realized that. So I
21 see we have Max, so welcome, Max.

22 And does any commissioner have any comments on
23 MEMA's report for Herman?

24 (No response.)

25 CHAIR GINOZA: Seeing none, let's move on to the

1 next one with the fire department. Chief Thyne, do you want
2 take it?

3 CHIEF THYNE: Hi, I don't -- as you can see, I don't
4 have any updates in the highlights in the packet that -- if
5 you did receive your packet, and that's because I was on a
6 couple of fire assignments. During the last meeting I was on
7 a fire assignment in Eureka, California, to the August
8 Complex, which is one of the largest -- well, is the largest
9 fire in California this year, so that was quite a daunting
10 task for our national team that I -- I respond with. And then
11 the second incident I went to was actually now the largest
12 fire in Colorado history, the Cameron Peak fire. And we also
13 had a zone of the East Troublesome fire, which was in the
14 Estes Park area.

15 So I appreciate the department, the county, the
16 mayor, and the fire commission, I've been with the national
17 team since 2013 and so the continued support allowing me to go
18 out and support the national fire program is appreciated not
19 only by me personally, but also we do take some firefighters
20 from time to time and we've also taken folks from DOFAW as
21 well as other county agencies as trainees to some of these
22 fire incidents that I get the privilege of serving on. And so
23 we just -- I just want to take the time just to thank you
24 folks for the continued support.

25 And just an FYI is my salary is a hundred percent

1 paid for by the federal government when I go on these fire
2 assignments, it doesn't cost the county anything, and so that
3 should be noted. It's been questioned from time to time
4 because, you know, obviously, in the chief officer position
5 that I've been in over the, you know, ten or 12 years, there's
6 a question of, you know, why is our chief officer off serving
7 in another jurisdiction, and certainly there's merit to that
8 discussion, but I've always asked them to understand that the
9 fire program has also served our department in the big picture
10 by allowing our folks to go and train with the best in the
11 nation at fighting fires and incident management systems and
12 different processes like that. And so it's benefited our
13 county a great deal over the course of the ten or 12 years
14 I've been -- we've been associated with the program.

15 So that's why I don't have the highlights, so I
16 will (inaudible) to, you know, listen to Chief Ventura's
17 update on the budget. We've worked together on that. I was,
18 of course, available by phone and talked to the chief, Chief
19 Ventura as he prepared the budget with our other chiefs
20 through the course of the past month or so that I was away on
21 fires. So I look forward to his presentation as well. And
22 I'll just stop there unless there's questions.

23 CHAIR GINOZA: Okay. Great. Thank you, Chief.

24 Any commissioners have any questions?

25 (No response.)

1 CHAIR GINOZA: Okay. I see we also have Jack joined
2 our call as well, so I'd like to recognize Jack Freitas is on
3 as well.

4 Chief Ventura, would you like to do the next report?

5 DEPUTY CHIEF VENTURA: Certainly. Good morning,
6 everybody. The report for this month, my general notes to you
7 folks is pretty short. We had -- did have one promotion
8 recently. It was an expansion position in our prevention
9 bureau, a much needed position that we've been trying to seek
10 for several years, and it was a lieutenant position. That
11 lieutenant assists in our plans review so that the county
12 planning process can continue to move smoothly. So that
13 person is gonna be responsible a lot for reviewing plans as
14 they come into the fire department. That would make us have
15 the three now that we have in prevention bureau, so that
16 promotion was great to have.

17 Improvement stuff with the department, we have
18 been -- we've been working with the prevention bureau also for
19 our open burning. So open burning can be challenging with
20 lots of different rural areas of our community, people burn
21 rubbish, they're not supposed to. They can work with the DOH
22 and they can get --

23 Somebody's sharing their -- I'm not sure who's
24 sharing their screen.

25 Can you all still hear me?

1 CHAIR GINOZA: Yes.

2 COMMISSIONER STERLING: Yes.

3 DEPUTY CHIEF VENTURA: Okay. I'll continue.

4 Hopefully -- it resolved. Okay. So we're trying to improve
5 our standard operating guidelines so that our captains have
6 better and clearer direction when they go to people's house
7 and they're in the backyard burning rubbish, claiming to have
8 a cooking fire, but its affecting the neighbors negatively.
9 So we're trying to add language in to the code to make it a
10 little bit more clear and then give our captains a little bit
11 more direction on how they can enforce open burning and
12 cooking fires in people's backyards.

13 We've been working with our wellness cadre. So
14 firefighter wellness is -- there's a lot that goes into it,
15 not only physical fitness, but also mental well being, social
16 well being, and all that stuff. So we've been working with
17 our wellness cadre to try to increase some of the access to
18 the people that can volunteer and help with that. We've also
19 just received a \$3,000 grant to support that cadre as well, so
20 we'll discuss with them how they'd like to spend that money,
21 if it's more on the fitness side or more on the support side
22 for peer support. There's a variety of things we can do to
23 support our ocean safety officers and firefighters with that.

24 Union interactions, we did meet with our Hawaii
25 Firefighters Association to do a safety committee meeting and

1 most recently we met with them and discussed a variety of
2 things. Of course, the big topic is COVID right now, so we're
3 working on, you know, making sure everybody's safe, has the
4 right PPE, we have procedures in place to keep everybody safe.
5 And then we recently instituted a decontamination procedure at
6 structure fires while on scene, so that kind of came out of
7 that committee discussion. And then just our, you know,
8 effort to make turnouts and brush gear more readily available.
9 You'll see some of that stuff in the budget conversation I
10 have for you.

11 With HGEA, that's with the ocean -- ocean safety
12 guards. There's a lot of things that have been done in the
13 past, but nothing's in writing, so we're trying to formalize
14 that process as much as we can. And instead of like just
15 turning over a big 250-page document and saying, This is the
16 way we want to do it, we're trying to work on them in sections
17 so that the union has the time to consult, to talk to the
18 members, make tweaks to the policy, and then get back to us.
19 So the two that we're working on this month are the seniority
20 policy -- and it seems pretty simple that the seniority policy
21 would be like, Who's been in the department longest, but with
22 our ocean safety guards, there's all sorts of levels of
23 seniority because some of them were hired into the parks
24 department before they became lifeguards, some of them were
25 hired on to the beach, some of them were hired into fire, and

1 then there's also seniority in rank. So somebody may have
2 much longer years in the department, but just got promoted to
3 captain or lieutenant, who should be more senior? Should it
4 be the person with the most department time or the most
5 position time? So those things are in writing for HFFA and
6 like our fire union, but they're not in writing for HGEA, so
7 we're trying to clean it up so everybody is on the same page.

8 And then the second policy we're working with them
9 is just a simple mileage policy to reimburse them for mileage
10 that they drive their personal vehicle while on duty for
11 certain things. So, again, a very simple policy, but we want
12 it to be black and white so they know when they get mileage
13 and when they don't get mileage.

14 And then transmittals from the public this month
15 have been pretty quiet, if not none. So sometimes hearing
16 nothing is good, but at the same time, you know, we're
17 always -- what we're doing this month is preparing for our
18 strategic plan, so although we haven't gotten the results yet,
19 we did put out four surveys and this would be -- this would
20 include a survey to the public. So we put out a survey that
21 the public can fill out with a specific set of questions, we
22 put out a survey to the firefighters that's a separate set of
23 questions, ocean safety officers, which is a third set, and
24 then also to our HGEA administrative employees because they're
25 not going to be concerned about firefighter bunk or gear or

1 stuff, so they have a whole separate set of questions. So we
2 are receiving a lot of surveys, so that's good, people are
3 going to give us their input, and then that'll guide our
4 strategic plan process, which will come up in early 2021.

5 So that concludes my report for the month. Any
6 particular questions?

7 COMMISSIONER FREITAS: Can you guys hear me?

8 COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: Yeah.

9 CHIEF THYNE: Yes, sir.

10 COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: Yeah, I hear you.

11 CHAIR GINOZA: Yes.

12 Okay. And so does anybody have any questions for
13 the Chief.

14 I'd also like to recognize Dwight has joined the
15 call as well, so we have everybody.

16 COMMISSIONER FREITAS: Yeah, I'm in, but I can't see
17 you guys. This is Jack Freitas.

18 CHAIR GINOZA: Yeah. We cannot see you, Jack.

19 COMMISSIONER VARES: Yeah, Jack.

20 COMMISSIONER FREITAS: Okay. Good. That's -- just
21 so long as --

22 CHAIR GINOZA: We can hear you, but we cannot see
23 you.

24 COMMISSIONER FREITAS: That's fair enough, that's
25 all I need to meet, you know. Go for it, guys.

1 (Laughter.)

2 CHAIR GINOZA: Yeah.

3 COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: Hey, Kyle, this is Gregg.
4 I've got a question for the chief.

5 CHAIR GINOZA: Okay. Go ahead.

6 COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: Chief, how are you
7 incorporating the new cleanliness standards for COVID-19 in
8 your stations and what are you doing to make sure that they're
9 sanitized to certain standards that the fire department
10 requires?

11 DEPUTY CHIEF VENTURA: So we have set policies since
12 kind of late March and improved on it as more information has
13 become available. You know, using DOH and CDC as our
14 guidance, we have put in policy and given the equipment to all
15 the stations to do three-times-a-day cleaning, to do
16 temperature checks and symptom checks daily, and then we've
17 also acquired, with the county's support, the -- some
18 electrostatic sprayers and we're just getting the chemicals
19 for those sprayers here shortly and then those will be able to
20 go out to each and every station as well.

21 COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: Chief, have you had any
22 positive results on any of your firefighters yet to -- yet?

23 CHIEF THYNE: So it's interesting, but one of our
24 early consultations was with the fire -- the only firefighter
25 to date that ended up with COVID and it was travel related.

1 He went and visited some family on the mainland. Ironically,
2 his brother-in-law is one of the lead COVID advisors for the
3 University of California system. I don't want to reveal too
4 much personal information, but we relied on him very heavily
5 to help with our policies and procedures because his brother-
6 in-law was so versed in COVID and there were so many unknowns
7 at the time. The irony of it all is that particular captain
8 on a travel to the mainland ended up with getting diagnosed
9 positive.

10 The fortunate thing was all the follow-up efforts
11 with the crew members and the isolation and cleaning
12 procedures we have in place and, of course, masks and things
13 of that nature, policies that we have, it did not spread even
14 to his immediate crew members. They were multiple tested,
15 they were all monitored by the department of health, we
16 followed all the procedures and it stayed within that
17 particular individual. And, unfortunately, it was also his
18 family, but that's the only case to date and we'll knock on
19 wood for that one, because we're trying our best to make sure
20 that we keep our -- our department healthy and virus free,
21 obviously. So only one so far, to answer your question.

22 COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: Great. That's great, Chief.
23 Chief, can you reassure us that you have all the PPE and any
24 equipment you need? Are you wanting for anything in this
25 regard?

1 CHIEF THYNE: You know, Commissioner Lundberg, thank
2 you for that and -- and there was points in time when we were
3 frustrated, primarily because as everybody else started to get
4 ahold of it, we, of course, being frontline responders, as the
5 term is now, we were already thinking what our firefighters
6 and our responders were (inaudible) to. You know, our union,
7 our other folks we work with, we all had these concerns
8 because the bottom line is, everybody else may come in contact
9 with the public or potentially an infected individual, but
10 we're the ones that get the 911 call and are standing on
11 somebody's doorstep at two o'clock in the morning, you know,
12 us and the paramedics and folks like that. And so it was very
13 high on our radar and we had established relationships with
14 vendors, meaning PPE suppliers, gloves, masks, all those types
15 of things, and people started trying to put these blocks on us
16 and saying that we can't order certain -- through certain
17 avenues, maybe Amazon or something like that, it had to go
18 through, you know, other channels within the county and/or
19 within the state. And it was very frustrating for us because
20 we already had these relationships, we already had
21 inventories, we just wanted to enhance our inventories in
22 preparation for what now became this pandemic.

23 So all of that aside, the good news is, is that
24 we're able to able to build up our cache and we were also able
25 to work through those difficult relationships that were early

1 on with people having an idea of how things should work. And
2 so Chief Werner is -- we jokingly call him our COVID chief,
3 because he's been all over it, he's been on top of it. He's
4 had a focus with our health and safety bureau to make sure
5 that our inventory is up to par and that we have the
6 relationships with the county and folks like Herman and
7 emergency management to back us up whatever inventories we
8 need as well. So we're good. We're good.

9 COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: Okay. And I would just ask
10 that if you get in the -- behind or out of supplies that you
11 can't get, you let us know.

12 CHIEF THYNE: We appreciate it. We will do that.

13 COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: That's all, Chief. Thank
14 you.

15 COMMISSIONER TANCAYO: I have a question.

16 CHAIR GINOZA: Really?

17 (Laughter.)

18 CHAIR GINOZA: Go ahead. Sorry.

19 COMMISSIONER TANCAYO: Chiefs, as far as networking
20 with the other counties across the states and department, has
21 any of that been -- been happening or is there trouble to
22 communicating? What has that dialogue been like so far and
23 give us a quick view on that from your guys' perspective.

24 CHIEF THYNE: So as far as -- I'll just touch on it
25 real briefly. I mean, we still have our state fire council

1 with -- Chief Travis, as you know, the county fire chiefs, we
2 collectively meet every quarter and, of course, it's been
3 meetings like this over Zoom and we touch bases. We have
4 shared policy, they've shared policy with us. We don't
5 necessarily like exchange PPE or anything, but we've been
6 offered by Honolulu -- they had very large cache that was --
7 unfortunately, they found out later on (inaudible) fire, but
8 earlier on that was offered to us as well. We were good, like
9 I just mentioned to Commissioner Lundberg, we have had an
10 inventory and we've been able to really keep our inventory in
11 check, so -- but there is a fairly regular communication back
12 and forth between the chief officers and the other counties,
13 but we haven't had to rely on any sort of responder help or
14 anything outside of normal like policy sharing or question and
15 answers over the phone kind of stuff, so -- but we still have
16 that open line of communication, though.

17 COMMISSIONER TANCAYO: Thank you.

18 CHAIR GINOZA: Any other questions from
19 commissioners?

20 (No response.)

21 CHAIR GINOZA: I have a question. Perhaps it's a
22 little bit early, but, you know, in light of the vaccine
23 seeming to be quite successful, has the county or even the
24 department figured out how -- protocols to have the line
25 employees vaccinated if they want?

1 CHIEF THYNE: So, ironically, we just talked about
2 that because we're getting asked to participate in some
3 working groups and we were asked -- as you may recall, the --
4 our former department medical director, who was the medical
5 director for many, many years, is now the state health
6 director, Dr. Libby Char. So we have a great relationship
7 with her, she's an awesome doc and she's helped on our
8 protocols from the fire department side and all of that. So
9 when they develop the pilot or draft plan that was later
10 released publicly, she included us in that conversation.

11 And, of course, it's gonna be a personal decision,
12 you know, for our firefighters and responders. I feel -- you
13 know, some people feel very -- for instance, very strongly
14 about the flu shot, other people don't ever get a flu shot.
15 So it's gonna be a similar conversation, I think, it's gonna
16 be a personal decision. We certainly don't advocate for
17 forcing our firefighters to take any sort of (inaudible)
18 because they are responders. However, what we want to do is
19 next week send out a -- kind of a questionnaire kind of thing
20 to our folks and find out what those numbers are, what are the
21 guys feeling or the responders feeling like about this
22 vaccination, so we have an idea if we're asked to give a
23 ballpark figure, what does that look like. You know, because
24 our department's about 400 members strong when you count ocean
25 safety, so if 50 percent want to take the vaccination versus

1 25 percent versus 75 percent the other way, that's a big swing
2 in numbers. So we want to just kind of informally ask our
3 personnel, Where are you guys at? And we're good either way,
4 it's your decision, but we're gonna ask Chief Werner to run
5 that down and then we're gonna have that number when we start
6 working with the working group. So it's still early, like you
7 said, but we're trying to get a number so we can have that
8 conversation.

9 CHAIR GINOZA: Excellent.

10 Okay. If no other questions, Chief Kawasaki.

11 ASSISTANT CHIEF KAWASAKI: Okay. Good morning,
12 everybody. So as you can see for our significant incidents,
13 our brush fires have kind of tapered off from about
14 mid-October and we have kind of slowly transitioned to more
15 calls -- our call volume has been slowly going up with the
16 travel opening. We did -- recently had some of the calls that
17 we haven't seen in a while tourist related where, you know,
18 some mountain rescues and ocean rescues in areas that are --
19 generally are tourist -- heavy, heavy tourist calls just from
20 being up in the mountain when we have rains and stuff. So,
21 yeah, so for the most part our fires have -- fire season is,
22 hopefully, done for this year.

23 And we are kind of struggling for trucks right now.
24 We have a bunch of trucks that are not working, some damaged
25 throughout the fire season. So for our next set of trucks

1 coming up, upcoming, we do have a replacement for our
2 battalion chief on the Battalion 1 vehicle, they'll be getting
3 a new truck. We do have a truck for Paia Station that is
4 currently the -- it's been posted for bid. We also have a
5 utility truck for Station 4, Kaunakakai, Travis would know
6 about that one. And we did get awarded a mini, a mini pumper
7 for Hana Station, which is about to be posted for bid. And
8 we're still waiting on hearing for grant money for an engine,
9 fire engine for the Hana Station. We should hear about that
10 in the next month or so.

11 Our training has still been scaled down as far as,
12 you know, we're not operating fully. We have to do a bunch of
13 extra trainings to satisfy the COVID, you know, just so that
14 we don't have too many people out together at the same time.
15 We do have -- our Recruit Class 36 will be graduating next
16 month on the 18th, so they're in their last month of training
17 before they graduate and get out on the line. I'm sure
18 they're waiting to get out there and tired of being in that,
19 you know, training environment just want to get out and do it
20 for real.

21 And, yeah, like Chief Brad said, ocean safety is
22 very busy with policy development, it's been a big undertaking
23 for Chief Giese.

24 Other than that, I don't have anything else unless
25 anybody has any questions.

1 CHAIR GINOZA: Does any commissioner have any
2 questions?

3 (No response.)

4 CHAIR GINOZA: I have a question. So out of -- for
5 the recruit class, how many people had dropped out? Anybody?

6 ASSISTANT CHIEF KAWASAKI: We started with 20, I
7 think 15 from Maui Fire Department and five from state crash
8 rescue. We did lose one from crash rescue so far, so the
9 class is down to 19 from -- from the 20.

10 CHAIR GINOZA: Very good. Any commissioners have
11 any questions?

12 COMMISSIONER FREITAS: I -- I have a question. I
13 have a question.

14 CHAIR GINOZA: Yes, Jack. Go ahead.

15 COMMISSIONER FREITAS: The training facility, when
16 is that coming back online?

17 ASSISTANT CHIEF KAWASAKI: From what I understand,
18 they're almost done. I believe next month is their target.
19 What -- it's been moved a couple of times, but by next month
20 sometime they should be back open.

21 COMMISSIONER FREITAS: Thank you.

22 CHAIR GINOZA: Okay. If no other questions, Chief
23 Werner, please go ahead.

24 ASSISTANT CHIEF WERNER: Good morning, everyone. So
25 as far as fire prevention, one of the highlights was we did

1 finally interview and select the new lieutenant position, so
2 Captain Hawkins and Captain Otsubo have been working with him
3 to get him trained on doing plans reviews. So that should
4 help big time with getting our numbers down in the number of
5 plans that are waiting to be reviewed.

6 Moving on to the health and safety, we now have 13
7 of the handheld electrostatic sprayers and three large rolling
8 ones that we're hoping to send out to the stations by the end
9 of the week or early next week. We're just waiting on the
10 chemical that we're gonna use with that, which is a hydrogen
11 peroxide solution. But in order to get the concentration
12 correct, we have to have a proportioner, we're just waiting on
13 that, which proportions the hydrogen peroxide with the water
14 so that we have the correct solution. So that -- that should
15 be here by the end of the week or early next week and then
16 we're going to putting that at -- each station will have one.

17 And just real quick, these electrostatic sprayers
18 are supposed to be really good because -- just the way that
19 they make contact with the surfaces of all of the areas is
20 much better than just using spray bottles, so we're really
21 excited to have them.

22 Moving on to the budget section, we've been working
23 very hard to get our FY '22 budget prepared. And Chief
24 Ventura is going to go over that with you, so I will just wrap
25 this up and talk about grants, which you guys remember

1 Hurricane Lane, I think it was in August of '17, that big --
2 we were preparing for that hurricane that turned into that
3 huge brush fire. We had a -- an FMAG that we applied for, a
4 grant for reimbursement, and we received a check for \$147,000
5 that's reimbursement for all the efforts that we put into
6 that.

7 So that's -- those are the highlights that I have
8 for you. I'm happy to answer any questions.

9 CHAIR GINOZA: Anybody have --

10 COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: Chief, I have a question.

11 CHAIR GINOZA: -- any questions? Go ahead, Gregg.

12 COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: Chief, where did -- what
13 budget did all of this equipment come from? Is this an
14 emergency fund, is this something the county funded, or did
15 you have to eat the cost within your operational budget?

16 ASSISTANT CHIEF WERNER: For the sprayers?

17 COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: Well, those sprayers are
18 expensive. Not just to mention the sprayers, but any of the
19 equipment that you bought for this COVID-19, where did the
20 budget come from?

21 ASSISTANT CHIEF WERNER: So the -- the county early
22 on recognized that this was going to be an issue and we
23 started with the -- what is that -- that cash, the -- national
24 stockpiled cash, a lot of it came from that in the beginning,
25 some did come out of our budget, we also got a lot out of the

1 CARES Act funding, and then the county decided to put it in
2 the hands of MEMA and all PPE requests now go through MEMA.
3 And they have a stockpile, we're working closely with them.
4 So the electrostatic sprayers and all of the chemicals are not
5 coming directly out of our budget.

6 COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: Okay, all right. Thank you.

7 CHAIR GINOZA: Any other commissioner have any
8 questions.

9 (No response.)

10 CHAIR GINOZA: Okay. Excellent. Thank you, Chief
11 Werner.

12 So, Chief Ventura, would you like to go over the
13 budget, please.

14 DEPUTY CHIEF VENTURA: Certainly. I will share a
15 screen so that I can share the PowerPoint. Hopefully,
16 everybody received at least an electronic copy this morning.

17 Does your screen now show the FY '22 Budget
18 Proposal?

19 CHAIR GINOZA: Yes, it does.

20 COMMISSIONER VARES: Yes.

21 DEPUTY CHIEF VENTURA: Okay, great. That's good.

22 So there's tons to say and tons to talk about, but I
23 do want you guys to be able to ask your questions. So every
24 time I flip to another page, I'll pause and give an
25 opportunity to ask a question. The first third of the

1 PowerPoint is kind of an overview of the department and then
2 we really get into the budget stuff in the back side of it.

3 So one thing we all recognize here working together
4 on this year's budget is that we have COVID, which is, you
5 know, gonna have a massive economic impact on the state of
6 Hawaii, if not the nation, and so we are -- we did limit a lot
7 of our requests compared to past budgets; however, we still
8 know that we have 14 fire stations, ten lifeguard towers,
9 three administrative buildings, training, and a service to
10 provide to the public and we can't stop any of that from --
11 from progressing or, you know, continuing on. So although
12 we -- we understand there's gonna be some -- probably some
13 cuts like there were last year, we still have to ask for what
14 we think is important to run our department.

15 So going through here, just -- some of this was in
16 last year's PowerPoint, but there are some new people here, so
17 I just want to make sure we cover it all. You know, our
18 mission here as the department is to provide for public safety
19 all the way around and, you know, the dedication to protect
20 and preserve life, environment, and property can be explained
21 in a whole thesis statement, but for the most part, that's the
22 foundation and fundamental reason how we make decisions.

23 Looking at our overview slide here of our -- they
24 call it EPs or our equivalent personnel. This actually went
25 down from last year because Makena was unfunded by the state.

1 Not everybody understands how that works, but, basically, the
2 County of Maui enters an MOU with the state and DLNR is who we
3 work with and they provide funding for the salaries of the
4 guards on that beach. So when March came and the state knew
5 they were going to be economically impacted, you know, they
6 immediately canceled that MOU and we were -- we had to pull
7 everybody off the beach in April because that wasn't being
8 funded anymore. And there is no restart time for that grant
9 or that funding to come back, so, you know, we'll just take it
10 kind of six months at time and keep asking when we have
11 interaction with them, but for now, Makena has gone away. So
12 that is a -- on this slide here, the reflection is we were up
13 to about 400, now we're down a few, 392 this coming year.

14 COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: Hey, Chief.

15 DEPUTY CHIEF VENTURA: Yes. Go ahead.

16 COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: That slide previously that
17 outlined the number of bodies, is that head count or FTEs?

18 DEPUTY CHIEF VENTURA: That is -- so in our -- we
19 only have two half-time positions in our department, so
20 it's -- a head count would be a full EP and a halftime would
21 be a 0.5 EP. Does that answer your question?

22 COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: Yes, it does. Thank you.

23 DEPUTY CHIEF VENTURA: So going over the slides,
24 it's -- the next several are of our -- our org. chart. It's
25 really hard, I mean, you'd need a 10 x 20 foot wall to really

1 draw our whole org. chart up, so it's -- in the next seven or
2 eight slides, it's kind of piecemealed together.

3 This is kind of the layout of our office from fire
4 chief to deputy, our support staff, administrative staff, and
5 then the two assistant chiefs that sit here behind me. On
6 this particular slide, it only shows what falls under Chief
7 Werner, which is those five bureaus and programs. And then we
8 can't even fit on this slide what falls under Chief Kawasaki
9 'cause it's all of the fire stations and ocean guards, so
10 that'll kind of come later.

11 This is our -- a quick glance at our mechanic shop.
12 We have a lead mechanic with four mechanics under him and one
13 clerical staff there.

14 Admin. services covers a variety of things. In here
15 we have our fire service officer, which is like a CIP project
16 coordinator, as well as our PIO as well as our station
17 everyday garage door, refrigerator, microwave, type of
18 responsibilities. So the fire service officer with the
19 building maintenance and repair under him. And our info
20 communication person is one part. And then on the right side
21 you see our business administrator that oversees our HR and
22 our fiscal section. So we've grown that in the last couple of
23 years to kind of give more support to those needed parts of
24 our department.

25 So this would be an example of what falls under

1 assistant chief of operations, but the two battalions that the
2 fire department is divided into. The first battalion is
3 basically anything touching Haleakala, the second battalion is
4 anything West Maui, Lanai, and Molokai, that's the easiest way
5 to kind of define that.

6 Then in each station you can have a different
7 layout, so this next slide shows three different types of
8 breakdowns. Platoon A would be a small, single-company
9 station like Paia, Kihei, Kula. Platoon B would be Lahaina or
10 Wailea, they have an engine and a ladder, they have two
11 companies in there, twice as many firefighters. And then
12 Platoon C on the right would be Kahului Fire Station where we
13 have the three crews working, we have hazmat, a rescue, and an
14 engine company.

15 These numbers of people have definitely made us a
16 little concerned during COVID, so that ladder company under
17 Platoon B has been moved to a facility off site to create more
18 social distancing within the station. And then if you look at
19 Platoon C, that hazmat company has also been moved off of
20 Kahului Fire Station property to create more physical
21 distancing for our firefighters during -- during COVID as
22 well.

23 Our training program, we're really trying to merge
24 both ocean safety and fire together more and more. We don't
25 want a -- kind of a redundant effort or a duplication of

1 effort as much as possible, so we're trying to get ocean
2 safety EMR and CPR training in with firefighters when we can
3 so that we can offer more consistent training as well as,
4 hopefully, in the future less classes when COVID kind of
5 lifts.

6 And then on the right we have our health and safety
7 bureau, which falls under Chief Werner. The health and safety
8 bureau, we've covered them before, they've talked, I know, at
9 a commission meeting. They're a captain, two firefighters,
10 and our SCBA technician which we acquired this year to work --
11 to do work on our respiratory protection plan.

12 Fire prevention is run by one captain and two
13 lieutenants fall under that captain. We do have some support
14 office staff in there to deal with the permits and fees that
15 they collect for certain things. They also do firework
16 permits during the 4th of July and New Year's. And then under
17 the lieutenants, we have our inspectors. So that's the way
18 our fire prevention bureau is set up. And what's not on this
19 slide, 'cause he was just hired a month ago, was the third
20 Firefighter 4, that's our lieutenant position.

21 This is an overview of our ocean safety program.
22 What would normally be on the right side of this page is our
23 fifth district, which would be Makena, and then I think that's
24 actually in the paper PowerPoint that you guys are gonna
25 receive in the mail once it gets delivered. But the one that

1 you have electronically today may look like this one and not
2 have Makena on there. So broken down into four districts
3 right now and that's how we serve the community based on the
4 beaches that are protected with lifeguards.

5 Okay. So now we're gonna get into like what our
6 requests are for this coming year. The budget, the county
7 budget, for those of you that don't know, is kind of -- is
8 broken down into four parts, A, which is --

9 CHAIR GINOZA: Wait, Chief. Chief.

10 DEPUTY CHIEF VENTURA: Yes.

11 CHAIR GINOZA: I have a question.

12 DEPUTY CHIEF VENTURA: Certainly.

13 CHAIR GINOZA: So did you get any direction from the
14 mayor's office or the budget office as far as what impacts
15 because of COVID on the revenues, how you would have to adjust
16 your budget, whether it's a 10 percent decrease or some number
17 or -- I know you mentioned you were -- you balanced funding
18 to -- to have for all stations, but I wondered if you had any
19 overarching directive?

20 DEPUTY CHIEF VENTURA: Yeah. So this year when the
21 direction came out from the budget office and the mayor, their
22 request, which I think we feel is all optimistic and we
23 support, is that to keep our budget as flat as possible, not
24 make a reduction in it at this point. I think a lot of that
25 is based on what we learned that the county budget is based

1 off of property taxes received in the county and at that point
2 several months ago, we -- it sounds like we have received a
3 good portion of property taxes locally in our community. If
4 they had received a whole lot less, they might've told us to
5 do a reduction in budget right off the start, but because they
6 had a pretty well-paid property tax rate back in August, they
7 felt kind of confident that we could sustain a level budget.

8 CHAIR GINOZA: Okay. Thank you. I guess even
9 though there's no gas, Gregg can still pay his property tax.

10 (Laughter.)

11 COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: Yeah. Yes, we can.

12 DEPUTY CHIEF VENTURA: Yeah.

13 So going back to the different accounts, just to
14 kind of generalize them, A account is our salary and premium
15 pay. Premium pay includes overtime, which is for a variety of
16 things that we can have a whole different discussion on, as
17 well as like our bureau incentive pay, our pay to TA somebody
18 up or TR somebody or give -- like ocean safety officers will
19 get temporary pay for being on the jet ski for the day, but
20 that's all in premium pay.

21 The B account stuff is items under a thousand
22 dollars or any type of service or repair can be over a
23 thousand dollars. So that would be B account items and that's
24 per item. So if we wanted to buy five items that were \$500
25 each, even though it's gonna to come out to over a thousand,

1 that would fall in B account.

2 And then C account items would be our items over a
3 thousand dollars. And every year it seems that the list of
4 items that goes into C account grows because it's hard to get
5 things under a thousand dollars these days, but that's where
6 all of our, you know, fire trucks, obviously, a lot of our
7 firefighting gear, jet skis for ocean safety, even equipment,
8 external defibrillators for our medical response both in ocean
9 safety and fire, all of that is gonna be in the C account.

10 And then our capital improvement projects are
11 managed by our fire service officer and he manages the
12 projects based on station inspections, input from firefighters
13 and ocean safety guards, and our building maintenance repair
14 who goes out to do repair projects throughout our facilities.
15 He brings back, you know, things that are identified, but
16 outside his scope, they would go into like our CIP projects.

17 The CIP has specific locations. Like I mentioned to
18 you folks, this year we have certain projects that we're
19 working on, but it also includes an overarching fund called
20 countywide fire facilities and so they -- we might say we need
21 to repair, you know, one thing at every station and it's
22 small, it's between, you know, 5,000 and \$10,000, so we would
23 put that on the list of things to repair and then they would
24 put all that money into one fund called countywide fire
25 facilities. And a lot of times we may ask for \$500,000, but

1 they'll only give us \$200,000 for this particular year, so now
2 we have to prioritize things and kind of triage what we can do
3 with that money as far as countywide fire facilities goes to
4 use that money.

5 Any questions about the breakdown?

6 (No response.)

7 DEPUTY CHIEF VENTURA: Okay. So performance
8 measures are a tool that we use to identify how we're
9 performing. We have five programs in our department. Today
10 I'm only going to go over two of the programs' performance
11 measures and I'm only gonna briefly go over them. They can be
12 very long. We actually have 51 performance measures to guide
13 our department and to kind of do, you know, analytics of how
14 we're doing in every program of the department. So I'm going
15 to go over two today, the first one being health and safety,
16 you know, the -- we set goals and then we set, you know,
17 measures on why we want to meet these goals and how we're
18 gonna meet these goals.

19 So Goal 1: To ensure compliance in Occupational
20 Safety and Health Administration with our respiratory
21 protection standard. So, you know, that was part of us
22 getting an SCBA tech, our self-contained breathing apparatus
23 person, so that we could make sure that that was up to par and
24 we're, you know, meeting all the OSHA requirements and HIOSH
25 requirements and then providing, obviously, you know, good

1 equipment for our ocean safety officers and our firefighters.

2 Goal 2: To enhance the overall health and wellness
3 of all department staff. You know, that's why we're pushing
4 forward this wellness fitness program as best as we can, you
5 know, what we can afford to do, we want to definitely do.
6 COVID has added a different spectrum of stress to everybody's
7 life and frontline responders, you know, health care workers
8 at the hospital, they are more worried than they've ever been.
9 So whatever we can do to support and (inaudible) wellness and
10 health of our firefighters and ocean safety officers, we would
11 like to do.

12 Number 3: To reduce the incidence and likelihood of
13 occupational injuries due to poor fitness while performing
14 physically demanding jobs. So this kind of goes hand in hand
15 with that previous one. We want to create programs that they
16 can use to exercise as well as make sure they have the
17 equipment. And sometimes the equipment is something simple
18 and we can go get it right now and sometimes the equipment is
19 more complex, you know, like a really good commercial
20 treadmill that's gonna cost several thousands of dollars.
21 We -- our department, basically, has about 19 gyms that we
22 have in our department to make sure that every station can
23 work out as well as ocean safety officers have workout spots
24 at the beaches that they can do physical fitness every day.
25 And so upkeep of those things, some of that equipment will

1 last 20 years, but some of that equipment has a shelf life and
2 does expire. So that's one of -- you know, some of the goals
3 of our health and safety.

4 Any questions related to that?

5 (No response.)

6 DEPUTY CHIEF VENTURA: Okay. So some of the items
7 proposed this year for -- to kind of align with health and
8 safety are: We have a medical director on here. So as Chief
9 Thyne mentioned, Dr. Libby Char has been our guidance for the
10 last several years, she's -- we've been so fortunate. She's
11 done it actually pro bono on a volunteer basis. Because she
12 was also overseeing several other agencies and departments in
13 the county, she just kind of lumped us into her direction.
14 But she was very accessible to our -- you know, our cadre and
15 gave them guidance. And when it came to procuring new AEDs,
16 she had to be involved in programming how they work, when they
17 shock, how big the shock -- you know, there's a lot of stuff
18 that we need direction on that goes into this. So since she
19 is now the, you know, state director of health; therefore,
20 she's unable to provide service for us.

21 So we've been -- Chief Werner has been working hard
22 on identifying a doctor here locally with some emergency
23 background who can guide us in our program moving forward.
24 The numbers that we get for this are anywhere between \$10,000
25 a year to \$300,000 a year, it just depends what we're

1 requiring of this doctor. So we're trying to identify that so
2 that it's fair to a doctor who would bid, you know, to do this
3 job, so we're working to try to get that established.

4 PPE maintenance: So the next two items here are
5 connected, you know, directly with firefighter health and
6 safety. We have conclusive evidence that firefighters are
7 more (inaudible) to cancer, there's legislation supporting
8 cancer presumption and so whatever we can do to align
9 ourselves with those types of things is gonna be beneficial to
10 the long life after, you know, serving your community. So PPE
11 maintenance is, basically, we need to send our turnouts, which
12 you see there on the right side of the screen, to an inspector
13 annually for deep cleaning and a certified inspection and any
14 type of repair that needs to be done to it.

15 We don't qualify. We did attempt to become what's
16 called an ISI and become a service provider of that, but it
17 would just take too much time, cost too much, and we need so
18 much more additional trained manpower and equipment, that it
19 was just gonna be more cost effective to contract that out.
20 So what this would do is this would get -- if every
21 firefighter has one set of turnouts, we would be able to send it
22 to get cleaning at least once a year and, potentially, twice,
23 depending on the level of repairs we'd have to do.

24 And then if you look at the next line, the second
25 set of turnouts, if we're able to provide a second set of

1 turnouts to every firefighter, then that would cover the
2 cleaning of all of those turnouts just once a year with no
3 repairs, so we'd have to come up with some repair money. The
4 second set of turnouts that we're asking for there, like,
5 again, this has to do with just simply our -- our goal to
6 provide firefighters with clean turnouts. Once they go to a
7 fire and they do a full-on scene decon of their turnouts and
8 they're wet, they're really no longer available for the next
9 fire until they're dry. We are putting extractors in as many
10 stations as we can as well so that they can be cleaned at the
11 station and then put back in service as quickly as possible,
12 but having a second set of turnouts would reduce the time that
13 companies are out of service while we deliver them a second
14 set while their turnouts are being cleaned. Right now the
15 program is our health and safety bureau does have a large
16 assortment of turnouts on the shelf, so if we do need to wash
17 or clean something right now, they would deliver or the
18 battalion chief would deliver the best size possible to match
19 the firefighters needs.

20 Looking at the next two items, again, this is the
21 same item, but it's in B and C account. So apparatus
22 equipment can be broken into both accounts because things like
23 hoses and small nozzles and hand tools and those sorts of
24 things, medical equipment supplies, fall into the B account.
25 But things like extrication equipment, large nozzles,

1 stabilization tools, those all fall into C account, so we have
2 it broken down into two accounts.

3 Our warehouse management software, we're waiting for
4 a number before we submit this budget. We're pretty close.
5 Basically, our warehouse here, who -- which falls under our
6 health and safety bureau, is like a mini Costco. They take --
7 and this is -- this software is gonna help them hopefully
8 track from requests to approval to the order to it arriving at
9 the warehouse to being delivered to a fire station or ocean
10 safety tower or guard, we'll be able to track that whole
11 process. Right now it's fragmented, you know. And this kind
12 of software costs a lot of money and so we don't -- we do
13 everything basically via email and paper and clipboards and
14 whatnot, so the goal would be to get something that kind of
15 brings the whole process together on (inaudible).

16 Any questions about that slide?

17 (No response.)

18 DEPUTY CHIEF VENTURA: Okay. Moving on. To
19 continue on with the health and safety, the first thing that
20 you see there is oxygen cylinders and medical bags.
21 Basically, if -- we've been operating with the same type of
22 equipment for the last several decades and this would be an
23 update of our equipment. If you look at all the equipment
24 that's used by, you know, medics and EMTs, they have
25 everything in like a backpack form that is totally decon-able

1 in case we get, you know, bloodborne pathogens or, you know,
2 COVID, it's fully decon-able. So we're looking at converting
3 from a bag and a tackle box into a, you know, modern medical
4 bag.

5 The AEDs, last year we procured several of them to
6 outfit. These expire. They're good for about ten years and
7 then the manufacturer doesn't support them anymore. So this
8 would outfit the rest of our complement of expiring AEDs.

9 Small gym equipment, like I mentioned to you
10 earlier, we have about 18 or so gyms that we manage in our
11 department, so, you know, things break, things need to be
12 replaced, and we want to support, you know, the health of our
13 firefighters and ocean safety officers as best as we can with
14 good fitness equipment.

15 Last one there, medical PPE and supplies, this kind
16 of answers what Commissioner Lundberg was kind of asking about
17 a budget for this. So with the increase of both use and cost
18 of medical equipment, we're estimating an additional \$65,000
19 of cost to our department next year based on our current burn
20 rates. Our health and safety bureau does watch the burn rates
21 based on the pandemic levels and we -- some equipment we are
22 using at a ten times rate and some equipment is costing three
23 times as much than as it did back in 2019. So this was a cost
24 analysis that was done by our health and safety bureau to make
25 sure we have the right funding and equipment available if this

1 pandemic continues another year.

2 Any questions about that slide?

3 CHAIR GINOZA: I have a question. So it looks like
4 a lot of -- I presume a lot of -- all of these items are not
5 currently in the 2020 budget, so where -- or 2021 budget, so
6 where is the money coming from? Are you sacrificing other
7 portions of the program or maybe not buying a CI -- a vehicle
8 or doing a CIP project? How are you keeping the budget
9 balanced or flat?

10 DEPUTY CHIEF VENTURA: So if we're required to do
11 that, then that's what we would do, is determine what we have
12 to sacrifice. Right now, you know, we got that initial
13 direction from the mayor's office that I had mentioned to you
14 earlier, we have had conversations via phone calls with them.
15 I guess that we're maybe in a fortunate situation that we're
16 emergency response to the community, that they are going to,
17 you know, allow us to ask for things, but if they require us
18 to cut things, then we're gonna cut them. But, yeah, you're
19 right, Commissioner Ginoza, if -- some of this stuff is in
20 this current budget and we -- there are certain things that we
21 did take out of this year's budget to replace with items like
22 these.

23 CHIEF THYNE: So, Chair, if I can just
24 (inaudible) --

25 CHAIR GINOZA: I just wanted to make sure you didn't

1 sacrifice --

2 CHIEF THYNE: -- (inaudible) director previously --
3 can you hear me, Chair?

4 CHAIR GINOZA: Yeah.

5 CHIEF THYNE: Okay. I didn't -- I thought you were
6 talking too. I just wanted to add that every year we have
7 anywhere between -- I'll just throw out number -- 70 to 130
8 requests that we have in our average budget, this year
9 included. So that being said, as you recall from the past
10 fiscal years, we've gotten four to five trucks, right, that
11 Chief Kawasaki talked to you about. Any one of those trucks
12 can be anywhere from a half a million dollars to over a
13 million dollars. So not having one fire truck request or --
14 in this case we have two that chief talked about, Chief
15 Kawasaki talked about, one getting picked up by CDBG is
16 potentially a million dollars in other priorities that we can
17 address. So you're right in the sense that the priorities
18 change and are not maybe the same that we had in this past
19 budget, but other things end up not being requested and/or,
20 you know, prioritized differently. So that's kind of how it
21 works. It just is a -- it's kind of a running list and then
22 we prioritize it based on our needs and then that's how these
23 requests come up. So as -- as the mayor cuts, then the
24 council cuts, we wind up with what, in essence, will be our
25 budget, so...

1 CHAIR GINOZA: Yes. Okay. Thank you.

2 CHIEF THYNE: Does that help at all?

3 CHAIR GINOZA: Yeah.

4 CHIEF THYNE: Okay.

5 DEPUTY CHIEF VENTURA: Okay. The second set of
6 performance measures is based on operations. So Goal 1: To
7 manage and track -- manage the tracking system effectively and
8 efficiently to provide accurate data on department calls for
9 services and response to emergencies. So some of you are
10 familiar that we use the program RMS, records management
11 system, it's where we do our fire reports. And this year in
12 our current operating budget, we were -- we've allocated funds
13 towards ocean safety to provide ocean safety with their own
14 tracking software as well. We're hoping that's kicked off by
15 early 2021 so that we can track their calls. Right now ocean
16 safety still does everything on paper when they go to do
17 reports, so we want to be able to create a system where they
18 can draw reports out of their data that they're inputting into
19 an electronic system.

20 Number 2: Reduce the risk and vulnerability of the
21 community and first responders. So whether it's station
22 inspection, safety committee, PPE inspections, those are all
23 different ways that we would, you know, reduce the risk to our
24 first responders, the community. Our prevention bureau works
25 on, you know, community risk reduction. We have our smoke

1 alarm program to install small alarms in community areas that
2 do not have smoke alarms installed.

3 Goal 3 would be to provide the department with safe
4 and operating vehicles and equipment. So apparatus are,
5 obviously, the biggest thing we see, but, you know, equipment
6 goes all the way down to a bed that they've gotta sleep in
7 every night and if the bed is -- needs replacing, then we
8 definitely should be, you know, incorporating that into all
9 the equipment needs we have for the station.

10 So going into our operations budget, so a lot of
11 things drive what we request in our budget. Health and safety
12 of everybody is paramount, compliance is what we go by for
13 sure. Number one, health and safety and then equipment needs
14 to provide the service and then, you know, the things that
15 are -- go from must needs to like to have. This year, like
16 Chief Thyne was saying, we requested -- we get requests for
17 130 or so items, I think our list this long that we're
18 submitting this year is 37, so we've -- we've had to,
19 unfortunately, cut a lot of the nice-to-haves off, but
20 we'll -- you know, we're still going to request things that
21 are must-haves.

22 So the helicopter contract is something that we
23 just -- is gonna expire in June. It incrementally goes up
24 every year based on the cost of, you know, running the
25 helicopter and the cost of fuel and maintenance and all that

1 sort of thing. So this is what we increase every year based
2 on the cost of the contract. What we'll have to do this year
3 is create a new spec and get a new contract drawn up for the
4 next five years and one thing we did have a meeting with the
5 mayor recently and he is supporting it and then we're gonna,
6 obviously, have to go work getting support of our council, but
7 we want to increase the quality of our air system. And what
8 that is supported by is in 2018 there was an audit done of our
9 department and it was -- it was identified that we should have
10 a twin-engine aircraft, a bigger aircraft, a safer aircraft
11 program. And so in listening to that and talking to people,
12 working with industry leaders who do, you know, both like
13 power line work, air-conditioning installations, emergency
14 response and all of that, any time we're talking about having
15 an external human cargo, which is what our rescuers are under
16 an aircraft, we would love to push for a twin-engine aircraft.
17 So the mayor has supported the initiative and so when we do
18 our next contract, we're gonna try to contract out for a more
19 robust aircraft.

20 So brush fire assistance, you know, we've all
21 recognized the -- the uptick in brush fires over the last
22 couple of years. Last year we were awarded \$200,000 for this.
23 When the budget comes to us from the mayor's office, they
24 choose what to take off and leave on. They took off the money
25 that we got last year and so based on some actuals that we're

1 going through this year, our business administrator Cindy said
2 this is kind of what our burn rate is and we should request
3 \$300,000. This will pay for, you know, additional
4 helicopters, bulldozers, water tankers to assist us with brush
5 fires.

6 The mobile data terminals or mobile data computers,
7 basically, that's a project that's been worked on for probably
8 close to ten years and we're getting closer and closer to
9 this. We're working heavily with IT, we meet with them
10 regularly. We talk to them a couple times a month, we meet
11 with them once a month, and they have procured computers for
12 all of the fire trucks on the frontline starting with Maui
13 Island and then slowly they'll branch out to the rest of the
14 county. Each of those computers is gonna need like a
15 cellphone plan, a data plan, and -- to support it. So we have
16 18 fire trucks plus we have utilities and minis that it's
17 gonna go on, so that's what the data plan is.

18 Ocean safety medical reimbursement: Basically here,
19 we just want to provide thorough health exams for our ocean
20 safety officers. Currently in our bargaining agreement with
21 HFFA, the firefighters are required to get a PUC physical from
22 the doctor and so that's a fairly thorough physical which
23 looks over all of your blood work, gives you, you know, a
24 physical examination. And in ocean safety, they don't have
25 that. So Councilmember Paltin pushed for this last year and

1 we definitely support it, but because it's not in their
2 collective bargaining agreement, we can't force them to go do
3 it, but we want to have reimbursement funds available, should
4 they go do it, that we can support them and reimburse them for
5 an extended physical, you know, a physical that's greater than
6 what their normal doctor would provide them.

7 So the next four are apparatus. The Tanker 13 is an
8 expansion apparatus and that's a -- this year we know is a big
9 ask. It is, however, we feel justifiable because of all the
10 wild fires that we've been having and we -- we rent tankers
11 every time we have a big fire, sometimes up to eight or nine
12 tankers come into a fire. So, you know, this would just be
13 another arrow in our quiver of tools to make sure we can
14 provide coverage throughout the island. Tanker 13, you know,
15 that's Kula and Makawao does get brush fires and we all know
16 Kahikinui gets brush fires, the closest tanker to that right
17 now is Kahului Station, so you're looking at 45 minutes to get
18 to Kahikinui. So that's the push for that.

19 The next two apparatus, these apparatus are already
20 13 and 11 years old. By the time we actually take possession
21 of these asks, Engine 7, Engine 13, and Mini 2, some of them
22 may be as old as 16 years old and that is gonna really put us
23 in quite a predicament because they're gonna go from kind of
24 frontline kind of maybe even to the grave rather than going to
25 a relief fleet, which would give us a couple of years of

1 service. We're gonna -- we're gonna potentially lose that if
2 we wait too long on these apparatus. So Engine 7, which we
3 asked for last year, which was removed from our budget on
4 cuts, we're asking for again this year because, like I said,
5 it's 13 years old and by the time we actually take possession
6 of this apparatus through the budget and bidding process,
7 we're looking at 15-16 years old.

8 To support all of our apparatus purchases, that 2018
9 audit that was done by a third party hired by the council, the
10 county council, says that in order for us to keep -- upkeep
11 our fleet of vehicles, which is about 210 pieces of equipment
12 now, we should be investing about \$2.4 million a year into our
13 fleet. And last year we were well under that because we had
14 to cut the one engine.

15 Any questions to that particular slide?

16 COMMISSIONER ALCON: I have a question. Can you
17 hear me?

18 DEPUTY CHIEF VENTURA: Yes.

19 COMMISSIONER ALCON: So you talked about the
20 helicopter contract costing 50 grand and then brush fire
21 assistance, which includes, I think you said, helicopter help
22 with brush fire assistance. If I got correct, what does that
23 helicopter contract pay for as opposed to the helicopter
24 expense that might fall under brush fire assistance?

25 DEPUTY CHIEF VENTURA: Perfect. Good question.

1 Thank you. So the helicopter contract that we have currently
2 with Windward Aviation, the helicopter contract is actually
3 \$72,000 a month and that's -- that's in our budget. It's a
4 million dollars a year, is what it comes out to, but every
5 year that contract goes up about 30 or so thousand dollars,
6 plus the hourly rate of Air 1 goes up about 20 or \$30 per
7 hour. So that \$50,000 would cover the increase in the
8 contract and the increase in hourly cost for Air 1. When we
9 have a big fire, we have Air 2, Air 3, Air 4 flying. When we
10 have a big search, we do the same thing. And so that brush
11 fire assistance would cover Air 2, Air 3, Air 4, bulldozers,
12 water tankers for that. And then we also have some agreements
13 with some of the other local helicopter companies that if
14 they're able to provide service, we can -- we can use that
15 brush fire assistance money to pay those private contractors
16 as well.

17 COMMISSIONER ALCON: Got it. Thank you.

18 DEPUTY CHIEF VENTURA: All right. Seeing no
19 additional questions on that slide, we'll continue on with
20 operations. Some of these, again, are apparatus-type items,
21 part of our fleet. If you look at the first one, our rescue
22 watercraft program in ocean safety, it's been identified that
23 we need about 15 skis to both service the community and then
24 have a training cache of equipment. Additionally, skis go
25 down for service, so we have to have backup skis available to

1 go out on the beach while the ski is being -- you know,
2 getting its preventative maintenance service or whatnot. So
3 15 skis is the number of skis that our ocean safety bureau
4 needs to provide service, to train, to service the equipment
5 to the community. And if they're good for about five years
6 based on the amount of hours we currently use them, that means
7 every year we should be asking for three so we can keep
8 that -- that pace of 15, you know, serviceable skis.

9 Currently, the skis that we're asking for to be
10 replaced are ten years old, seven years old, and seven years
11 old. So this equipment -- we have softened our standards a
12 little bit. When we talked to other jurisdictions, some of
13 them use them for three years and then they replace them.
14 We're happy with five, but, like I said, we're currently
15 operating with seven-year-old skis at one of the beaches, so
16 we'd like to get that, obviously, replaced.

17 The next one is the UTVs, so for anybody that has a
18 quad or utility vehicle, they know that they can last ten or
19 15 years. The challenge we have is we drive them through salt
20 every single day. So after about two to three years, the
21 engine may still want to run, but the frame is totally
22 decayed. And our ocean safety bureau has done, you know,
23 thorough research and work on how to preserve the frame, you
24 know, coat it, grease it, fill it with oil, etc., etc., and
25 there's still very, very, very little way to extend the life

1 of that type of vehicle that drives in the sand and the salt
2 every single day. So we're requesting those to be replaced.
3 Generally we get two to three really good years out of it and
4 then it just depends which beach it's on, you know, if there's
5 sidewalks on that beach or if there's -- you know, they only
6 have to drive it 50 yards versus a quarter mile every day,
7 that determines, you know, how fast a UTV would degrade. So
8 the ones that we want to replace are already five years old,
9 so by the time we would get these, we're looking at those
10 being six years old and they're pretty well Band-Aided
11 together at that point.

12 The next three items are utility vehicles. The
13 vehicles we're replacing are over ten years old, one is 13
14 years old. And then one in the fire prevention is for a
15 newly -- that new lieutenant position. So we're currently
16 repurposing a vehicle to him that has, I think, about 160,000
17 miles on it, but eventually that's gonna have to be replaced
18 and so our goal is to get that replaced next year.

19 The battalion chief vehicle, that's our second
20 battalion chief, that thing currently has 170,000 miles on it.
21 It drives to and from Lahaina at least once a day, if not
22 twice, and so that vehicle is definitely up to be replaced.
23 Like I said, by the time we actually get that vehicle
24 replaced, this thing will have probably 200,000 miles on it.

25 Engine 8 will be the last apparatus we're asking for

1 and we kind of covered last month, for those of you that were
2 here, the decision-making, you know, process we use to replace
3 apparatus. It's not just based on miles, 'cause some fire
4 trucks have small districts; it's not just based on years,
5 because something can sit and drive a lot less and be in a
6 better environment and last longer; we use a point system and
7 we analyze a whole lot of factors including how often is it in
8 the shop, what are the costs of the repairs that we're doing.
9 So Engine 8 would be the one that qualified for replacement
10 based on that criteria.

11 And then the last three items are basically to
12 support our CPR program. You know, it's just technology
13 changes, we need to change along with it. We have -- there
14 are CPR manikins nowadays that give you feedback to actually
15 tell you if you are providing good CPR or if you're just going
16 through the motions. And so we want to be able to provide our
17 EMR cadre and our CPR cadre equipment so that they know we're
18 getting good training done and good -- you know, it's getting
19 through to the firefighters. One of the features of the AEDs
20 that we've been purchasing, our external defibrillators that
21 we have on all the fire trucks, is that it'll actually record
22 the CPR and tell you if your compressions are adequate or not.
23 It'll also verbalize that to you while you're doing CPR. So
24 while you're doing compressions on somebody, it could tell
25 you, you know, go -- push harder or faster, because you're

1 inadequately providing CPR. So this was just in line with
2 those tools to kind of modernize our program.

3 Any questions about that slide?

4 COMMISSIONER TANCAYO: Chief, I have a question.

5 DEPUTY CHIEF VENTURA: Chief Travis.

6 COMMISSIONER TANCAYO: Can you guys hear me?

7 DEPUTY CHIEF VENTURA: Yes, sir.

8 COMMISSIONER TANCAYO: Chief, just a question on
9 the -- the pumper trucks, the 17.165 million, does that
10 include equipment or is that -- is that just for the truck
11 itself?

12 DEPUTY CHIEF VENTURA: Yeah. Good question. So
13 you're right, it does include equipment. So we follow the
14 guidance of our budget director and that's the guidance that
15 we've been given most recently, is to include the apparatus
16 and the equipment. And equipment, you know, can easily top
17 \$200,000 if we want to outfit every item on the truck. So the
18 truck, we're looking at about 850 or so and equipment, about,
19 you know, 250 or so and that's how we got that number.

20 COMMISSIONER TANCAYO: Thank you.

21 CHAIR GINOZA: I have a question. What -- was this
22 Engine 8 one of the vehicles that you were gonna pursue CDBG
23 funding for and have you heard anything about whether or not
24 you guys were granted CDBG projects?

25 DEPUTY CHIEF VENTURA: Yes. So we have had success

1 with that in the past. This year's CDBG, we were awarded the
2 mini apparatus for Hana and we're kind of on deck, depending
3 on how the other awardees perform for CDBG funds. If they
4 perform well and they take the money, then that'll be the end
5 of our CDBG award this year, but if any of them falter or are
6 unable to spend their funds, then we may get support for
7 Engine 7, which is what we put in for last year, that's the
8 Hana apparatus. We still will apply for CDBG every year and
9 if they support it, then we take it out of our budget. So
10 because we don't know what next year brings, we're gonna put
11 these in our budget. We're gonna go apply for CDBG funds. If
12 we get CDBG funds, we will notify whomever is in that point in
13 the process of the budget. So if we're dealing with the mayor
14 still, we can tell him, Hey, you can remove that.

15 CHAIR GINOZA: Oh, okay.

16 DEPUTY CHIEF VENTURA: We got that funding. If
17 we're further down the road and we're into council, then we
18 can tell them and then they can, you know, remove it.

19 CHAIR GINOZA: Okay. Thank you.

20 DEPUTY CHIEF VENTURA: And then one more thing, just
21 to add to CDBG, they're constantly looking at who -- what
22 districts qualify and what districts don't qualify, and Hana
23 does still qualify as of last year, Lanai has fallen out of
24 qualification for that grant.

25 CHAIR GINOZA: Okay. Thank you.

1 DEPUTY CHIEF VENTURA: All right. No other
2 questions for that slide. We'll move into some of our capital
3 improvement items. So these are things that just are --
4 between our battalion chiefs, our health and safety officers,
5 and our fire service officers, they're the ones that go out to
6 do inspections at the station and deem, you know, if there are
7 safety issues, if there's any construction needs at the
8 station. So these are the things that we kind of whittled it
9 down to this year. Lockers are always -- you know, we live in
10 them, it's like their mini house, so they always need to be
11 replaced at various stations. Last year we replaced several
12 stations and then this year we're replacing different
13 stations' lockers, so that's the reason for the lockers. It
14 could be a locker on the apparatus floor that they put their
15 personal protective equipment in or it could be a locker in
16 their dorm room where they put their bedding and their clothes
17 and all that kind of stuff. It's -- it's their house, they
18 live there, and to fit everything for your house into two
19 lockers can be quite challenging, so we want to make sure the
20 lockers are somewhat large enough and, you know, robust and
21 able to support.

22 Air conditioners, this was -- this was requested
23 last year. We're just constantly putting repairs into this
24 one and we're able -- we have repair money and we're able to
25 repair it, but, you know, it's just like your car, once you

1 start replacing 80 percent of the parts, you should think
2 about maybe replacing it. So this air conditioning for
3 Classroom 1 is back on the agenda this year.

4 And then security lighting in Lanai Station, it's
5 two-fold, it's security lighting, but it's also just safety
6 lighting for when they have to come back at night and clean
7 their equipment, clean their apparatus, clean their hoses,
8 they're not out there working in the dark where somebody can
9 slip, trip, and fall.

10 To kind of continue along this capital project,
11 ocean safety towers. So we have two types of towers: Most of
12 our beaches are fiberglass, which is a prefabricated one, and
13 then we have wood, which was built. No matter which route we
14 go, we're required to fund them and get permits and get
15 special management area permits because they're in the
16 floodplain and they're right on the beaches, so these prices
17 that we have on this particular slide, we just actually
18 recently got this week for these two towers to be replaced by
19 prefabricated towers. We all believe they can be built out of
20 wood for cheaper, it's just a matter of getting the manpower
21 and getting a contractor actually bid the small job. So we
22 worked with a vendor to get these prices for towers that come
23 basically shipped in two pieces and then we'd have to pay a
24 small contractor to transport them and then put them together
25 at the beach location. And, of course, this comes after we

1 get all the necessary permits to replace them. So these two
2 towers that we're looking at replacing are 11 years old and
3 ten years old and, you know, that is the general life -- well,
4 nine or ten years -- of these fiberglass units that sit in the
5 sun all day long.

6 Continuing on with countywide projects, this was in
7 last year's budget, it was cut, but basically in the apparatus
8 bays of our fire stations, there's just degradation of the
9 floors which, you know, causes water to pool and it can become
10 a slip hazard, so we want to make sure that we can get these
11 redone. This process is pretty big. It's a contractor comes
12 in and he basically removes everything on the concrete and
13 then epoxies the floor. So they're pretty big jobs, they take
14 several days of several -- you know, a big crew and they put
15 down an epoxy flooring that's, you know, resistant to
16 everything that we can spill on it and tire marks and whatnot.
17 So usually it costs about a hundred to \$200,000 per station,
18 depending on how many bays they have.

19 Kaunakakai Fire Station, they have a big retaining
20 wall in front of their station and, basically, rain and lack
21 of soil being held up there against the wall, it's kind of
22 starting to erode. And it's been brought to attention a year
23 or so ago and we've tried to get some remedy done and some
24 grass growing, but it wasn't very successful. So we want to
25 contract out somebody to plant what's called vetiver grass,

1 which is a deep-rooted kind of a clump grass which will help
2 with erosion on that hill and then we can put some soil back
3 on top of it. The risk, of course, is if this ten foot or so
4 retaining wall falls over, then that would start impacting the
5 station, which is only a few feet behind the wall.

6 Facility assessment survey, you know, we are a fire
7 department and we don't have engineers or contractors who work
8 for our department, yet we have 18 or 19 different buildings
9 and facilities. So we would like to contract out somebody to
10 look at at least our older stations to let us know what needs
11 to be repaired and what kind of timeline we're looking at. We
12 don't -- we don't like to just provide surprise repairs to the
13 budget director or to our budget, so if we're able to project
14 that this roof needs to be replaced in three to five years,
15 the electrical system on this building is very old and needs
16 to be updated, the slab is cracking in the apparatus bay and
17 it should be, you know, repaired. If, you know, an engineer
18 can identify those things, then we can plan for it in our
19 budget rather than having to do emergency POs to do repairs.

20 The last one there is our Haiku property. Both
21 council members and the mayor have supported activity towards
22 moving and then putting up a fire station out there. So we're
23 doing a lot of work doing assessments of the Haiku area and
24 the call volume out there and what it would cost to build a
25 station, but at the same time, we have this vacant, large

1 piece of property in Haiku that is continuously getting
2 squatters on it. And, you know, we don't want to become a
3 detriment to the community out there, so this year -- the
4 structures are definitely unlivable, we would like -- we're
5 requesting \$60,000 to demolish the structures that are on the
6 property. Every time we go there and clean it up and we
7 either do it with ourselves or we pay a contractor to do it,
8 it's just a matter of days, if not weeks that people are just
9 dumping trash on it, moving back in to the buildings and we
10 have to take the police over there and chase them away again.
11 So if we are gonna build on that property in the location that
12 the house and the old warehouse are currently located, they're
13 gonna have to be taken down anyway, so this would just be kind
14 of getting a jump on that project and then removing a problem
15 that we deal with regularly.

16 Any questions on those three slides?

17 (No response.)

18 DEPUTY CHIEF VENTURA: Okay. So looking -- big CIP
19 projects can go, you know, three to 15 years, so it's things
20 that we stay on pace with, but the target sometimes moves
21 based on things like COVID. We might have to suspend or
22 postpone things. So looking at Haiku Fire Station, we're
23 gonna get the assessment from the consultants hopefully by
24 January, end of December, and then we'll talk to the council
25 as well as the mayor and see if this is something they want to

1 pursue. If this is something they want to pursue, then we'll
2 support it and we'll move into the design phase for that.

3 Makawao Fire Station, basically, we postponed any
4 large improvements on that due to COVID and budget cuts.

5 Hoolehua Fire Station, we have approval from
6 Department of Hawaiian Home Lands already, the drawings are
7 complete for that project, and we will be working with our
8 consultant to submit that project to go out to bid soon.

9 The Waikapu Fire Station, you know, we really need a
10 training center and our admin. building here, we're busting at
11 the seams. Ocean safety is kind of crammed into several
12 small, small offices in our old Wailuku Fire Station. That's
13 a project we need, but, you know, we understand the situation
14 of COVID affecting the budgets of everybody, so we're
15 postponing that project as well as the West Maui Fire Station.
16 The need is there, but we understand that we have to, you
17 know, take things off of our plate, take things -- you know,
18 costs out of the budget, so we're postponing those items.

19 Lanai Fire Station and Kahului Fire Station have
20 been really, really active projects that we've been working on
21 over six months. The Lanai Fire Station, this is what we're
22 proposing to be built behind that station. It's two apparatus
23 bays with two storage rooms on the side of it. We recently
24 have gotten the job out to bid and we're -- we're doing this
25 project kind of a la carte. So we want the contractors to bid

1 just the apparatus bay and then bid the storage units on the
2 side of it. We don't really know exactly what the cost is
3 gonna come in at and we only have a certain amount of budget.
4 We do want to do the project, so if the bay is all we can
5 afford with our budget, we'll stop there. If we can afford
6 the bay and one storage room, we'll add that single item on as
7 an a la carte item, an amendment, and then we'll able to do
8 both of them. But we didn't want to do just bid the whole
9 project and come in \$500,000 over budget and then the thing is
10 just dead. So we're trying to be as creative as we can to
11 hope to have success on these projects. So that project is
12 actually currently out to bid and we'll be opening that bid at
13 the end of this month, hopefully.

14 Then the other one was Kahului fire apparatus
15 shelter, that's in the same -- we've been working on this
16 thing for a year. It's already been designed and it is
17 currently out to bid. It's basically a big carport, 3,000-
18 square-foot carport with open sides and it'll sit between the
19 two buildings, the warehouse and the fire station, pushed up
20 against the old Harley-Davidson property so we can get all of
21 our things in the shelter. Right now between our trailers and
22 our trucks, our relief vehicles, they're all parked out in the
23 sun and the rain and the weather just gets to them and just
24 shortens the life of everything that we have. So same thing
25 here, we have an allocated budget for this, we really wish to

1 accomplish this within that budget, so we created this spec in
2 a way that it informed the bidders of what the budget is and
3 that, you know, to work to keep it within that budget, so I'm
4 hoping this comes in on budget as well.

5 These two projects, Lanai and Kahului, this money
6 has to go under contract by December. This money is fiscal
7 year -- is CIP fiscal year money, so it was good for 18
8 months, that's why there's this extra six months, and this
9 money expires on December 31st. So just stay tuned and we'll
10 let you know how those two projects bid out this week, next
11 week.

12 Any questions about CIP?

13 That kind of wraps up the budget presentation part
14 of today.

15 COMMISSIONER TANCAYO: Chief, I have a question.
16 Anything -- is anything gone on with the Pukoo Station on
17 Molokai or is that just on hold? I know we had trouble with
18 the location. There's nothing moving forward on that at all
19 at this time?

20 DEPUTY CHIEF VENTURA: So I recently talked with
21 Councilmember Rawlins about that and she did kind of put it on
22 the back burner after getting quite a bit of resistance from
23 the community. And like a lot of projects, there was a lot of
24 support for it, for building a new station in Pukoo. The
25 resistance was: Where is the best site for it? And it wasn't

1 like it's better down this road or up this road, it was just:
2 Where can we put a fire station that the environment hasn't
3 been affected -- you know, already has been affected by
4 development and, you know, bulldozers and that? So she does
5 kind of want to restart that project. She feels, you know,
6 being that she's going into, you know, her second year of
7 work, she's had conversations with her constituents and
8 believes she can come to some sort of agreement, not a hundred
9 percent, but some kind of agreement as to kind of move that
10 project forward.

11 We as department totally support that. Pukoo Fire
12 Station is, by far, one of our most degraded fire stations and
13 because it's on state property that we lease on a month-to-
14 month lease, we can't go do improvements to the building.

15 COMMISSIONER TANCAYO: I understand, Chief. Thank
16 you. I just wanted to know if anything was going on. Thank
17 you. I understand.

18 DEPUTY CHIEF VENTURA: Any other general budget
19 questions?

20 COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: Yeah, Chief. This is Gregg.
21 I've got a question back on the overall staffing, back on this
22 first slide or two.

23 DEPUTY CHIEF VENTURA: Mm-hmm.

24 COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: It showed that we were short
25 or we reduced our staffing count by four, five, six bodies.

1 What positions did we lose and how come we lost them?

2 DEPUTY CHIEF VENTURA: So that was in regards to
3 Makena lifeguards. The -- we staffed -- with that grant, we
4 actually staffed ten and a half personnel and so when that
5 funding was removed, we were very fortunate that we had
6 expansion positions in the lifeguard program that we were able
7 to move those employees into, so nobody lost their job, but
8 our total number of EPs went down because we had to give up
9 Makena.

10 COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: And that represented, what,
11 eight or nine bodies? 'Cause I think you said you were close
12 to 400 before this.

13 DEPUTY CHIEF VENTURA: Yeah. It was actually --
14 there was a halftime position in there, so Makena was about
15 ten and a half positions, but we converted one, so we lost,
16 yeah, about -- we lost about seven, I think, from last year's
17 number. I think last year was 399.

18 COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: Okay. Thank you.

19 CHAIR GINOZA: Anybody else have any questions?

20 (No response.)

21 CHAIR GINOZA: So, Chief, are you done with your
22 presentation?

23 DEPUTY CHIEF VENTURA: Yeah. That concludes
24 everything for the budget presentation.

25 CHAIR GINOZA: Okay. I -- do you know if we -- we

1 vote to approve it? I don't know if Gary's still on. I
2 believe we -- we vote to --

3 COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: I believe we have the
4 authority, right, to approve it?

5 CHAIR GINOZA: Yes. So unless anybody has any other
6 questions or wants to see it in more detail, can I have a
7 motion to approve the proposed budget by the -- what Chief
8 just went over?

9 COMMISSIONER FREITAS: So moved. I move to approve
10 the budget.

11 CHAIR GINOZA: Thank you, Jack.

12 Do we have a second?

13 COMMISSIONER TANCAYO: I second.

14 CHAIR GINOZA: Travis seconds.

15 COMMISSIONER STERLING: I second.

16 COMMISSIONER BURNS: I second.

17 CHAIR GINOZA: Okay. Any more discussion?

18 (No response.)

19 CHAIR GINOZA: Okay. It's hard to see because the
20 screen is still alight. I cannot see all of the members, but
21 can -- can I have a raise the hands of commissioners who
22 approve the budget?

23 COMMISSIONER FREITAS: You got to voice vote from
24 me. I approve.

25 CHAIR GINOZA: Okay. Yeah. It looks like it's

1 unanimous, that all commissioners approve the fire and public
2 safety budget to be presented to the mayor and subsequently to
3 the council.

4 So thank you very much, Chiefs, for all your
5 attention to this matter and for the very extensive
6 discussion. It was very informative.

7 Okay. I don't know if anybody else has anything
8 else to -- they want to speak on, otherwise the next meeting
9 date and time are Thursday, December 17th, at 10:00 a.m. and,
10 again, it will be via BlueJeans.

11 COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: Mr. Chair.

12 CHAIR GINOZA: Oh. Go ahead.

13 COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: Mr. Chair, am I missing
14 something or we were without corp. counsel this good morning?

15 MR. MURAI: Nope. I was here.

16 CHAIR GINOZA: Gary's here.

17 MR. MURAI: I was here. I was just slow on my
18 button --

19 COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: Ahh, okay.

20 MR. MURAI: -- unmuting myself.

21 (Laughter.)

22 CHAIR GINOZA: Yeah. So he was here. So anybody
23 have any other questions or any announcements or anything?

24 (No response.)

25 CHAIR GINOZA: Seeing none. Thank you very much for

1 your attention and your time this morning and we'll see you
2 next week -- or, sorry, next month, December 17th. Thank you
3 very much. Meeting is adjourned.

4 (The proceedings were adjourned at 11:40 a.m.)
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