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FIRE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION

COUNTY OF MAUI

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

REGULAR MEETING

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ATTENDANCE

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Kyle Ginoza, Chair
- Lisa Vares, Vice Chair
- Dwight Burns, Member
- Punahele Alcon, Member
- Max Kincaid, Jr., Member
- Gordon Gillis, Member
- Dale Parsons, Member
- Gerald Matsui, Member

STAFF:

- Bradford Ventura, Fire Chief
- Gavin Fujioka, Deputy Fire Chief
- Jeffrey Giese, Assistant Fire Chief
- Hanalei Lindo, Assistant Fire Chief
- Caleb Rowe, Deputy Corporation Counsel
- Richelle Wakamatsu, Commission Secretary
- Herman Andaya, Maui Emergency Management Agency

1 (February 16, 2023, 10:00 a.m.)

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3 CHAIR GINOZA: Good morning, everyone. Today is  
4 Thursday, February 16th, 2023, and I'm calling to order the  
5 Fire and Public Safety Commission meeting for today. My name  
6 is Kyle Ginoza, chair of the commission, and I'm in my office  
7 in Makena by myself. I'd like to do a roll call of members,  
8 so please state your -- that you're in attendance and if  
9 you're alone -- I'm alone in my office -- if you're alone and  
10 where you're at.

11 Vice Chair Lisa Vares.

12 VICE CHAIR VARES: Hi. Lisa Vares here in my home  
13 office in Wailuku, and I am alone.

14 CHAIR GINOZA: Great. Thank you, Lisa. Good  
15 morning.

16 Dwight Burns.

17 COMMISSIONER BURNS: Hey, good morning, everyone.  
18 I'm here in my office. I'm alone in my office in Wailuku.

19 CHAIR GINOZA: Thank you, Dwight.

20 Punahuele Alcon.

21 COMMISSIONER ALCON: Hi. Punahuele Alcon at home on  
22 Molokai by myself.

23 CHAIR GINOZA: Thanks, Punahuele.

24 Max Kincaid, Jr.

25 COMMISSIONER KINCAID: Hi. I'm here in my home, and

1 my wife is in the background.

2 CHAIR GINOZA: Okay. Thank you, Max.

3 Makalapua is not able to make it today, so she's  
4 excused.

5 Gordon Gillis.

6 (No response.)

7 CHAIR GINOZA: I see Gordon just joined. Maybe he's  
8 not quite ready.

9 Dale Parsons.

10 COMMISSIONER PARSONS: Aloha. I'm here at my home  
11 in -- my home office in Hana, and I'm alone.

12 CHAIR GINOZA: Great. Thank you, Dale.

13 And Gerald Matsui.

14 COMMISSIONER MATSUI: This is Gerald Matsui. I'm in  
15 my office in Wailuku, and I am alone.

16 CHAIR GINOZA: Great. Thank you, Gerald.

17 And, Chief, who do you have?

18 CHIEF VENTURA: Good morning. Here at Kahului Fire  
19 Station in our conference room: Off camera, we have Richelle,  
20 commission secretary; myself; Chief Fujioka; Chief Giese; and  
21 the presenter today, Firefighter Stankis. Nobody else with us  
22 in this office, and we have remote Chief Lindo on Molokai  
23 today.

24 CHAIR GINOZA: Great, thank you.

25 And I believe we have Caleb Rowe from corporation

1 counsel, and I don't see Herman yet.

2 Is there any resource I neglected to acknowledge?

3 (No response.)

4 CHAIR GINOZA: All right. Seeing none, we'll move  
5 to the approval of the minutes from the last meeting from  
6 January 19th. I trust every commissioner has had a chance to  
7 review the minutes, and are there any corrections to the  
8 minutes before we vote on approval?

9 (No response.)

10 CHAIR GINOZA: All right. Seeing none, could I have  
11 a motion to accept the minutes from the last meeting on  
12 January 19th?

13 COMMISSIONER BURNS: Motion to accept the minutes.

14 CHAIR GINOZA: Thank you, Dwight.

15 And a second?

16 VICE CHAIR VARES: I'll second. Lisa.

17 CHAIR GINOZA: Thank you, Lisa.

18 So let's just go through. So I approve.

19 Lisa?

20 VICE CHAIR VARES: (Gesturing.)

21 CHAIR GINOZA: Lisa, I guess, approves.

22 CHAIR GINOZA: Dwight.

23 COMMISSIONER BURNS: Aye.

24 CHAIR GINOZA: Yeah, okay.

25 Punahale.

1 COMMISSIONER ALCON: Approved.

2 CHAIR GINOZA: Max.

3 (No response.)

4 CHAIR GINOZA: Gordon. Hi, Gordon.

5 COMMISSIONER GILLIS: Approve. Hi.

6 CHAIR GINOZA: Okay. Dale.

7 COMMISSIONER PARSONS: Approve.

8 CHAIR GINOZA: And Gerald.

9 COMMISSIONER MATSUI: Approved.

10 CHAIR GINOZA: Okay, great. So we have more than  
11 five, so the minutes are approved.

12 Next, I'd like to move on to any public testimony.  
13 And to remind everyone, people from the public are able to  
14 testify at any time during the meeting, but right now is when  
15 we have our public testimony if anyone wants to chime in.

16 So, Richelle, do we have anybody signed up to  
17 testify?

18 MS. WAKAMATSU: Nope, I have no one here to testify.

19 CHAIR GINOZA: Thank you, Richelle.

20 Is there anyone on the call that wants to testify?  
21 Please speak up at this time.

22 (No response.)

23 CHAIR GINOZA: All right. Hearing none, public  
24 testimony is closed for this agenda item, but we, as I  
25 mentioned, are able to accept public testimony any time during

1 this meeting.

2 I don't know if -- Herman, are you on? I'm not -- I  
3 don't see Herman, so let's skip his agenda item, and we'll  
4 move over to the fire department. Chief Ventura.

5 CHIEF VENTURA: All right. Good morning, everybody.  
6 I would just like to share a few things with you all. Thank  
7 you for being here today.

8 Before I kind of get started on my normal report, I  
9 do want to address the fact that, as most of you know, we had  
10 a firefighter injured on January 27th. After spending eight  
11 nights in the ICU, he passed away with his family by his side  
12 on February 4th. We're currently working with HIOSH to  
13 conduct a fair, honest, and transparent investigation to  
14 ensure that a tragedy like this never happens again. We're  
15 providing support for our department members, for their family  
16 members, for Tre's ohana during these difficult times. We've  
17 been messaging out a lot and providing a lot of opportunity  
18 for our employees and their families to get support.

19 Along these lines, we're evaluating our current, you  
20 know, SOGs and policies regarding these types of incidents and  
21 also reviewing the potential training between county  
22 departments when we respond together. Our department hopes  
23 to, at the closure of the HIOSH investigation, convene a panel  
24 to discuss measures to implement in our department that  
25 probably go above and beyond the recommendations of HIOSH,

1 but, you know, during this period that we're working with  
2 HIOSH on this investigation, we appreciate everybody's  
3 patience while conducting our investigation. This is -- this  
4 is our top priority as far as what we have going on right now.  
5 Any attention that needs to be given to this investigation and  
6 creating, you know, a safer workplace is where we're putting  
7 our energy. So I'm not gonna be able to get into too many  
8 more details of the incident, but I do want you all to be  
9 assured that we're working with HIOSH as well as our  
10 department and other departments. Corporation counsel and  
11 risk management are all involved, as well as the union. And  
12 when the HIOSH investigation is complete, we will share it in  
13 your direction and go over anything that comes out of it. We  
14 can do that either in this forum or in an executive session,  
15 however the chair and commissioners decide to do it.

16 Along that note, I wanted to thank very much so  
17 Commissioner Matsui. You know, he's part of our health system  
18 up there at Maui Memorial, and the hospital staff throughout  
19 the week that we were planted on property was extremely  
20 helpful and supportive. Not just the doctors and nurses, but  
21 also the chaplains and, you know, they stayed in communication  
22 with us and the family by the hour and just to try to make  
23 people as comfortable as possible. So that is what I can say  
24 about the firefighter's fatality. It's a line-of-duty death,  
25 so there's a lot of stuff that we have to do moving forward.



1           In anticipation of this week's coming weather that  
2 we all anticipate kind of moving into the state and especially  
3 our county this afternoon and evening, I'll give you some of  
4 the ideas of what we've done to prepare for that. We have  
5 deployed Fire 3, Hanalei, Chief Hanalei Lindo over to Molokai  
6 to provide some overhead support there. They were quite  
7 impacted by the recent flooding in previous storms, so we want  
8 to be able to provide them with some chief of operations  
9 support while we're here on Maui. We spoke with the Lanai and  
10 Hana communities, as they are both isolated and expecting to  
11 get heavy rain, especially in Hana, and so we're looking at  
12 possible additional manpower in those areas today, tonight,  
13 and tomorrow.

14           We are attending National Weather Service updates at  
15 the EOC both physically and virtually and then disseminating  
16 all of that weather information out to our crews so they can  
17 just be as aware as possible of the timing of this incident  
18 with the weather coming in. And then we've provided direction  
19 to all of our fire personnel not to engage in activities  
20 around culverts unless there's life at risk until all of this  
21 clears and we get some better direction.

22           So that's the first two topics I just wanted to  
23 touch on. I'll go over the handouts that I usually go over  
24 with you all. Let's go over the monthly update first to kind  
25 of share where we have been getting around. So December, we

1 were able to provide two retired captains with memorial  
2 services, so on that -- on the pictures in the monthly update,  
3 you'll see that Captain Cretton, who retired several years  
4 ago, had passed away, so we worked with his family and  
5 provided a nice memorial up in Kula Station, which is where  
6 they were -- they were from and memories of him working there  
7 during his time here. And Captain Aiwohi was our training  
8 captain for many years, and so he had a large impact on our  
9 department, especially in the late '80s-'90s, where he trained  
10 a lot of our firefighters who came in, so that was a big  
11 service that we had.

12 And then the Kahuola Award that we gave out on your  
13 behalf to the Four Seasons beach crew, that was a nice  
14 presentation and that event we had down in Four Seasons Wailea  
15 on behalf of the beach crew who has, you know, saved multiple  
16 lives down on the beach. So they were very grateful for the  
17 award that you all bestowed on them.

18 Sorry, the first page of that has mostly some of the  
19 same updates, you know, the monthly update, and it talks about  
20 a lot of our budget things that we're going through. We're  
21 halfway through this year's budget, and so at this point in  
22 the year, we really want to have most of our projects really  
23 into the third quarter of the project so that we know we're  
24 gonna accomplish it before the fiscal year runs out.

25 We're very, very active on our current recruitment

1 and promotions. Chief Fujioka will go over that.

2 And then we added this section to the monthly  
3 update, Ask the Fire Chief, and basically, a lot of times,  
4 people might have questions, and they don't always reach our  
5 office. They might only reach the battalion chief level or  
6 such, so we wanted to give them an opportunity to ask all the  
7 way up to our office. Which we always have an open-door  
8 policy, and we want to support them, but we made it more  
9 evident that they can reach out to us with a question or a  
10 comment or just something they want explained better. Then  
11 we'll be happy to share it with the whole department 'cause if  
12 one person's wondering or asking a question, there's probably  
13 more people thinking the same way and wondering the same  
14 thing.

15 The last two handouts are our call volume for the  
16 month, and it's just the first month of the year, so you'll  
17 see a short chart there. It's as expected and in line with  
18 our total annual numbers with about a thousand calls. And  
19 Chief Lindo will go over any major incidents that happened  
20 there.

21 And on the training report, you know, our focus was  
22 on a variety of things this month. And I am certain that our  
23 new training captain is coming out with his master calendar  
24 for the next year, so we'll be able to resume a lot of the  
25 training that's been kind of on hold during that transition of

1 training captains.

2 So that is those three handouts. I'll move on to my  
3 one-page report to you all here. We had a transition of many  
4 people in county government, so we -- the mayor conducted a  
5 nice awa ceremony on the lawn of the county building one nice  
6 Sunday morning, and it was a good ceremony for all the  
7 directors to get together, kind of a meet-and-greet, as well  
8 as do a commitment to their community, a commitment to their  
9 county, and a commitment to each other to, you know, do the  
10 best that they can in their upcoming term. So it was a good  
11 ceremony that we shared with them.

12 We did meet with the budget director several times  
13 as the mayor is right now evaluating the current proposed  
14 budget by all the departments. We were asked by the budget  
15 director and managing director to create quite the reduction  
16 in our budget, so the final numbers on equipment requests --  
17 we were requesting about \$5.6 million, and they had us reduce  
18 that by \$1.4 million of equipment, so quite a substantial  
19 reduction, and -- but we're working with them to, you know,  
20 kind of hold our line in the sand where we need things versus  
21 where we can maintain and pull maintenance on things to extend  
22 the life of some other things, so that -- that occurred over  
23 the last couple of weeks, meeting with them.

24 Lots of county council interactions right now due to  
25 the new council members being voted in as well as the new

1 committees they're creating, so we're fitting into a new  
2 committee with a different kind of agenda. So I just kind of  
3 grouped all these council members together. What we discussed  
4 with them is basically all the activities that are happening  
5 in their district and our department, whether it's new  
6 apparatus, construction of, you know, a building or apparatus  
7 bay. We discussed these items with all of the council  
8 members, and it was nice to meet with most of them, all of  
9 these people in person and go over their district priorities  
10 also moving forward in how we can support them.

11 On the back of my report, a few things that I'll  
12 highlight. The South Maui Community Plan, we're staying  
13 actively engaged. We have evening meetings with the community  
14 to discuss their desires and how we can support or fit in, and  
15 then also where -- what our department needs are in the  
16 future. These community plans tend to be around for a long  
17 time, and so, for example, in South Maui, our Kihei Fire  
18 Station is in the Zone X or in the flood zone. So we just  
19 wanted to make sure everybody was aware of that in the, you  
20 know, eventual event that the sea level does rise to the point  
21 we need to move the fire station, everybody would have been --  
22 known that this is gonna happen.

23 Spent a day in Honolulu meeting with the House of  
24 Representatives. There are some new House reps, and then  
25 there are some older House reps who have new responsibilities.

1 For example, representative Kyle Yamashita is in charge of the  
2 finance committee now, so myself, along with other fire  
3 chiefs, made a point to go to his office. We're supported  
4 with our Makena lifeguards through a lot of their actions, so  
5 that is important for us to continually get that support  
6 financially as well as, you know, if there's emergency  
7 procurement down there 'cause a lifeguard tower gets damaged,  
8 vandalized, or otherwise isn't usable, we're gonna want to  
9 have those relationships built so that we can do a quick  
10 procurement for replacement. We did discover through these  
11 conversations that there may be some equipment funding  
12 available. In the last several, several years, it's only been  
13 salary money, but we determined and talked to representatives,  
14 and I've identified that they might be sending some equipment  
15 money, which is huge, to support that Makena lifeguard, the  
16 state park down there.

17 Homeland Security Grant, another meeting that, you  
18 know, Herman and myself went to to kind of make sure we --  
19 we're always in touch with the grant people and make sure we  
20 can try to understand the -- what's important to FEMA, HIEMA,  
21 and how when we write our grant, it's in line with their  
22 priorities and their threats so that we have a better  
23 probability of getting grant funds. So that was a well-  
24 planned and well-prepared meeting that included Department of  
25 Defense, HIEMA, some FEMA reps, and military, county, and

1 state personnel.

2 I think the rest on my report is fairly vanilla.  
3 Any questions or follow-ups on any of those topics?

4 CHAIR GINOZA: Any questions from commissioners for  
5 the chief?

6 (No response.)

7 CHAIR GINOZA: I have a question. So you mentioned  
8 we're halfway through the fiscal year. How are you as far as,  
9 you know, we've had a number of incidents, so were you -- do  
10 you foresee going in for a budget amendment?

11 CHIEF VENTURA: So, as far as things that impact our  
12 budget, most of the time, it will be salaries due to large  
13 incidents. We're okay on that front right now. One of the  
14 things that is -- was outside of our control was that the  
15 unions were awarded temporary hazard pay during the COVID  
16 period, and so, for example, there was a lot of money given  
17 out for the temporary hazard pay. Some employees got several  
18 thousand dollars, and so that did impact our -- our A account  
19 or our salaries. But we're in communication with the budget  
20 director, and they do have a plan that if we do come up short  
21 towards the end of the year, they have funds that they'll be  
22 able to put into our account to cover that. As far as the  
23 large incidents we've been managing and our training, we've  
24 been continuously watching our A account to make sure that we  
25 keep it, you know, reasonable and keep it within our limits.

1 CHAIR GINOZA: Okay, great. And then for the  
2 upcoming budget, you mentioned that for the C account, it's  
3 like, whatever, a roughly 20 percent decrease, but what about  
4 A and B, salary and operations? What was the direction on  
5 trying to either trim that or whatever?

6 CHIEF VENTURA: They did not ask us to trim anything  
7 there, so they -- this year, all of our unions renegotiated  
8 contracts, and all of them got raises, so in our A account,  
9 our salaries, we put the increases in the -- in our budget  
10 request. And they said that's something they can't control,  
11 so they're not -- they're not trimming anything there. In the  
12 B account, the operational account, we've noticed that we are  
13 short in some fronts; for example, our fire prevention bureau  
14 has been paying a lot more for their utilities because the  
15 cost of utilities has gone up, but the budget office is the  
16 one that makes those adjustments based on their communication  
17 with fuel and electric and water company rates. So we don't  
18 control it, the budget office deals with it, but they didn't  
19 reduce anything there as well.

20 CHAIR GINOZA: Okay, great to hear.

21 Any questions from commissioners?

22 (No response.)

23 CHAIR GINOZA: All right. Oh, Lisa, do you have --

24 VICE CHAIR VARES: Can you hear me?

25 CHAIR GINOZA: Yeah, go ahead.



1 VICE CHAIR VARES: Uh-oh. Now can you hear me?

2 CHAIR GINOZA: Yes.

3 VICE CHAIR VARES: Wow, that's great. Okay. I keep  
4 getting notified that I'm being auto-muted.

5 Chief, I had a question regarding the ongoing  
6 incident investigation. Will the commission be given a full  
7 accounting of the findings of that investigation when it's  
8 completed?

9 CHIEF VENTURA: Yeah. The HIOSH report will be  
10 public. It'll be published at the location of the injury, so  
11 for that workplace, it'll be Kihei Fire Station. And, you  
12 know, it's a fully transparent process, so, you know, we  
13 expect multiple organizations and agencies picking up on this.  
14 The fire departments across America, they have a line of duty  
15 death website. NIOSH will get involved, they'll post it, and  
16 it'll be available to everybody.

17 VICE CHAIR VARES: Okay, I appreciate it. Thank  
18 you.

19 CHAIR GINOZA: Okay, thank you, Lisa.

20 Any other questions for the chief from  
21 commissioners?

22 (No response.)

23 CHAIR GINOZA: All right. Seeing none, thank you,  
24 Chief.

25 And if you don't mind, I'd like to go on to MEMA

1 because Herman has joined. But before I hand it over to MEMA,  
2 is there anyone from the public wishing to testify?

3 (No response.)

4 CHAIR GINOZA: All right. Seeing none, Herman, are  
5 you there?

6 MEMA OFFICER ANDAYA: Mr. Chair, I'm here.

7 CHAIR GINOZA: Good morning. Go ahead.

8 MEMA OFFICER ANDAYA: Good morning, Mr. Chair,  
9 Commissioners. I apologize for being late this morning. We  
10 had a National Weather Service briefing regarding the heavy  
11 rains, and then I had a meeting right after that, so I was  
12 trying to rush to get to this meeting. But I know  
13 Commissioner Gillis was in that meeting this morning with the  
14 National Weather Service along with Chief Giese, and so  
15 that's what we've been preparing for. This weekend into next  
16 week, there's gonna be a lot of rain, and so we're still  
17 recovering from the heavy rains from about a month ago,  
18 especially in South Maui and on Molokai, and so the grounds  
19 are saturated, and so these rains may -- may be especially  
20 impactful on the county so we're -- we're preparing for that  
21 right now. We've been doing a lot of public messaging as well  
22 as meeting or -- we've been meeting with the departments,  
23 we've been having briefings with them, with our partners, and  
24 everyone's getting ready for this rain event, so --

25 And as I mentioned earlier, we are in the recovery

1 phase of the -- the heavy rains that occurred, the flash  
2 flooding that occurred a month ago, especially in South Maui.  
3 Public works crews have been -- I mean, cleared out as much as  
4 they could the roadways there. And, of course, on Molokai,  
5 with the Kapaakea, that's -- we've been -- we've sent crews  
6 out to that area. So even though it's a state -- a state  
7 road, public works crews were out there assisting with the  
8 clearing, clearing that -- the roadways there, and I also sent  
9 people from my staff to do damage assessment as well as the  
10 mayor's office. And so we were there and -- to look at  
11 various damages that were done to residences. There weren't  
12 -- there weren't very many -- or there weren't any major  
13 damages, most of them were minor damages, so -- so I don't  
14 think we'll qualify for individual assistance from FEMA.

15 And lastly, well, I think Chief Ventura already  
16 mentioned the Homeland Security Grant Program. We were on  
17 Oahu along with Deputy Chief Fujioka at the kickoff meeting  
18 for the Homeland Security grant program, so I'm sure that the  
19 fire department will be applying for those grants.

20 And lastly, we have a new director or new  
21 administrator for the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency, so I  
22 had a meeting with him a couple days ago and -- on Oahu, and I  
23 look forward to working with him. He is very excited about  
24 working with the -- especially with the counties and helping  
25 us with our -- with our needs here.

1           So that's all I have, Mr. Chair, pending any  
2           questions.

3           CHAIR GINOZA: Thank you very much, Herman.

4           Any questions from commissioners?

5           (No response.)

6           CHAIR GINOZA: All right. Seeing none, thank you so  
7           much, Herman.

8           MEMA OFFICER ANDAYA: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank  
9           you, Commissioners.

10          CHAIR GINOZA: Let's move -- oh, sorry, Dwight, you  
11          had a question?

12          COMMISSIONER BURNS: (Shaking head.)

13          CHAIR GINOZA: Oh, okay. Thanks.

14          So let's move on to Chief Fujioka, please.

15          DEPUTY CHIEF FUJIOKA: Good morning. Thank you,  
16          Chair. Good morning, Commissioners. We'll go over my monthly  
17          report starting off with our department interviews and  
18          promotions. So we want to congratulate for the position of  
19          fire captain; we just promoted recently five of our members:  
20          Kalani Nicholls, Jason Gamiao, Isaiah-Futol Bicoy, Patrick  
21          "Hawana" Blackburn, and Kamuela Guth.

22          Our battalion chief of admin, which was a position  
23          that we reorg'ed from the ocean safety chief position or  
24          battalion chief 7. We just -- we had one applicant, so our  
25          fire prevention captain, Ryan Otsubo, he was recently promoted

1 effective today. He is the new battalion chief of admin.

2 Firefighter trainees: We just completed our  
3 physical agility testing this past weekend and conducted  
4 several interviews. We are currently requesting another list  
5 of names, and we're gonna do a second physical agility test  
6 just because of the numbers 'cause it was abnormally really  
7 low, so we are requesting to do another PAT.

8 Ocean safety officer 3 is the lieutenant positions.  
9 I think we've got that scheduled for next week or the  
10 following week interviews for that position.

11 OSO 1s, which are our ocean safety recruits, the  
12 interviews were completed, and candidates were selected.

13 And also, our building maintenance repair candidate  
14 was selected, and coming up tomorrow, we have our fire  
15 equipment mechanic vacancy, and then we have interviews  
16 scheduled for that.

17 Moving on to department improvement committee, real  
18 quick, we're just doing some R&D on some new uniform pants or  
19 cargo pants for our personnel, so that just started. And then  
20 we're looking at a new duty T-shirt, it's like -- it's a  
21 dry-fit material that doesn't melt, and it's -- it can be used  
22 for fire, fire ground, so we're looking at some R&D on that.

23 Apparatus committee: We received the bids for our  
24 new hazmat truck, three tankers, and two mini brush trucks.  
25 The bids came in; we were within budget for the most part. We

1 were short a little bit on our two minis, but we had money  
2 that we could move around within our budget to make up the  
3 difference. All of those vehicles are with corp counsel  
4 drafting the contracts, so we're moving on that.

5 New Engine 8 and new Engine 13, I just started  
6 getting photo reports for that, so the midpoint for those  
7 trucks. We're looking somewhere, probably late March/April,  
8 for a midpoint, and expected delivery somewhere during the  
9 summer, June/July.

10 Union Interactions: We did have our safety  
11 committee meeting conducted last month. No real interactions  
12 other than just some things going on with the investigation,  
13 as Chief Ventura mentioned.

14 And then transmittals from the public: We just  
15 received one letter that was sent to various entities. This  
16 was regarding -- it was a letter from Kihei Villages regarding  
17 illegal aerial fireworks during this New Year's celebration.  
18 It was sent to the Honu Alahele neighborhood board. So  
19 basically, they're gonna have heightened patrol or whatever  
20 you may call it during the 4th of July celebrations. They  
21 said they're gonna try to get video evidence to try and see if  
22 they can deal with some of these illegal aerial fireworks.

23 Oh, yeah. And then we got a -- a letter from the  
24 Ventura Fire Department. This is the department that we  
25 assisted when a firefighter passed away here on vacation, and

1 we assisted with the hospital and the -- getting him to the  
2 mortuary, so they sent a letter thanking us for that.

3 And also, the county council sent us a letter  
4 thanking us for -- we had our honor guard for their  
5 inauguration, so they were present for the inauguration, and  
6 also we had our firefighters perform the National Anthem for  
7 the inauguration.

8 But that is it for my monthly report. If you guys  
9 have any questions, I'll be happy to answer.

10 CHAIR GINOZA: Thank you, Chief Fujioka.

11 Any questions from commissioners?

12 (No response.)

13 CHAIR GINOZA: All right. Seeing none, thank you,  
14 Chief Fujioka.

15 Again, before we go to Chief Lindo, is there anyone  
16 from the public wishing to testify at this time?

17 (No response.)

18 CHAIR GINOZA: Okay. Seeing none, go ahead, Chief  
19 Lindo.

20 ASSISTANT CHIEF LINDO: Good morning, Chair. Good  
21 morning, Commissioners. Good to see you guys.

22 My report, not very much to go over. You know, of  
23 course, dealing with this weather coming in, you know, huge  
24 dibs out to our personnel there, our captains, our battalion  
25 chiefs, and officers who, you know, of course, for some -- an

1 event such as this, we like to prepare for the worst, hope for  
2 the best. But, you know, these guys, they're doing things and  
3 thinking ahead to put plans in place so that we're -- we can  
4 take care of our guys. So got to personally talk to every  
5 district -- Lanai, Hana, Molokai -- to make sure that our guys  
6 are as prepared as can be.

7 So for my report, you see the major incident summary  
8 of fire. January was a crazy month. I mean, look at the  
9 amount of structure fires we had. Pretty nuts to have that  
10 many structure fires in one month.

11 I want to go over into the training bureau side, and  
12 really just the main thing is the confined space and swift  
13 water training. Before the event even happened, our training  
14 bureau was already putting things in place to start the  
15 process of getting the new training going, and then, of  
16 course, that incident happened, so that is absolutely a  
17 priority in moving things forward and making adjustments on  
18 the way.

19 On the last page, as far as our ocean safety goes,  
20 I'll just highlight a few things. As Deputy Chief Fujioka  
21 talked about, OSO 1 recruitment. We had the interviews. For  
22 the amount of candidates that we have, we still don't have  
23 enough to fill, so our applicant positions are short, so we're  
24 in the process of creating a new list, getting the  
25 advertisements out there so we can get some new guys inside.



1 The OSO chief's MQ is still being worked on.

2 January 13, we were able to meet, discussing that  
3 gray water treatment system, and it's a treatment water system  
4 that is already supposedly up in operation at Launiupoko.  
5 That's the same thing that they want to do at Kanaha Beach,  
6 which would absolutely impact our lifeguards there because the  
7 office space that they want to use to set up these tanks would  
8 be impacted, and we'd have to find a new area for them to be  
9 in. So we're continually working with that and as we move  
10 forward.

11 We did complete the OSO 3 admin lieutenant. Harold  
12 Teshima starts today. So that's huge for our ocean safety  
13 bureau, and as time goes by, I mean, those guys in there,  
14 their professionalism and the level of expertise just keeps  
15 growing and getting better and better, so it's awesome to see.  
16 It's also to see the integration and the -- and the  
17 coordination underneath our department, so awesome.

18 That's all I have. You guys have any questions, I  
19 can answer.

20 CHAIR GINOZA: Thank you, Chief Lindo.

21 Gordon, do you have a question?

22 COMMISSIONER GILLIS: Yeah, I have a question. Out  
23 of the four structural fires (inaudible) structure fires, do  
24 we have a sense of how many of those would be residences than  
25 from that figure (inaudible) those residences?

1 ASSISTANT CHIEF LINDO: Yes, so --

2 COMMISSIONER GILLIS: Firefighters (inaudible) can  
3 return?

4 ASSISTANT CHIEF LINDO: Yes, Commissioner. And  
5 absolutely, you know, in my next reports, I'll probably go  
6 ahead and make it clearer. So out of those four structure  
7 fires, three were residences, and one was business. And for  
8 my next reports, moving forward, I'll just go ahead, and I'll  
9 separate between commercial structures or residences if that's  
10 all right.

11 COMMISSIONER GILLIS: (Inaudible) sense of those  
12 three residences, the residents couldn't (inaudible) fire  
13 damage?

14 CHAIR GINOZA: Gordon, you're kind of cutting out.  
15 Could you either turn up your volume or speak louder?

16 COMMISSIONER GILLIS: Sure. Is that better?

17 CHAIR GINOZA: Yeah.

18 COMMISSIONER GILLIS: Okay. Just out of those three  
19 residences, do you have a sense of how many of those residents  
20 weren't able to return home immediately following the event as  
21 a result of damage or smoke, that sort of thing?

22 ASSISTANT CHIEF LINDO: Yeah, thanks for that  
23 question, Commissioner. Out of those three residences, they  
24 were completely not able to come in. The amount of damage far  
25 exceeded, so the people were not able to come in immediately.

1 COMMISSIONER GILLIS: Okay. Thank you, Chief Lindo.

2 ASSISTANT CHIEF LINDO: Thank you.

3 CHAIR GINOZA: Thank you, Gordon.

4 Any other questions from commissioners?

5 (No response.)

6 CHAIR GINOZA: All right. Seeing none, thank you,  
7 Chief Lindo.

8 Next, let's move on to Chief Giese. Good morning.

9 ASSISTANT CHIEF GIESEA: Good morning, everybody.  
10 So, as usual, you have the written report. I'll just expand  
11 on a few things I think might be of interest to you folks.

12 Starting with the fire prevention bureau, we did  
13 have a -- one of our long-time county employees, Darlene  
14 Mansano, retired recently, and so one of our other account  
15 clerks moved over there to fire prevention bureau. Her name  
16 is Jill, and so she's getting oriented over there. You know,  
17 you can have a job description say account clerk 3, but  
18 depending upon where you work, the specifics of what you know  
19 and the processes can be quite different. So fire prevention  
20 bureau has a lot of unique things, so she's over there  
21 learning that, which is great that we were able to get -- get  
22 somebody over there.

23 You can see we're still doing plenty of training and  
24 public education, which is great. That was on hold, as we've  
25 mentioned a few times, during COVID, so we're making up for

1 lost time there.

2 One thing we're explaining perhaps is this fire code  
3 and amendment process. So there have been some meetings to  
4 see if we can make that a little more efficient. This is one  
5 of the things the fire prevention bureau is nearly constantly  
6 engaged in. It's kind of like painting the Golden Gate  
7 Bridge; you know, you start from one end, by the time you get  
8 to the other end, it's time to restart the first end. So the  
9 way this works is the state and the counties have to have a  
10 fire code, and there are a number of model codes that are  
11 published for use throughout the country or even other places.  
12 And so the state is currently using a model called NFPA-1, and  
13 every three years, typically, anyway, that's the schedule when  
14 a new code comes out. So we adopt the model code, but it's  
15 never exactly what you want in your particular state or your  
16 local jurisdiction. There's always amendments you want to  
17 make, things you want to tweak about it, but that process  
18 takes a long time.

19 So the state will make a resolution to adopt the new  
20 version of NFPA-1, and then they have to get their amendments  
21 squared away, and then the counties have to work on getting  
22 our own local amendments to the fire code all squared away and  
23 actually in the local code, so they're enforceable. So that's  
24 a process that we're always engaged in, and we're trying to  
25 find ways to make that more efficient, and so that's what

1 those meetings are about there.

2 Moving on to the health and safety bureau, we did  
3 have -- you know, I can just talk a little bit about this  
4 oxygen regulator mismatch issue. This is one of those  
5 complications you don't think about when you make progress in  
6 one area. So one of the things we've done on the urging of  
7 our EMS program is change the oxygen delivery bottles in a lot  
8 of our stations to something smaller and, you know, just more  
9 compact that can fit in a backpack. It's just you're more  
10 mobile, more functional. So we got these new bottles, they're  
11 great for operations, they're working out well for us, and  
12 then one of the manufacturers decided to change the shape of  
13 the valve stem that goes in the bottle, and then suddenly a  
14 bunch of our regulators don't fit the bottles we just ordered.  
15 So we had to scramble to find a workaround and some different  
16 kinds of regulators that we could buy inexpensively on short  
17 notice, and we were able to make that work. So just a little  
18 insight into what they deal with on a semi-regular basis.

19 We were able to buy some extra fitness equipment  
20 this year with C account money because we saved a lot of money  
21 by changing the way that we do the shipping. So, for example,  
22 if we want to buy a treadmill, well, the treadmill is \$3,000  
23 and -- roughly, and we want to pay that same company for  
24 shipping, they'll charge us, you know, for shipping, and we  
25 can, you know, one-stop-shop get it, but typically we get

1 overcharged for shipping. So what our health and safety guys  
2 were able to figure out is a way to contract with a freight-  
3 forwarding company, that way we can buy several treadmills,  
4 for example, put them all in one pallet with crate forwarding,  
5 and we saved enough in the shipping costs where we were able  
6 to buy several more pieces of equipment this year. So we  
7 actually got a head start on next year's budget, so that was  
8 good news there.

9           Last month January was Firefighter Cancer Awareness  
10 Month. I know we've mentioned this here and there in our  
11 meetings in the past. Cancer, I believe, is just now  
12 surpassing heart disease as the number one killer for  
13 firefighters, so it's something we're really trying to push  
14 awareness on and taking quite a few steps to, you know, change  
15 our protocols, our equipment, and help our -- you know, reduce  
16 our personnel's exposure to that. So we were engaged in --  
17 it's really a nationwide thing, so we were participating in  
18 that this last month. We're also working now on identifying  
19 cancer-screening protocols that we can incorporate into our  
20 annual exams for our firefighters. So there's a number of  
21 options out there, and we're weighing pros and cons. And we  
22 did get some grant money, as I reported to you previously, for  
23 upgrading our firefighter physical program, and that will  
24 incorporate some cancer-screening tools that we have not  
25 employed up to this point. So that's some really exciting

1 news in health and safety.

2 Not a whole lot to report with respect to our CIP  
3 facility projects. Some good news, we got a preliminary --  
4 not the final report, but a preliminary report from Bowers and  
5 Kubota, who's doing the professional facility assessments.  
6 They were out at Kaunakakai Station, and what they've shared  
7 with us so far is no major structural issues were noted, which  
8 is good news. We were afraid there might be some out there.  
9 So in their assessment, nothing major that's pressing, and  
10 we'll be getting the complete report soon. And then they're  
11 scheduling their next set of inspections at Wailuku Station  
12 and Paia Station, so that project is moving along.

13 We did have a preconstruction meeting for our  
14 project at Makawao for the carport there.

15 Making progress on Lanai. We're getting -- getting  
16 the construction management team on board with those doing the  
17 work over there, and so that's moving along.

18 And then, we were able to install new lockers in the  
19 apparatus bays at Station 3 out in Lahaina, here in Kahului  
20 Station 10, and Station 11 in Napili, which is a big project  
21 much appreciated by the folks there.

22 And that's all I have to report. Are there any  
23 questions?

24 CHAIR GINOZA: Thank you, Chief Giese.

25 Any questions from commissioners?

1 (No response.)

2 CHAIR GINOZA: All right. Seeing none, thank you  
3 very much, Chief Giese.

4 ASSISTANT CHIEF GIESEA: You're welcome.

5 CHAIR GINOZA: Before we move -- before we move on  
6 to our guest --

7 (Background noise.)

8 CHAIR GINOZA: Sorry, somebody have a question?

9 (No response.)

10 CHAIR GINOZA: Oh. Before we move on to our guest  
11 presenter, is there anyone wishing to testify from the public?

12 (No response.)

13 CHAIR GINOZA: All right. Seeing none -- and I  
14 neglected to go over the award section. So, Chief Ventura,  
15 could you go back to your section and have a discussion on the  
16 award? Thank you.

17 CHIEF VENTURA: Thank you, Chair. Certainly.

18 So in your packet are two Kahuola Awards. One is a  
19 revisit, and that's the single-page document that was the  
20 Goodfellow crew that helped overturn the vehicle on the pinned  
21 patient. And so we did confirm -- Richelle did some work and  
22 talked with those who put in the nomination, and there are  
23 three confirmed people from Goodfellow's to receive this award  
24 should you guys support it. And the others were just  
25 witnesses there, then that's why there was some confusion as



1 to who was gonna get the award for taking action versus who  
2 was (inaudible). So that was the one that was possibly four  
3 or five people, but we confirmed that it was three. Do you  
4 want to vote on that or discussion on that before we move on  
5 to the next award?

6 CHAIR GINOZA: Does anybody have any questions on  
7 that or need clarification?

8 (No response.)

9 CHAIR GINOZA: Let's just go through all the awards  
10 for nomination.

11 CHIEF VENTURA: Sure, okay. Okay, the -- the new  
12 one, which is the three pages that you have before you, was an  
13 incident out in Keanae where a party was swept into the water.  
14 After he fell in the water, a female jumped in to assist, and  
15 a local bystander who was there, named on this report as  
16 Kupa'a Luat-Hueu, ran over to get his fins and boogie boards  
17 and swam out to provide rescue to these people. He wasn't  
18 able to find the male party at the time, but he was able to  
19 find the female party. She was unresponsive when he got to  
20 her. He brought her back to shore, where local residents  
21 began CPR. Unfortunately, both victims that fell in the water  
22 did pass, but there have been both phone calls to our office  
23 as well as this formal write-up to support Mr. Kapa'a for  
24 Kahuola nomination for his actions there that day.

25 CHAIR GINOZA: Thank you.

1 Any questions or clarifications from commissioners?

2 (No response.)

3 CHAIR GINOZA: So, Chief, just to be clear, so we  
4 just need to vote to award these two to these -- two awards to  
5 these individual and group?

6 CHIEF VENTURA: Correct.

7 CHAIR GINOZA: Okay.

8 CHIEF VENTURA: It's -- this award is given by the  
9 commission.

10 CHAIR GINOZA: Yeah.

11 CHIEF VENTURA: And we do it on your behalf. So if  
12 you guys give us the nod, then we're happy to support you in  
13 that way.

14 CHAIR GINOZA: Okay. I'm supportive of this effort,  
15 so let's have a motion and a second, and then we can have some  
16 discussion. So do I have a motion to grant these two awards  
17 to the group, the Goodfellow group, and the individual --

18 COMMISSIONER PARSONS: I move that we --

19 CHAIR GINOZA: -- that the chief has mentioned?

20 COMMISSIONER PARSONS: I move that we make --

21 CHAIR GINOZA: Thank you.

22 COMMISSIONER PARSONS: -- the award.

23 COMMISSIONER BURNS: Second.

24 CHAIR GINOZA: Thank you, Dale. And second by  
25 Dwight. Thank you.

1 Is there any discussion from commissioners?

2 Warranted?

3 (No response.)

4 CHAIR GINOZA: All right. Seeing none, let's do a  
5 roll call vote.

6 Lisa.

7 VICE CHAIR VARES: I agree. Aye.

8 CHAIR GINOZA: Okay. Dwight.

9 COMMISSIONER BURNS: Aye.

10 CHAIR GINOZA: Punahuele.

11 COMMISSIONER ALCON: Aye.

12 CHAIR GINOZA: Max.

13 COMMISSIONER KINCAID: Aye.

14 CHAIR GINOZA: Gordon.

15 COMMISSIONER GILLIS: Aye.

16 CHAIR GINOZA: Dale.

17 COMMISSIONER PARSONS: Aye.

18 CHAIR GINOZA: And Gerald.

19 COMMISSIONER MATSUI: Aye.

20 CHAIR GINOZA: Okay. Thank you, Gerald.

21 So, yeah, we all agree, so, Chief, please grant  
22 these two awards on our behalf.

23 CHIEF VENTURA: Okay, will do. And just for

24 everybody's situational awareness, we'll be out in Hana

25 February 28th; Commissioner Parsons will be there with us to

1 present the award to the two gentlemen that went into that  
2 burning house to save the lady back in late 2022.

3 CHAIR GINOZA: That's great. Thank you, Dale.

4 So, Chief, let's move on to the last item, our guest  
5 presentation. Do you mind introducing Officer Stankis?

6 CHIEF VENTURA: Certainly. Thank you.

7 So with us today is Firefighter Chris Stankis. He  
8 is out of Kihei Fire Station, where he spent quite a bit of  
9 his recent years there. He has ten years with our department,  
10 and he's involved in many fronts. Many of our firefighters  
11 who want to get involved in our department end up getting  
12 involved in a lot, and that's because of their personality,  
13 and Chris is one of those. So along with our CPR program and  
14 our CPR -- our hands-only CPR program that he'll be discussing  
15 today, he also is charged with running our CERT program with  
16 MEMA. He is part of our safety officer program both for our  
17 incident management team as well as for our company officers.  
18 He also works hard with our social media, so he does all of  
19 our posting on our Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter, as well  
20 as does after-hours and sometimes weekend PIO work to help  
21 Chief Yatsushiro.

22 And most recently, we wanted to thank Commissioner  
23 Gillis. They put on an outstanding effort up at Seabury to do  
24 hands-only CPR, and part of our CPR team was there to just be  
25 support, but it sounded like it was a great, great event.

1           So without further ado, I'll hand it over to Chris  
2 and let him begin his presentation.

3           FIREFIGHTER STANKIS: Thank you, Chief. Good  
4 morning, Chair and Commission. Let me get this PowerPoint  
5 pulled up for you folks, and we'll hopefully be able to set  
6 this up so everybody can see what I've got here this morning.

7           CHAIR GINOZA: Chris, why don't you turn on your  
8 camera so we can see what you look like?

9           FIREFIGHTER STANKIS: All right.

10          (Pause for setup.)

11          FIREFIGHTER STANKIS: All right. So what I'm here  
12 this morning to give a little presentation on is our basic  
13 life support and resuscitation program.

14          (Pause for PowerPoint setup.)

15          CHAIR GINOZA: Richelle is coming over for some  
16 technical support. The share screen feature is not happy with  
17 us.

18          (Pause for PowerPoint setup.)

19          FIREFIGHTER STANKIS: All right. So this is our  
20 basic life support and resuscitation program. And in order to  
21 really talk about that, what we need to do is look at the  
22 cardiac chain of survival. It's a six-point chain that starts  
23 at the civilian level with rapid recognition of the situation  
24 and understanding that this person is having a cardiac issue,  
25 and then promptly activating the 911 system as well as early

1 initiation of chest compressions, and then a prompt  
2 application of an AED to potentially correct the abnormal  
3 heart rhythms. And our advanced life support intervention,  
4 some of which we as the fire department are doing, some of  
5 which are being done by our EMS partners. And then, we have  
6 the hospital-level cardiac care, rehabilitation, and the post-  
7 incident lifestyle changes that take place to assist that  
8 person as they -- as they recover from the incident.

9 So a little bit of the organization of the program.  
10 We actually fall under the training bureau.

11 CHIEF VENTURA: Sorry, we're having -- still having  
12 some technical difficulties. We're gonna have to go to a  
13 chief version.

14 Go ahead.

15 FIREFIGHTER STANKIS: And then we're -- we're a  
16 subset of the department's EMS program. We have four primary  
17 responsibilities. The first one will be training of our new  
18 recruits, getting them their initial American Heart  
19 Association BLS for the health care provider training and  
20 their initial high-performance CPR training. Both of these  
21 take place at different periods during the recruit class.  
22 Then we also have responsibility for our training of  
23 incumbents. We do a biannual American Heart Association CPR  
24 recertification, and then we do the annual skills of BLS and  
25 high-performance CPR skills maintenance, where we work through

1 kind of the finer appointments of resuscitation. And then we  
2 also train new instructor cadre members. We have five right  
3 now in the training pipeline at this time.

4 We also handle community training. It's a program  
5 we just had a little bit of involvement with in up at Seabury  
6 Hall. We stress hands-only CPR as well as orienting folks on  
7 the use of the AED, and we've also started to incorporate some  
8 stop-the-bleed materials, which is a program that was  
9 developed to teach lay responders how to deal with those  
10 life-threatening bleeding emergencies that if that bleeding is  
11 not stopped in a couple of minutes, that person may die from  
12 blood loss.

13 And then our cadre is also involved in the research,  
14 testing, and recommendation of new equipment and development  
15 of new skills training programs.

16 And then our accomplishments from 2021 to the  
17 present have been the use of feedback-equipped mannikin  
18 training aids that helps us refine and reinforce proper  
19 technique both for our compression and ventilation skills when  
20 we're working to resuscitate a patient.

21 Last year we trained 1160 students throughout Maui  
22 County, and this also included training 85 student instructors  
23 at Lahainaluna High School, who, during the course of this  
24 school year, will have trained all of the ninth graders at the  
25 school in hands-only CPR and AED administration. We've also

1 assisted with the training of 500 students at Seabury Hall,  
2 and that just went on last week.

3           Some of our current and ongoing projects. We are  
4 currently evaluating the Lucas 2 and the Zoll auto pulse  
5 mechanical compression devices for our potential acquisition  
6 and future fielding. You might have noticed on the news this  
7 week Kauai Fire Department got a number of these devices due  
8 to the rural nature of a number of their communities, and now  
9 all nine of their primary apparatuses have one of those  
10 devices included in their complement of gear.

11           We also are -- our community CPR program, we have  
12 programs scheduled for King Kekaulike High School, Baldwin  
13 High School, Maui High School, we're gonna continue to support  
14 the program at Lahainaluna and Seabury Hall, and then we're  
15 looking to expand the program into Kamehameha Schools Maui as  
16 well as into the schools on Molokai, Lanai, and Hana at the  
17 high school level.

18           So as far as resuscitation cases, for 2022, we had  
19 180 resuscitation or CPR cases. Of those, 17 times, we were  
20 able to successfully resuscitate the patients, which is about  
21 a 9.3 percent percentage, which puts us right on par with what  
22 the national average is. And when we talk about successful  
23 resuscitations, we don't just talk about the spontaneous  
24 return of pulse or the spontaneous return of breathing for a  
25 patient; we actually look at what happened to this patient



1 after they got to the hospital. Were they discharged, and  
2 were they able to return back to their life in a fairly  
3 undamaged condition, or were they someone who left the  
4 hospital but ended up in a long-term care facility because  
5 they were left in a vegetative state as a result of the  
6 incident that took place? So we hold ourselves to a fairly  
7 high standard.

8 In 52 percent of our CPR cases, there was no  
9 bystander CPR being done prior to the arrival of first  
10 responders, and this is a statistic that really pushes us and  
11 motivates us when we talk about our community CPR programs  
12 because that is really what's gonna save people's lives. When  
13 we think about that chain of survival that I showed you on  
14 that initial slide, without that CPR taking place at the  
15 bystander level prior to our arrival, the odds become less and  
16 less that that patient is gonna survive once we get on scene.

17 There were 180 CPR cases last year; 124 of those  
18 were males, 50 were females, six of those cases, there was no  
19 sex designated for the patient. And 79 percent of those were  
20 residents, 17 percent of those were visitors. And the graph  
21 down at the bottom gives you a run of what age groups were the  
22 ones who were -- who were encountering these cardiac issues,  
23 and we see from about 51 to about 90 years of age is really  
24 the high point of the curve on those. Those are our folks  
25 most likely to suffer from some type of a cardiac incident.

1           This next slide gives us a breakdown by station or  
2 district as to where these resuscitation cases took place.  
3 The majority of them happening in places like Wailuku and  
4 Lahaina, followed by the Kihei and Wailea corridor, as well as  
5 here in Kahului.

6           And then some of the significant challenges for us  
7 in improving our saved percentage is the lack of pre-arrival  
8 chest compressions or CPR. It only takes four to six minutes  
9 of no blood flow for profound brain damage and organ damage to  
10 begin to set in, so that's a very short window of time for  
11 someone to take action to really save that person's life, and  
12 this is why we continue to push our community CPR program.

13           Another one of our challenges is the rural nature of  
14 our districts and the extended response times. When we look  
15 at how long it takes a station like Paia to get out to a  
16 cardiac arrest incident in Haiku or for our folks out in Hana  
17 to get to someplace like Keanae, it's a long time while that  
18 person doesn't have the highest quality of care, doesn't have  
19 the type of advanced care that both us and our EMS partners  
20 are able to provide.

21           And another challenge is the overall aging  
22 population here in Maui County. We have not only our long-  
23 term residents, that boomer population that are retired and  
24 continuing to age, we have many retirees that have relocated  
25 to Maui. Kihei, in particular, has retirees from all across

1 the West Coast, including in Canada, that have taken up --  
2 that have chosen to call Maui their home in their retirement  
3 years. We also have a lot of folks, a lot of elderly folks,  
4 who are being relocated here by their family. I have several  
5 personal friends who have brought their elderly parents to  
6 Maui and put them -- and either have them at home or some of  
7 them in some kind of a care facility due to their age and  
8 their inability to take care of themselves where they have  
9 lived out most of their lives. And we continue to have the  
10 challenge of relocating homeless folks, folks with really no  
11 connection to Maui who have ended up here and have typically a  
12 long list of health problems that create challenges when we go  
13 to treat them in a cardiac incident.

14 That brings the conclusion to my presentation. I'll  
15 be here to take questions that anyone might have at this time.

16 CHAIR GINOZA: Thank you, Chris. I really  
17 appreciate it.

18 Any questions from commissioners?

19 COMMISSIONER GILLIS: I have a question.

20 CHAIR GINOZA: Yes. Yes, Gordon.

21 COMMISSIONER GILLIS: I'm just curious about the  
22 advanced life support interventions that can be provided by  
23 the fire department upon arrival. Is that the mechanical  
24 devices?

25 FIREFIGHTER STANKIS: It's a wide variety of things.

1 It becomes everything from the administration of an airway to  
2 secure the patient's airway so that the ventilations are as  
3 successful as possible and to minimize the amount of stomach  
4 contents that end up in the patient's airway. It also has  
5 increasingly been the application of drugs, specifically  
6 Narcan. The application of Narcan, even in cases where we've  
7 been doing CPR for a period of time, we have not seen any  
8 response from the patient, we've been able to administer  
9 Narcan to them and start to get a response that we weren't  
10 able to generate from our combination of chest compressions,  
11 ventilations, and the AED. So those are two of the -- two of  
12 the most regularly used advanced applications that we do here  
13 at the fire department level, plus we're able to assist our  
14 EMS partners with some of the interventions that they provide  
15 as well, some of the additional drugs as well as some of the  
16 more advanced airway devices.

17 COMMISSIONER GILLIS: Thank you very much. Thank  
18 you.

19 CHAIR GINOZA: Thank you for the question, Gordon.  
20 Any other questions from commissioners?

21 (No response.)

22 CHAIR GINOZA: All right. Seeing none, thank you  
23 very much, Chris, for the presentation.

24 The last item we have on our -- well, is there  
25 anyone wishing to testify before we get to the end from the

1 public?

2 (No response.)

3 CHAIR GINOZA: All right. Seeing none, so the last  
4 item we have is just the next meeting date. I was wondering  
5 if commissioners are available a week later than the date of  
6 March 16th on March 23rd? Would anybody have a problem if we  
7 change it to March 23rd instead?

8 COMMISSIONERS: (Shaking head.)

9 CHAIR GINOZA: Okay. The reason is I cannot make  
10 the March 16th, and it is my last meeting, so I'd like to  
11 participate. So the next meeting would be my last, and you  
12 would elect a new chair and such. So seeing that there's no  
13 objections, I will change the meeting to March 23rd for the  
14 next meeting.

15 All right, thank you. So unless anyone has any  
16 objections, I would like to adjourn today's meeting. Or does  
17 anybody have any announcement, any commissioner have any  
18 announcements or anything to bring up?

19 (No response.)

20 CHAIR GINOZA: All right. Seeing none, thank you  
21 very much for --

22 COMMISSIONER PARSONS: Excuse me.

23 CHAIR GINOZA: Oh, go ahead.

24 COMMISSIONER PARSONS: I have a question.

25 CHAIR GINOZA: Oh, Gerald. Yeah, go ahead.

1                   COMMISSIONER MATSUI: Can you -- can you be  
2 reappointed?

3                   CHAIR GINOZA: I don't think so. I think I have to  
4 wait out a year. I don't know.

5                   CHIEF VENTURA: We've had that question in the past  
6 as far as when your term expires as a commissioner, they will  
7 not allow you to stay on the same commission, but they will  
8 allow you to volunteer for another commission. You can ask  
9 Travis or Donna.

10                  COMMISSIONER MATSUI: Okay, thank you.

11                  CHAIR GINOZA: Yeah. So I'll try again, but I think  
12 I have to wait it out. But thank you.

13                  So seeing that we don't have any other questions or  
14 comments and it looks like there's no objection to adjourning,  
15 it is 11:08, and I'd like to adjourn the Fire and Public  
16 Safety Commission meeting for February 16th. Thank you,  
17 everyone, for your time, and see you next month. Take care.

18                  (The proceedings were adjourned at 11:08 a.m.)

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