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M I N U T E S
BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
Council of the County of Maui
Council Chamber
April 9, 2008

APPROVED:


Committee Chair

1 **CONVENE:** **9:08 a.m.**

2 **PRESENT:** VOTING MEMBERS:

3 Councilmember Joseph Pontanilla, Chair

4 Councilmember G. Riki Hokama, Vice-Chair

5 Councilmember Gladys C. Baisa, Member

6 Councilmember Danny A. Mateo, Member

7 Councilmember Bill Kauakea Medeiros, Member

8 Councilmember Michael J. Molina, Member

9 **EXCUSED:** Councilmember Michelle Anderson, Member

10 Councilmember Jo Anne Johnson, Member

11 Councilmember Michael P. Victorino, Member

12 **STAFF:** Lance Taguchi, Legislative Analyst

13 Michael Geers, Legislative Analyst

14 Gayle Revels, Legislative Analyst

15 Yvette Bouthillier, Committee Secretary

16 **ADMIN.:** Fred Pablo, Budget Director, Office of the

17 Mayor

18 Jeffrey Murray, Incoming Fire Chief,

19 Department of Fire and Public Safety

20 Robert Shimada, Incoming Deputy Fire Chief,

21 Department of Fire and Public Safety

22 Greg Jenkins, Fire Fighter, Department of

23 Fire and Public Safety

24 Alan Cordeiro, Assistant Chief, Department of

25 Fire and Public Safety

26 Alan Pascua, Assistant Chief, Department of

27 Fire and Public Safety

28 Jeffrey Kihune, Captain, Department of Fire

29 and Public Safety

30 Val Martin, Captain, Fire Prevention Bureau,

31 Department of Fire and Public Safety

32 Troy Stupplebeen, Fire Fighter III, Fire

33 Prevention Bureau, Department of Fire and

34 Public Safety

35 Traci Fujita Villarosa, First Deputy

36 Corporation Counsel, Department of the

37 Corporation Counsel

38 **OTHERS: Item 1:** Bud Pikrone, Vice-Chair, Fire and

39 Public Safety Commission

40 Curt Leonard, Ocean-it Program

41 Manager, Maui Economic

42 Development Board

43 Jeffrey Shaffer, Fire Battalion Chief,

44 Department of Fire and Public

45 Safety

- 1 Roger Agdeppa, Fire Fighter II,
- 2 Department of Fire and Public
- 3 Safety
- 4 Jamie Joyo, Captain, Department of
- 5 Fire and Public Safety
- 6 Frank Tam, Fire Battalion Chief,
- 7 Department of Fire and Public
- 8 Safety
- 9 Wendy Osher, Member, Fire and Public
- 10 Safety Commission
- 11 Dan Cretton, Captain, Department of
- 12 Fire and Public Safety
- 13 Cindy Kagoshima, Administration
- 14 Assistant II, Department of Fire
- 15 and Public Safety
- 16 Others (45)

PRESS: Akaku: Maui Community Television, Inc.

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11 CHAIR PONTANILLA: ...(gavel)... The Budget and Finance
12 Committee meeting is -- will come to order. This
13 morning, it's April 9, 2008, and the time is 9:08.

14 Good morning, Members; good morning, Staff;
15 good morning, Administration; and good morning
16 members of the Fire Department. Nice to see you
17 here this morning and -- and the public.

18 The Chair at this time would like to introduce
19 the Committee Members that are present this morning.
20 We do have Member Baisa, Member Medeiros, Member
21 Molina, Member Hokama; excused at this time are
22 Members Mateo, Anderson, Johnson, and Victorino.

23 Up front supporting the Committee we do have
24 our Legislative Analyst, Mike Geers, Gayle Revels,
25 as well as Lance Taguchi; and our Committee

1 Secretary, Yvette Bouthillier.

2 Here this morning representing the
3 Administration we do have our Budget Director, Fred
4 Pablo, and our First Deputy Corporation Counsel,
5 Traci Fujita Villarosa.

6 I'll introduce the people from the Fire
7 Department when we get into the review of the
8 program budget, as well as the CIP with the Fire
9 Department.

10 Members, we do have some people signed up for
11 public testimony. At this time, the Chair would
12 like to have everyone in this Chambers to turn off
13 their cell phones or put it on silent mode. Thank
14 you.

15 For those that are testifying this morning,
16 you do have three minutes to testify with one minute
17 to conclude. And if you can provide the -- your
18 name and the organization that you represent, the
19 Committee would appreciate that.

20 The first person to sign up for public
21 testimony this morning is Bud Pikrone.

22 . . . **BEGIN PUBLIC TESTIMONY.** . . .

23 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Good morning.

24 MR. PIKRONE: Good morning, Chair. Good morning, Council
25 Members. My name is Bud Pikrone. I'm here as

1 Vice-Chair of the Fire and Safety Commission.

2 I did speak to some of you last week at Kihei,
3 and I just want to reiterate what I said there. For
4 a Department such as the Fire Department to operate
5 properly, it must be properly equipped, properly
6 manned, and properly trained. And what remains in
7 this budget, these nine items, will accomplish that
8 -- help accomplish that.

9 I also mention some of the examples I gave
10 that we felt were important as a Commission. For a
11 number of years, the Department has been looking at
12 additional BCs, Battalion Commanders -- or Battalion
13 Chiefs. This is something that's going to help the
14 Department work efficiently and safely now and also
15 keep it that way for the future.

16 It is a dangerous situation that exists today
17 when you have a Battalion Chief having to handle all
18 the different commands and stations in this
19 Department at one time. It's way beyond the ideal
20 situation. I think it's about three times what the
21 ideal is.

22 And by doing this, by adding the additional
23 BCs, it will bring it closer to that ideal and make
24 it much safer for the men and women out there and
25 make it a much more efficient Department for now and

1 in the future, and we do like to plan for the
2 future.

3 We also had the medical, the new Medical
4 Commander for the Department, and -- and this person
5 would again help prepare this Department for the
6 future.

7 The Department, as we all know, it -- it
8 spends a lot of time answering medical calls,
9 emergency medical calls, and it's important for this
10 Department to get properly trained -- prepared and
11 trained for the future to handle these medical
12 calls.

13 We know all of -- all of our issues here on
14 Maui with hospitals and -- and medical care. This
15 is a step in that direction to help with that.
16 And -- and, again, it's preparing the Department for
17 the future.

18 We also had an issue with the Department
19 asking to have some medical treatment for the -- the
20 members themselves to keep them healthy, make sure
21 they're healthy. They had asked for half of the
22 Department to be tested. It was cut to what amounts
23 to a quarter of the Department.

24 We feel that this is extremely important for
25 the Department to get this program started to test

1 some of these men and women who are out there in
2 these stressful positions on a daily basis to make
3 sure that they are at their best performance level.

4 So we believe that this budget that you have
5 before you is extremely important, the nine items --

6 MR. TAGUCHI: Three minutes.

7 MR. PIKRONE: -- and we hope that you -- we urge you, as a
8 Commission, to pass it as is. Thank you.

9 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, questions for the
10 testifier? Member Baisa, followed by Member
11 Medeiros.

12 COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Thank you, Mr. Pikrone, for coming
13 this morning. It's always very nice to have the
14 Members of the Commissions come and testify on
15 behalf of the Department. It means a lot. It shows
16 your commitment to participating and helping the
17 Department, vis-a-vis, helping all of us so thank
18 you very much.

19 Just one question. On the medical treatment
20 or -- or test that we're talking about, those are in
21 addition to normal requirements? Are -- are the
22 firemen required to have annual physical?

23 MR. PIKRONE: I believe they are required to have annual
24 physicals, and this is additional to that. This is
25 to have -- I'm sure the Department heads can give

1 you a little more detail, but this is to make sure
2 that their stress levels, their hearts are -- are at
3 their best performance.

4 COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Well, thank you again very much, and
5 I'll -- I'll discuss it with the Department more in
6 depth later.

7 But thank you very much for coming, and we
8 certainly appreciate the Fire and Safety Department.
9 You know, they're -- it's really nice to know that
10 when we're asleep at night, that somebody's on the
11 job. Thank you.

12 MR. PIKRONE: (Inaudible). Thank you.

13 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Baisa. Member
14 Medeiros?

15 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Mahalo, Mr. Chairman. And -- and
16 thank you for your presence and your testimony this
17 morning. I wanted to -- if you could expound on the
18 Medical Commander. Is that in this Fiscal '09
19 budget?

20 MR. PIKRONE: I believe that is. It's a medical -- I may
21 have gotten the term incorrect. I didn't bring my
22 paperwork with me this morning, but I might ask one
23 of the Assistant Chiefs to explain that one.

24 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. We'll do that when we
25 question the Department.

1 The other thing is I just wanted to find out
2 as a Commissioner on the Fire and Safety Commission,
3 do you have any background in fire service --

4 MR. PIKRONE: No, I don't.

5 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: -- experience? None?

6 MR. PIKRONE: No. Not at all.

7 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. And -- yeah, I think most
8 of our questions we can ask the Department, but
9 thank you for your testimony this morning.

10 MR. PIKRONE: Okay. You're welcome.

11 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, any more questions
12 for the testifier this morning? Seeing none, thank
13 you very much. Curt Leonard?

14 MR. LEONARD: Good morning, County Council Members and the
15 Chair. Thank you for this opportunity to testify
16 this morning.

17 My name is Curt Leonard. I'm a Program
18 Manager with Oceanit in the Tech Park. I'm here
19 this morning on behalf of the Maui Economic
20 Development Board.

21 There's a number of activities that I'd -- I'd
22 like to share that -- collaborations that Oceanit
23 has with the MEDB that really have promoted the
24 growth of our company.

25 The first and most important are some of the

1 efforts in terms of our -- our recruiting needs.
2 Oceanit has the -- the good fortune of -- of growing
3 significantly. We're 40-plus strong here on Maui,
4 and we have currently 15 positions open and working
5 on a large proposal that may actually at the end of
6 the year may be looking for quite a few more people.

7 There are a number of programs the MEDB has in
8 place to help us with our workforce development
9 efforts. The first is the -- sort of their flagship
10 of recruiting is the Kamaaina Come Home Program.

11 In addition to the Kamaaina Come Home, we have
12 the Apprenticeship Program which we've -- we've
13 actually hired people through that. There's the --
14 the Annual Holiday Job Fair that -- that takes place
15 around the holidays every year, and -- and the last
16 one is the Akamai Internship Program.

17 And over the course of the past several years,
18 we've actually hired eight -- eight people through
19 these Programs. It's been really -- really
20 important.

21 One of the things that the tech companies
22 face, and this is not unique to Oceanit, is that --
23 retaining employees. Because trying to find
24 qualified employees locally can be very difficult,
25 sometimes we have to solicit outside.

1 I heard a statistic recently that -- that
2 people that we hire from the mainland only stay with
3 tech companies less than two years. So you can see
4 how important it is.

5 It's always been Oceanit's philosophy to
6 always look first and foremost locally, and we want
7 to do that. But when we can't meet our needs
8 locally, we have to look elsewhere. So these --
9 these Programs are really important to retain local
10 people so that we can, you know, keep our business
11 going strong.

12 The second thing I wanted to share is
13 something that doesn't get a lot of publicity with
14 the MEDB, but it's -- it's very important for, in
15 particular, the tech communities and -- and that is
16 that there's a lot of networking that goes on
17 through a variety of programs.

18 The -- the MEDB facilitates a meeting called
19 the Federal Network Meeting in which we get a lot of
20 the -- the -- the key players in the tech industry
21 together. We talk about challenges that we have
22 such as recruiting, we talk about collaborations,
23 things of that nature, we get exposures, so on and
24 so forth, and this is an important part of -- of --
25 of the growth of the tech -- of the tech community.

1 Another -- another meeting that takes place --
2 or a networking meeting is the Tech Ohana Meeting,
3 and that's more open to the general public but also
4 does very similar activities.

5 And the third thing that the MEDB is working
6 on recently is exploring the possibility of -- of --
7 of growing the Tech Park in a manner that aligns
8 with Focus Maui Nui visions so --

9 MR. TAGUCHI: Three minutes.

10 MR. LEONARD: Thank you. So all those things are -- are
11 important in terms of expanding business
12 opportunities.

13 And the last thing I want to touch upon is
14 through the education community, the MEDB Education
15 Community, we have the -- the Ke Alahele Education
16 Fund.

17 Over the past two years, we have raised over
18 \$300,000, and these moneys go to promote career
19 paths for Maui County residents in science,
20 technology, engineering, and math.

21 We've reached out to a dozen different
22 organizations throughout Maui County, we've also
23 been able to go to Molokai and -- and award some
24 grants there, and all these things promote some of
25 the -- the growth of the local technology company.

1 So in closing, I just wanted to say that the
2 work that the MEDB is doing is real important not
3 only to Oceanit but to other technology companies,
4 and it's really working. You know, we have -- we
5 have numbers that support that so I ask that you
6 give them full consideration for their financial
7 requirements.

8 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, questions for the
9 testifier? Member Molina, followed by Member
10 Medeiros.

11 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Good
12 morning, sir, and thank you for your testimony with
13 regards to your business and the support you get
14 from MEDB.

15 You mentioned all of these positions that will
16 be opening up. Can you share with us what types of
17 educational backgrounds applicants will need? May
18 need a master's degree and I presume something along
19 the lines of the math and sciences
20 (inaudible) anything else?

21 MR. LEONARD: Sure. Absolutely. No, I'd be glad to.
22 The -- the nice thing about the positions we have
23 opening is a lot of these positions are going to be
24 at the -- at the -- at the -- at the tech level
25 or -- and that the MCC ECET Program provides some

1 wonderful students. We've actually hired five of
2 the -- five of their students.

3 And 4 of these 15 positions I referred to
4 we're going to be -- I've already -- I'm already
5 working with my MCC contacts trying to identify
6 students that would be candidates for this.

7 But beyond that, there are a lot of -- it's
8 very specific technology. What Oceanit does is
9 develop R&D in optics, optical sciences, and so we
10 need people with physics backgrounds, typically
11 Ph.D.s. We need electrical engineers, we can get
12 that -- those from UH. We need other scientists,
13 astronomers, we can get that from UH Hilo, things of
14 that nature. Have I missed -- and computer science.
15 It's very important that we get computer science
16 candidates.

17 So the bulk -- the majority of the positions
18 open we can try and hire locally, but obviously to
19 get someone a Ph.D. in physics you have to look
20 beyond Hawaii.

21 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Well, thank -- thank you for
22 that, you know, assessment. And I think it's
23 important that companies like yours provide
24 opportunities for our younger generations to stay
25 here and have a job that pays a real good wage.

1 Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

2 MR. LEONARD: You're very welcome.

3 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Molina. Member
4 Medeiros?

5 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Mahalo, Mr. Chairman. Thank you
6 also for your presence here this morning and your
7 testimony.

8 I just wanted to ask you that -- your push to
9 get local employees and technicians to work down
10 there is an admirable one, but I wanted to ask you,
11 you say that when you get employees that are from
12 the mainland --

13 MR. LEONARD: Uh-huh.

14 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: -- and they stay about two years
15 and leave, we see that in other -- other industries,
16 too, such as nursing and doctors and teachers.

17 What are the reasons they leave in the
18 high-tech industry?

19 MR. LEONARD: Unfortunately, it's -- it's something that we
20 all share as -- as residents of Hawaii. We -- we
21 don't pay as well as the mainland, that's certainly
22 a large part of it.

23 I think people without strong Hawaii ties
24 don't understand the commitment that's necessary
25 to -- to live in the islands. I -- I think it's a

1 combination of those two things primarily.

2 With -- you know, with -- with the people
3 we -- we nurture from the schools, bring 'em through
4 MCC, UH, and bring 'em in, obviously there's a lot
5 more stability. Did I -- did I answer your
6 question?

7 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Yeah, I -- I -- I think you did.

8 You -- you covered the --

9 MR. LEONARD: Okay.

10 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: -- two most important reasons, I
11 guess, that it's hard to retain people from the
12 mainland. But thank you for your testimony this
13 morning. Mahalo, Mr. Chairman.

14 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Medeiros. I think we
15 had that situation yesterday regarding the Planning
16 Department.

17 COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Yeah.

18 CHAIR PONTANILLA: It's higher pay and better benefits and
19 accounting. So thank you very much for your
20 testimony this morning.

21 MR. LEONARD: Okay. You're welcome.

22 CHAIR PONTANILLA: The next testifier is Battalion Chief
23 Jeff Shaffer.

24 MR. SHAFFER: Good morning, Chair Pontanilla, and Members
25 of the Budget and Finance Committee. I am Jeff

1 Shaffer, and I have held the position of Battalion
2 Chief for the Maui Department -- in the Maui Fire
3 Department for the past two years.

4 I would like to ask for your support in
5 approving the three long overdue Battalion Chief
6 expansion positions.

7 The existing Battalion Chief positions were
8 created on September 1st, 1988. At that time, our
9 Department consisted of nine companies with 139
10 fire-fighting personnel housed in seven stations.

11 We have more than doubled in size since then
12 with 18 companies, 276 fire-fighting personnel
13 housed in 14 stations. This does not include the
14 planned Haiku Station.

15 The need for these positions was recognized in
16 the year 2000 by former Chief Clayton Ishikawa.
17 Having 18 companies and one Battalion Chief creates
18 an 18 to 1 supervisor to subordinate ratio for the
19 Battalion Chief.

20 This not only has its challenges that these
21 numbers reflect, but does not take into account the
22 logistic nightmare of supervising companies on three
23 islands that our Department is responsible to
24 protect, along with the remote stations on Lanai and
25 in Hana. Because of this, there is a serious lack

1 of attention that is given to the individual
2 companies and company officers.

3 According to the Battalion Chief's job
4 description, the Battalion Chief is responsible for
5 coordinating the daily fire-fighting force, planning
6 and directing fire and rescue operations, responding
7 to all multiple alarm incidents, reviewing the
8 performance of fire fighting -- of the fire-fighting
9 force, equipment, and facilities, ensuring
10 operational readiness, reviewing activity and
11 incident reports, holding meetings with company
12 commanders, attending staff meetings, responsible
13 for the determination of fire cause, reviewing and
14 granting leaves, maintaining records of our
15 apparatus in service and out of service, maintaining
16 a complete record of all apparatus and equipment on
17 a -- on a department inventory list, and to be
18 on-call at the discretion of the fire -- Fire Chief
19 as the needs of the Department may require, among
20 other responsibilities stated in the job
21 description, and importantly, to ensure training.

22 Along with these day-to-day duties, our State
23 is more susceptible to disasters than any other
24 state in the nation, whether they are natural or
25 manmade. The question is not if but when.

1 Do we think situations like the bombing in
2 Oklahoma City, the act of terrorism at the World
3 Trade Center, the hurricane at New Orleans, the
4 earthquake in Mexico City, or the tidal wave that
5 devastated Indonesia could not occur here?

6 Considering this, the importance of more
7 upper -- upper-level management positions is
8 essential. Molokai, Lahaina, and Kihei would be cut
9 off from the rest of the County, as well as other
10 communities.

11 MR. TAGUCHI: Three minutes.

12 MR. SHAFFER: Although one more Battalion Chief on shift
13 would not solve the management operational
14 challenges that these situations would present, but
15 it would break -- greatly increase the effectiveness
16 of an already overwhelmed emergency response agency.

17 These examples, whether it is day-to-day
18 operations or an incident of disastrous proportions,
19 are unable to predict but have to be addressed.

20 We are attempting not to react as an
21 organization structure to these situations but be
22 proactive. If we fail to prepare, we prepare to
23 fail.

24 The budget is the most significant factor that
25 drives our Department. Thus, by approval of -- or

1 denial of requested budget items, we determine the
2 risk that we, as County Administrations, are willing
3 to accept for our Community.

4 We have to ask ourselves are we prepared for
5 effective daily operations, a major incident, mass
6 casualty, or a disaster, or do we just keep crossing
7 our fingers. Thank you.

8 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, questions for the
9 Battalion Chief at this time? Member Medeiros?

10 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Mahalo, Mr. Chairman. And -- and
11 thank you, Battalion Chief, for your testimony.
12 So -- so you're the only Battalion Chief right now
13 in the -- in the Fire Department?

14 MR. SHAFFER: Negative. We have three Battalion Chiefs.
15 One is on duty every day.

16 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. And the Department -- and
17 I'm sure we can ask the Department later, but is
18 asking for three expansion Battalion Chief
19 positions?

20 MR. SHAFFER: Yes, sir.

21 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. So how does the Battalion
22 Chiefs cover operations on Molokai, Lanai, and Hana?

23 MR. SHAFFER: The best we can, sir.

24 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: And how's that, by radio, by
25 phone, by presence?

1 MR. SHAFFER: For the most part, it's done by radio and
2 phone; and our presence, occasionally we -- we can
3 make it over to -- to those islands, but not on a
4 regular enough basis.

5 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. Thank you for your
6 testimony. I think I'll direct the other questions
7 to the Department. Mahalo, Mr. Chairman.

8 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, more questions for
9 the Battalion Chief at this time? Seeing none,
10 thank you very much for your testimony.

11 MR. SHAFFER: Thank you.

12 CHAIR PONTANILLA: The next testifier is Roger Agdeppa.

13 MR. AGDEPPA: Good morning, everyone. My name is Roger
14 Agdeppa. I've been in the Fire Department for
15 15 years. My present position is Rescue Fire
16 Fighter III. I'm also an instructor for our HazMat
17 discipline, and I have been assigned to be the
18 Program Director for our Rapid Intervention Team
19 Training.

20 I am here on behalf of our rapid -- on behalf
21 of our Rapid Intervention Team Training Funds. In
22 my 15 years in the Department, we have seen steady
23 population growth, we have also seen, in relation to
24 growth because of the economy and high cost of
25 living, a one-family home becoming two- or

1 three-family homes and that produces a hazard for
2 us.

3 We also have seen turn-and-burn subdivisions
4 with less quality building materials and that causes
5 a collapse hazard for us fire fighters, also big-box
6 stores, crowded roads which may lead to slower
7 response time, and also natural disasters, the
8 earthquake being a year or two ago.

9 We need this Rapid Intervention Training to
10 take care of the fire fighters that take care of the
11 Community. That's why we ask for the funds to get
12 this training started.

13 Case studies. Because of line-of-duty deaths
14 or line-of-duty injuries, we're forced to having a
15 Rapid Intervention Team and Training. This training
16 will comply with OSHA Standards 29 CFR 1910134 and
17 NFPA 1500, Standard on Fire Department Occupational
18 Safety and Health. We ask for your support for this
19 training.

20 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, questions for the
21 testifier?

22 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Question.

23 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Member Hokama?

24 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Fire Fighter, thank you for your
25 comments this morning. You mentioned concern about

1 construction material as a -- one of the
2 justifications for your -- your request.

3 So if it's true, what you're telling us this
4 morning, why is your Department signing off on
5 building permits that allow this use of questionable
6 construction material?

7 MR. AGDEPPA: It was -- it was studied -- case studies show
8 that some of the line-duty deaths not on Maui but
9 nationwide have been related to building
10 construction.

11 And for us, when we observe building
12 construction, it would be the weaker truss systems
13 in this turn-and-burn subdivisions.

14 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: So has your Department notified Public
15 Works and DSA to possibly adjust the building Codes
16 to ensure proper building materials --

17 MR. AGDEPPA: I can't --

18 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: -- to reduce the -- the fallout that
19 your Department faces in response to calls?

20 MR. AGDEPPA: I can't answer that. Maybe Captain Val
21 Martin may be able to answer that.

22 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Thank you, Fire Fighter.

23 MR. AGDEPPA: You're welcome.

24 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, more questions for
25 the testifier this morning? Seeing none, thank you

1 very much for your testimony.

2 MR. AGDEPPA: Thank you.

3 CHAIR PONTANILLA: The next testifier also is from the Fire
4 Department, Jamie Joyo.

5 MR. JOYO: Good morning, everyone. Thanks for letting me
6 be here today and -- and -- and talking to you
7 folks.

8 I'm here to ask for your support for the
9 Wildland Program. The Wildland Program was started
10 approximately five years ago. Chief, at that time,
11 Kaupalolo found the need for it.

12 I post up -- pulled up some stats from 2000 to
13 2007. And out of all of our fire calls, which are
14 about 5,000 calls are related to fire, 2,000 of them
15 was related to wild fires.

16 Our Department is typically a structural --
17 structural fire department. Our apparatuses are
18 developed around putting out structure fires.
19 They're made to stay on the road. Our equipment is
20 made to put out structural fires, car accidents,
21 that sort of thing.

22 And given -- seeing that the data here says
23 that we have 2,000 fires, and we've been putting
24 people actually in places where we could have used
25 better equipment and they could be more effective at

1 putting out the fires and mitigating these things,
2 that's why we're asking for this.

3 And not only for equipment but also training.
4 We come into the Department and we train for
5 structural fires and all these other different
6 aspects, but wildland fire is a different animal.

7 I mean, you're out there, you don't have the
8 same equipment, you don't have the water supply.
9 You're not hooked up to a hydrant. Tactics are
10 different, strategies are different; and, therefore,
11 training is different as well. And that's why I'm
12 here today to ask you for your support.

13 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, any questions for
14 the testifier this morning? Seeing none, thank you
15 very much.

16 Members, Captain Joyo was the last person to
17 testify prior to the meeting. Is there anyone out
18 there that want to provide public testimony at this
19 time?

20 Come down, sir. If you could provide your
21 testimony and then later on sign up with the
22 Committee Secretary.

23 MR. TAM: I will.

24 CHAIR PONTANILLA: And identify yourself. Thank you.

25 MR. TAM: Thanks. Good morning. Sorry I'm late. I'm on

1 duty right now, and we had a fire call.

2 Frank Tam, Battalion Chief. I've been a
3 Battalion Chief with the Fire Department for four
4 years now. I'm here to ask for your support in our
5 three expansion positions.

6 I pulled up some stats. Back in 2000 when we
7 first asked for the three BCs, our total call volume
8 was 3,437 calls. Last year, we more than doubled
9 that. And this year, we're on our way to having
10 4,000 more calls than we had back in 2000.

11 Back in 2000, it was identified that we needed
12 these positions based on the call volume, the
13 resources that we had, and the -- the projection.
14 The projections turned out to be correct. If we
15 project forward now, we can only see an increase.

16 I think we've all seen the way Maui has
17 changed. You know, Dairy Road has gone from two
18 lanes to four; Mokulele Highway, two lanes to four;
19 Haleakala Highway, two -- two lanes to four. The
20 growth is there.

21 I'd like to compare our positions to those of
22 the Police Captains. You know, we both -- the
23 Police Captains and the Battalion Chief, we hold the
24 same type of supervisory responsibilities.

25 The Police have identified, and they've held

1 for a long time, Police Captains on Molokai in
2 Patrol, they have a Captain in Lahaina in Patrol,
3 they have a Captain in Central in Patrol; and for
4 the past maybe five or six years, they've had a
5 Captain in Kihei. I think they have a total of nine
6 Captains in the Police Department.

7 One Patrol Captain is equivalent to our three
8 Battalion Chiefs that we have on duty now. So do we
9 need three more Battalion Chiefs in order to provide
10 adequate protection for our men and for the people
11 of Maui? The answer would be no. We actually would
12 need more, but we're only requesting three so that
13 we can effectively -- or more effectively manage
14 what we have.

15 That's about all I have to say. I thank you
16 for your time, and I -- again, I ask for your
17 support.

18 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, questions for the
19 Battalion Chief at this time? Seeing none, thank
20 you very much for being here.

21 Again, the Chair would like to ask anyone in
22 the audience that want to provide public testimony
23 at this time if you could come up.

24 Again, please identify yourself and then once
25 you provide public testimony, you can sign up with

1 our Secretary here in the front.

2 MS. OSHER: Hi, I'm Wendy Osher. Many of you may know me
3 from my full-time capacity and -- at the radio
4 station, but I'm also a member of the Fire and
5 Public Safety Commission, and I'm speaking in that
6 capacity today.

7 I wanted to reiterate the sentiment that
8 Vice-Chair Pikrone had stated earlier with the
9 expansion positions of the BCs and also the
10 sentiment of the members that showed up today. It's
11 good to see so many blue shirts in the audience and
12 white shirts.

13 On the note of the Battalion Chiefs, it's
14 especially important because they service that
15 liaison role between the members online and the
16 management. So with just the amount that we have
17 currently operating, they've been asking for these B
18 -- BC positions for a really long time and hope that
19 it comes through this time around.

20 Also, it hasn't been mentioned about the --
21 the -- the Paia truck. There is a request for a
22 truck over on the Paia side. I wanted to express
23 the importance of that because the Paia Station is
24 in a prime location. There isn't really anything
25 between there and Hana, and it's really between

1 those stations to respond to incidents. So if we
2 could equip the Paia Station with the equipment that
3 it needs to respond to those incidents, that we --
4 would be to the benefit of the Community.

5 Also, Vice-Chair Pikrone had stated about
6 the -- the medical personnel or training that's
7 needed. There is a request for an Echo Stress Test,
8 and that's really important to keep our fire
9 fighters prepared.

10 I mean, they have one of the highest stress
11 jobs in the nation, and it -- their hearts and
12 bodies need to be prepared for the incidents that
13 they respond to. And that's all I have.

14 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, any questions for
15 the testifier? Member Baisa?

16 COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Thank you for being here, Ms. Osher.
17 We really appreciate your taking time to come again
18 as a Commissioner. It's very nice to see you, you
19 know, backing up your Department.

20 I wanted to reassure you not to worry about
21 the Paia fire truck and the Mini Pumper. We heard a
22 lot about it last night at the Paia Budget Hearing,
23 and we got the full details, and we all know that
24 it's a very old bunch of equipment, and we need to
25 try to figure out how to deal with it. So the guys

1 did a great job last night. Thank you very much.

2 MS. OSHER: Thank you so much and also, if there's -- I'd
3 like to meet with you guys individually if there's
4 any questions as well afterwards if you still have
5 any remaining concerns or inquiries.

6 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, more questions?
7 Thank you very much for your testimony.

8 MS. OSHER: Thank you.

9 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Anyone else that want to provide public
10 testimony at this time, please identify yourself,
11 provide your testimony, and then sign up with the
12 Secretary. Yeah.

13 MR. CRETTON: Hi. My name is Dan Cretton. I'm a Captain
14 with the Maui County Fire Department. I am
15 presently in a position that is going to -- we're in
16 a reorganization. I'm under Chief Pascua in -- in
17 Administrative Services.

18 The position I now hold will -- is in the
19 process of being changed to the Health and Wellness
20 Safety Officer, Safety and Health and Wellness
21 Officer, and I wanted to speak on the moneys that
22 we've asked for, for the -- Wendy mentioned, the
23 echocardiogram.

24 That's part of a Wellness Fitness Program that
25 is a -- actually, a national wellness fitness

1 initiative. It started about a little over a decade
2 ago with a -- an association between the fire
3 fighter -- IAFF, International Association of Fire
4 Fighters, and International Association of Fire
5 Chiefs.

6 There were ten -- initially ten departments
7 that started that, most of them larger -- LA,
8 Calgary, Indianapolis. They've been tracking the
9 results of -- of the -- since implementing these
10 plans, and I have piles of data on the effectiveness
11 of every dollar spent in these kind of programs,
12 these wellness fitness programs has a return on --
13 on our investment of anywhere from 2 to \$10.

14 Why? There are basically two arms to this
15 Program. One is the pure fitness trainers that we
16 have already initiated through a grant. We have
17 about 17 of our fire fighters trained, and they'll
18 begin going out and starting the initial assessments
19 to get this Program rolling.

20 In the process of those initial assessments,
21 if they find risk factors that --in their assessment
22 that they would feel that it might be prudent for
23 this fire fighter or -- to see their family doctor,
24 and that family doctor -- well, just a slight off,
25 but 50 percent of the line-of-duty deaths in the

1 Fire Department are heart related. Cardiac
2 problems.

3 So if in these things we find some risk
4 factors that might relate to cardiac problems, they
5 would go to their family doctor. This -- this --
6 these funds would be used then if the -- if the
7 doctor recommended further testing, either an
8 angiogram, echocardiogram, stress cardiogram --
9 actually, the least expensive of any of these, I
10 didn't put all this in the information, but would be
11 a stress EKG.

12 But whatever it is that the doctor felt was
13 required, that's what these funds would be used for,
14 hopefully to catch these things before we have --
15 thank you, God, so far we do not have anybody to
16 fall into that category of the 50 percent of the
17 line-of-duty deaths having to do with heart attacks,
18 and we'd like to keep it that way.

19 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you.

20 MR. CRETTON: Done. Pau.

21 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Members, questions for the testifier
22 this morning? Seeing none, thank you very much for
23 testifying.

24 Okay. Last chance. Anyone out there that
25 want to provide public testimony at this time?

1 Seeing none coming forward, the Chair, without your
2 objections, would like to close public testimony.

3 COUNCIL MEMBERS: No objections.

4 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you very much.

5 . . .END OF PUBLIC TESTIMONY. . .

6 **ITEM NO. 1: FY 2009 BUDGET (C.C. Nos. 08-55 and 08-56)**

7 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Good morning again, Members. First of
8 all, you know, I -- I'd like to thank each -- each
9 of you that went to the public hearing at the Paia
10 Community Center.

11 And as Member Baisa had stated, you know, we
12 did have some personnel from the Fire Department
13 providing excellent testimony in regards to the
14 requirements that they are asking for from this
15 Committee.

16 This morning here with us is the Department of
17 Fire and Safety Personnel. We do have -- I don't
18 know if I'm correct, but our incoming Chief, Jeff
19 Murray. Congratulations and welcome to the
20 Chambers.

21 Also, we do have Battalion Chiefs Alan
22 Cordeiro, as well as Assistant Chief Alan Pascua
23 here with us to provide us the answers in regards to
24 our questions that we asked this morning.

25 Members, if you can turn to page 4 of your

1 proposed Bill and pages 9-1 to 9-16 on the Program
2 Budget; and on the Details Budget, pages 7-1 to
3 7-40.

4 Before I call on the Department, I'd like to
5 call on the -- Director Pablo, if you can provide us
6 with an overview of the Department's budget request.

7 MR. PABLO: Thank you, Chair Pontanilla, good -- and good
8 morning, Council Members. We've gone through about
9 half of the governmental units in the County of Maui
10 over the past two weeks.

11 And I think one thing that you may have
12 noticed with each of the Department's budget,
13 it's -- it's a pretty lean budget, pretty much a
14 flat budget.

15 And when we did the Maui County Department of
16 Fire and Public Safety, one thing we -- we try to
17 remember that at one time, this Department was just
18 Department of Fire Control. Now it's called
19 Department of Fire and Public Safety. Excuse me.

20 Their budget is a very tight one. If you go
21 through your handout, which the Budget Office
22 prepared, it's a five-page handout. And on page 1
23 of 5 is the Overview of the Program Budget for the
24 Fire and Public Safety.

25 This Department is paid out of the General

1 Fund. There's four programs, an
2 Administration/Maintenance Program, a Training
3 Program, Fire/Rescue Operations Program, and a Fire
4 Prevention Program.

5 When you compare the 2009 budget request of
6 this Administration versus last year's budget of
7 2008, you'll see that it's a 1.3 million increase.
8 And by going through the change amounts, you'll see
9 that the bulk of that increase is for the
10 Fire/Rescue Operations Program.

11 On the same page, you'll see what constitutes
12 that change. And, essentially, the -- it's for the
13 three Battalion Chiefs, which Chief Cordeiro will
14 explain when we get to Fire/Rescue Operations
15 Program, and a major item is the Fire/Rescue
16 Operations Program Equipment for 1.3 million.

17 So just by looking at this, you can see that
18 the increase for the Fire/Rescue Operations Program
19 is 1.1 million; Equipment already covers 1.3
20 million. So quite a bit of their Operations Program
21 had to be lean and focused. Their overall increase
22 for the year is 5.1 percent versus '08, which is
23 quite reasonable.

24 When you go to page 2, there's
25 Administration/Maintenance Program. Again, this

1 will be covered by Assistant Chief Pascua. There's
2 Salaries and Wages for 13 employees, the Operations
3 cost went up 129,000, and these are plus and minus
4 items which are shown below. And the net increase
5 for the year for this Program is a minus \$233,
6 zero percent.

7 On page 3 is the Training Program. And,
8 again, looking at this budget for the Training
9 Program, it's a very lean program. The Salaries and
10 Wages, increase of 57,000. This is for nine
11 employees.

12 Operations cost was an increase for 113,800,
13 and it's made up of two items, the 24,800 -- and I
14 must apologize. When this was -- went to print,
15 there was a mistake. This is not Repairs and
16 Maintenance, as is shown there. This is for the
17 medical care that was spoken about earlier. And,
18 again, Assistant Chief Pascua will be able to answer
19 your questions on that.

20 Then there's Training and Hazard Materials
21 Fees of 89,000 for Fiscal Year '09. The largest
22 Program under the Department of Fire and Public
23 Safety is on page 4, and this is the Fire/Rescue
24 Operations Program, which Chief Cordeiro will be
25 covering.

1 A major increase is the Salaries and Wages of
2 1.2 million. This is a requirement under the
3 Collective Bargaining Agreement which was concluded
4 last year, and this covers 276 of our fire fighters
5 out there in the Fire/Rescue Operations Program.

6 This -- this Program is requesting three
7 Battalion Chiefs, and Chief Cordeiro will explain
8 the -- the needs for -- for these three positions.
9 We also have Equipment at the bottom of the page,
10 mainly what you had heard earlier for the Paia Fire
11 Station, a 1 point -- a 1,500-gallons-per-minute
12 Pumper and a 250-gallons-per-minute Mini Pumper.

13 Then the last Program is the Fire and
14 Prevention Program, which you'll find on page 5.
15 Again, looking at it, there's not much to explain.
16 The only increase we show there is for Salary and
17 Wages for a Program that has ten employees.

18 That's all that I -- we have right now, Chair,
19 for the overview. Chief Cordeiro and Assistant
20 Chief Pascua are available to answer any questions.
21 Thank you.

22 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Before I call on both
23 Assistant Chiefs, I -- I'd like to give this
24 opportunity for the incoming Chief to make some
25 statements at this time. I don't know how to

1 address you, Captain or incoming Chief.

2 MR. MURRAY: Jeff will be fine.

3 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Okay. Jeff, go ahead.

4 MR. MURRAY: Good morning, everyone. Thank you for the
5 opportunity for allowing me to have this
6 transitional period with our Assistant Chiefs in
7 coming.

8 As you know, my appointment date takes place
9 April 15th, next week Tuesday, so we're working very
10 diligently and -- on trying to work through this
11 budget, and it's a learning process for me, my
12 Deputy, and the Staff.

13 And I hope to bring with this Administration
14 honesty and integrity to this process and hopefully,
15 we have open lines of communications. And thank you
16 for this time. Thank you.

17 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Chief. Okay. And --

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah.

19 CHAIR PONTANILLA: At this time, the Chair would like to
20 recognize both Assistant Chiefs Cordeiro, as well as
21 Pascua, to provide us -- and -- and we'll go by
22 Programs.

23 So as far as the review, we'll take up the
24 Administration and Maintenance Program first.
25 Members, on your Program, page 9-3; and your Detail,

1 pages 7-3 and beyond.

2 Chiefs, if you could provide some opening
3 comments in regards to your Programs.

4 MR. PASCUA: Good morning, Chair Pontanilla -- thank you --
5 Council Chair Hokama, Council Members Molina,
6 Medeiros, and Baisa. Good morning to you all.

7 The Administration/Maintenance Program, as you
8 know, involves all Administrative staff, Support
9 Services, and the Maintenance Program concerning our
10 fire mechanics and our fire garage, our shop.

11 The Department stands unified in appreciating
12 the dire economic stability of not only our State,
13 but the entire nation. We understand that due to
14 this situation, every Department -- as Budget
15 Director Pablo has stated, every Department has to
16 bear with -- with the cuts that are made in our
17 budget request.

18 Again, we're going \$233 less than we did last
19 year. Very small cut overall. But in comparison to
20 the -- our economy and the rising prices of fuel,
21 labor, commercial products, you know, we -- we know
22 and we understand and appreciate that we need to do
23 the best we can to be economical in our Department.

24 Under the Administration Fire Control, you see
25 some -- some pretty devastating cuts in Repairs and

1 Maintenance Supplies, Professional Services, Repair
2 and Maintenance, Services and Contracts.

3 Respectively, they're 50 percent,
4 22.5 percent, and 27.9 percent cuts. Under those
5 Services and Repair and Maintenance, we will do our
6 best to diligently be prudent in our spending and
7 maintain what we can with the moneys that were
8 provided for us.

9 The water increase, of course utility
10 increases are -- are to be expected. And when we
11 get down to the next line item in your Budget
12 Details on page 7-5, Miscellaneous -- Miscellaneous
13 Other Costs, we see a gigantic cut there.

14 And the explanation for that cut of \$151,100
15 down to \$5,000, which indicates a change of
16 \$146,100, is that last year, this body was gracious
17 enough -- and we thank you for allowing us the
18 opportunity in -- with those appropriated funds to
19 research better and more spacious resources for
20 rental space, warehouse space, Fire Prevention
21 Bureau offices.

22 During the course of this fiscal year, an
23 extensive research was done by both former Deputy
24 Chief Neal Bal and FCO Mike DeCosta. Several
25 options became way too expensive for this

1 appropriated moneys for us to afford. We decided
2 not to go that route.

3 Instead, we decided to do further
4 investigation, and we now have a property on the
5 corner of Alamaha and Papa, the old Monarch Building
6 Supplies to the rear of FedEx right now.

7 We're looking at that piece of property to
8 procure as a rental, and that would be reflected in
9 page 7-5, Subobject Code 6235. The increase of
10 \$250,000 from 120, that would be reflected right
11 there.

12 We're hoping that those funds -- we're --
13 we're pretty sure that those funds will be adequate
14 to carry us through the Fiscal Year '09 for that new
15 piece of property for Rentals.

16 If I may, I would like to tell you what we
17 have available right now at 780 Alua that we're
18 paying -- that we're -- we're expending that
19 \$120,000 with.

20 We are paying a monthly rent at 780 -- 780
21 Alua of 13,230 -- 35 dollars and 20 cents. The
22 overall square footage of that warehouse and office
23 space is 8,360 square feet.

24 The new space we're planning to lease, and
25 hopefully the deal goes through early -- soon after

1 the fiscal year starts, at 400 Hana Highway, the
2 total monthly rent there is \$29,516.26. This is
3 including the CAM, the Common Area Maintenance.

4 And as -- as we all know that CAM is -- is
5 just a projection. It varies sometimes from month
6 to month. However, that warehouse and office space
7 for Fire Prevention Bureau allows us over three
8 times the square footage. The total square footage
9 of that rental is 37,103 square feet.

10 A lot of that square footage is covered and
11 secured pavement area where we can locate our
12 reserve trucks, our reserve equipment, a lot of --
13 of the warehouse space will be set up so that we can
14 move all of our supplies for the entire Department,
15 not only household supplies, the daily living
16 supplies, but supplies for Hazardous Materials
17 Response, supplies for Wild -- the Wildland Program,
18 our SCBA supplies, and various other fire equipment
19 appliances that now is really overstocking the 780
20 Alua Street facility.

21 Therefore, I think this -- this last
22 explanation to Rentals and the Miscellaneous Costs
23 is just about everything that we have in the
24 Administrative/Maintenance Program.

25 And -- well, the -- the last thing where there

1 was a cut here, I apologize for Bud and -- and
2 Wendy, but there's a \$5,000 cut in the Public Safety
3 Commission, Professional Services.

4 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you.

5 MR. PASCUA: And I'm open for any questions.

6 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Members, any questions to the
7 Administration/Maintenance Program at this time?
8 We'll take Member Baisa first.

9 COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Okay. Thank you very much, Captain
10 Pascua. Always a pleasure to see you in Council.

11 It doesn't look like, you know, there's a lot
12 of room in this particular budget, and I'm really
13 excited to hear about your -- your new digs.

14 It sounds like you're getting a lot more for
15 what you're paying. You know, every Agency, every
16 Department has this issue with where to put things,
17 and it's really nice to have covered safe space to
18 put things in and be organized, so that's really a
19 good idea.

20 I was interested, the last remark you made was
21 a cut in Professional Services for the Commission.
22 What is that for, is that for secretarial service?

23 MR. PASCUA: I think the Commission will have to put their
24 heads together and see how they can economically
25 bear with that cut, whether it be secretarial

1 services or stenographer or services that -- that
2 show expenditures for, you know, the spaces that
3 we -- we need for -- to conduct those meeting -- or
4 provide for the Commission members to come over from
5 Molokai and Lanai.

6 COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: So that includes even the travel for
7 the Commissioners?

8 MR. PASCUA: No, it doesn't but, you know, anything
9 associated with such services that may come under
10 that particular subobject code.

11 COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: You know, hey, we all go around
12 making cuts, and it's great to do that, but we're
13 not going to hamper the ability to get the job done,
14 I hope.

15 MR. PASCUA: I -- I should hope not. The Public Safety
16 Commission, being that we do have logistical
17 problems, I've seen the meeting move from -- from
18 several different fire stations, several different
19 conference rooms, and some -- sometimes we would
20 like to see that they -- they are provided the same
21 amount of money, if not even more, to compensate for
22 that.

23 COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Okay. Enough of that. I guess
24 they're going to have to figure out how to survive.

25 Miscellaneous Other Costs, this 7-5 on page

1 2-5 of our summary sheets here that we have from --
2 from the Budget Director where you talk about
3 reducing from a \$146,100 loss, want to just point
4 that out one more time what that was about?

5 MR. PASCUA: Yeah. The -- this body was very gracious to
6 us last year in allowing us that \$151,100 to do
7 further research.

8 We were already outgrowing the 780 Alua
9 warehouse. We came in and appealed that we need to
10 do research and possibly incur some expenses in
11 nailing down a new rental space --

12 COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Okay. I got it.

13 MR. PASCUA: -- and to move that --

14 COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: This was for the study, you paid for
15 a study?

16 MR. PASCUA: Actually, we went around and -- and worked
17 with several real estate and property management
18 companies, and that 151,100 was to kick off the --
19 the contracting and possibly the transitional time
20 to pay rent to move from 780 Alua to whatever new
21 facility we had found.

22 Unfortunately, everything was really way too
23 expensive that we were looking at.

24 COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Okay. I -- I got it. So now I
25 understand the huge reduction.

1 MR. PASCUA: Yeah.

2 COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Thank you, Chair. That's it.

3 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Medeiros?

4 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Mahalo, Mr. Chairman. And thank
5 you, Assistant Chief Pascua, for the information.

6 I want to turn your attention to Budget
7 Proposal book, 9-4, under Administration/Maintenance
8 Program, Performance Measures.

9 MR. PASCUA: Oh, Performance Measures. Hold on.

10 CHAIR PONTANILLA: That's your program budget.

11 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Do you have the Program Budget
12 book?

13 MR. PASCUA: Yes. The proposed program budget? Nine dash
14 4. Okay. I'm there.

15 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. I just wanted to ask you to
16 further describe what you have there because under
17 Emergency Apparatus, that -- that's the first-line
18 fire trucks and so forth?

19 MR. PASCUA: That is correct.

20 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. And then Relief Apparatus
21 is, what, just standby vehicles to relieve those
22 first-line vehicles?

23 MR. PASCUA: Yes, sir.

24 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. And then Utility Vehicles
25 would be like the pickup trucks and so forth?

1 MR. PASCUA: That is correct. We also have utility
2 vehicles under Fire/Rescue.

3 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Uh-huh.

4 MR. PASCUA: We have 'em under HazMat, we have 'em at
5 Ladder 3, and Wailea also.

6 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. Yeah. Because I wanted to
7 get a better understanding on your descriptions on
8 that page because when we come to that Program, you
9 know, I want to ask questions about the particular
10 vehicles, especially as Member Baisa pointed out
11 last night, we heard from the -- your staff members
12 at the Paia Fire Station about the Mini Truck. And
13 I told them, you know, I operated that Mini Truck
14 when it was in Hana. That -- that's an old truck.

15 So let me then now turn your attention to the
16 summary provided by the Budget Director's office.

17 MR. PASCUA: Okay.

18 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: And on page 2 of 5?

19 MR. PASCUA: Yes.

20 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: The Physical Examinations, they
21 went from \$620 to 35,000 in 2009 request. Is that
22 to cover all the fire fighters in the Department as
23 far as their physical exams?

24 MR. PASCUA: Sorry I didn't cover that, Member Medeiros.

25 That increase of \$34,380 was to cover the testimony

1 that was provided by Captain Dan Cretton in the
2 echocardiogram, angiocardiogram, and the EKG stress
3 test for -- for the people that we identify with
4 risk factors in our physical conditioning baselines.

5 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. So that's what's listed
6 under that Physical Examinations?

7 MR. PASCUA: That -- that is correct.

8 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: That's the breakdown?

9 MR. PASCUA: That's -- that's --

10 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. Thank you for that
11 explanation. And then you did explain about the
12 Rentals right below that.

13 So at this time, that's all I have. Thank you
14 for your answers. Mahalo, Mr. Chairman.

15 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Medeiros. Member
16 Molina?

17 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you, Chairman. And good
18 morning, Chief Murray, Chief Pascua, and Chief
19 Cordeiro.

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good morning.

21 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you for being here. My first
22 question relate -- well, had related to the Rentals,
23 the increase in the Rentals --

24 MR. PASCUA: Yes.

25 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: -- and this is, again, you're

1 looking at is it two or three properties you're
2 looking at for prospective rentals?

3 MR. PASCUA: Actually, we're just looking at one right now

4 --

5 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: One.

6 MR. PASCUA: -- aside from the one we already currently
7 rent.

8 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay.

9 MR. PASCUA: And that one was at 400 Hana Highway.

10 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. And that's the one that
11 you're looking at as a -- for warehouse purposes?

12 MR. PASCUA: That is correct.

13 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: And 37,000 square feet.

14 MR. PASCUA: Yes. It's also not just warehouse space but
15 office spaces for our Fire Prevention Bureau.

16 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. And being -- I guess with any
17 potential traffic issues, I guess, with it being in
18 that area, considering what you're going to have
19 there, any -- you guys have looked at the -- you
20 know, I guess coming out of that area and -- how --
21 how -- how are you going to address that? I'm just
22 curious.

23 MR. PASCUA: Yeah. We realize that Alamaha and Papa is a
24 very high impact traffic area.

25 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Right.

1 MR. PASCUA: Fortunately, the apparatuses that we will be
2 storing there won't be of regular use. They'll be
3 reserve apparatus, as well as apparatus for support.

4 The Fire Prevention Bureau has several
5 vehicles also that -- that constantly go in and out.
6 With the parking lots the way they are set up, I'm
7 think -- I'm thinking that you may be familiar with
8 the -- the entrances to that -- that facility at --

9 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Right.

10 MR. PASCUA: -- at the corner of Alamaha and Papa. There's
11 -- there's an entrance on Alamaha, an entrance and
12 exit, and another one on Papa where parking spaces
13 are. So in utilizing those -- those two egress
14 entrances, we hope to not impact traffic that
15 heavily in that area.

16 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Thank you. And one other
17 question regarding your Goals, one of your goals in
18 your Program Budget, page 9-3.

19 Being that you have such a very slim budget,
20 one of your goals is to improve service delivery to
21 the community. How do you plan to achieve that with
22 the present budget allocation that you have?

23 MR. PASCUA: Well, right up front in Administrative Support
24 Services and Maintenance Program pertaining to that.
25 Again, like I said, we need to do the best that we

1 can. We have to work more diligently to -- to
2 produce more with less.

3 In improve -- improvement of the service
4 delivery to the community, we're hoping that we can
5 accomplish today acquiring approval for the three
6 Battalion Chiefs. That would improve service to --
7 to the community immensely.

8 As you heard from testimony from BC Shaffer,
9 the BCs are the liaison. They're the hub between
10 the line men -- the line companies, all the men that
11 respond, and the Administrative staff or the
12 Administrative Support Services.

13 They have to work both ways in providing
14 everything that the men need on the front line and
15 assuring that we stay within the parameters that
16 we're given in our appropriated budget.

17 They've got a lot of work that they do in
18 support of providing that service delivery to the
19 public and assuring that the training -- the level
20 of training that our men in the front line are
21 adequate and comprehensive enough so that we can
22 keep up with the demand of -- of responses that BC
23 Tam mentioned also.

24 In the improvement of the service delivery
25 under the administrative --

1 Administration/Maintenance Program, it will largely
2 depend on the efficiency of our operational --
3 Fire/Rescue Operational Section. That's where it's
4 really reflected.

5 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: I see. Okay. Thank you. And I --
6 I believe last term I think maybe it was Assistant
7 Chief Cordeiro mentioned about the -- the role of
8 the Battalion Chief with that plane crash that
9 happened by the -- the automobile dealership, the --
10 the medical plane, and I think the --

11 MR. PASCUA: Right.

12 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: -- I think you used that as an
13 example. The air ambulance. Thank you. Thank you,
14 Council Member Medeiros.

15 So I think it was expounded during that time
16 on the importance of the -- I guess the Battalion
17 Chief being the liaison between the guys on the
18 front line so -- anyway. Thank you. Thank you,
19 Chair.

20 MR. PASCUA: Thank you.

21 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Hokama?

22 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Chairman, thank you. I'm happy to see
23 finally white shirts. I was wondering where you
24 folks were the last month and a half.

25 So -- so we can appreciate and understand

1 your -- your presence and what you're offering this
2 Committee this morning, gentlemen, I'm trying to
3 understand how much the new Chief has had regarding
4 adjustments or -- or in -- or anything to do with
5 the -- what is proposed to us.

6 MR. PASCUA: Can I answer that, Jeff?

7 MR. MURRAY: Yeah.

8 MR. PASCUA: The timetable by which we worked on with -- on
9 this budget allowed us to have limited contact with
10 our newly selected Chief.

11 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay.

12 MR. PASCUA: Basically, when Cap. Murray was brought --
13 selected as our newly -- our Fire I, our new Fire I,
14 we were at the stage of having the Mayor's proposed
15 budget already being set --

16 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay.

17 MR. PASCUA: -- and transferred downstairs to -- to
18 Council.

19 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Thank you -- thank you for that
20 clarification, Chief Pascua.

21 Let me give you one real easy at -- piece of
22 advice, Chief Murray. I would say your career with
23 us going be a lot more successful if you communicate
24 to us directly and not have our first communication
25 from you, as the new Chief, through the media.

1 We would prefer you come talk to us, come
2 visit with us, bring your assistants, your Deputy,
3 but my piece of advice is don't go through the
4 media. You will find yourself less successful in
5 that manner.

6 For us to appreciate the part of the -- the --
7 the request of the Department for you gentlemen,
8 what is the main difference between the Fire Command
9 Chief and the Battalion Chief?

10 MR. PASCUA: The Fire Command Chief, who is FCO Mike
11 DeCosta, predominantly serves the Administrative
12 Support Services Division.

13 In July of last year, I convinced Chief
14 Kaupalolo that in reorganizing our organizational
15 structure and our -- our functional duties, it would
16 be prudent for the FCO to be under the
17 Administrative Support Services Chief, myself, Fire
18 IV.

19 Officially, that was accomplished through, you
20 know, the steps. We have to submit it to DPS, get a
21 review through Fire Commission and that
22 organizational chart and the functional chart then
23 gets approved, and then we make an official
24 designation that the FCO is now under Administrative
25 Support Services.

1 He predominantly was doing whatever
2 assignments, other related duties relating to fire
3 apparatus specifications like this -- the warehouse
4 rentals. A lot of those types of duties for Fire I
5 and Fire II, he continued to do that.

6 His primary responsibility was to promote,
7 organize, and implement our Strategic Plan. In
8 those three components of the Strategic Plan,
9 promote, organize, and -- and implement, we've --
10 I've sat with him many times, and we've discussed
11 ways to improve the implementation of our Strategic
12 Plan.

13 We have finally gotten a new and revised
14 updated 2007 Strategic Plan that the FCO will be
15 going out and orienting not just this body but the
16 Fire Commission and -- and the entire Fire
17 Department and all of our ancillary support
18 agencies.

19 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, we just -- I -- we just ask these
20 type of questions, Chief Pascua --

21 MR. PASCUA: Yes.

22 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: -- because it's -- it's not clear,
23 yeah, what -- what -- for -- for lay people like us,
24 when we see Fire Command Chief --

25 MR. PASCUA: Yes.

1 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: -- we feel that he is front lines when
2 a call is received and -- and is -- responds to
3 fire. Makes sense, right, Fire Command Chief.

4 MR. PASCUA: That is correct.

5 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: So is this a previous Battalion Chief's
6 position that you folks have redescrined and just
7 added on?

8 MR. PASCUA: Actually, it was a Battalion Chief position in
9 the beginning. It became retitled, I kind of forget
10 which year, maybe in 2005? Cindy, help me out here.

11 I'm not really sure which -- which year it was
12 retitled. However, the EM designation is the same
13 as the Operational Battalion Chief. And it is sort
14 of deceiving that...

15 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Because we had Chief DeCosta here --

16 MR. PASCUA: Yeah.

17 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: -- as a Battalion Chief.

18 MR. PASCUA: That is correct.

19 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: So you folks, in a way, did creative
20 budgeting and added a fourth Battalion Chief type of
21 position?

22 MR. PASCUA: I think under the Administration previously,
23 maybe two may -- two mayors before this, that
24 position was created.

25 And our former Fire Chief, Carl Kaupalolo, was

1 the first one appointed to that position. And so,
2 yes, it was a newly created position.

3 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. I -- I appreciate the
4 straightforward responses, Chief Pascua.

5 Chairman, is your intent for us to talk about
6 equipment, the stations, those specific areas --

7 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Yeah, as -- as we go forward through the
8 different programs.

9 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: After you finish this division of the
10 Department?

11 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Yes. Yes.

12 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Thank you. You know what would
13 help us if you can, so we are very clear and -- and
14 we can appreciate and understand the request before
15 the Committee, gentlemen, is exactly the differences
16 between Assistant Chiefs and Battalion Chiefs and --
17 and Fire Command Chief so we can appreciate.

18 And if there's been changes in this new
19 updated Strategic Plan, gentlemen, I would ask that
20 you highlight those areas so if it's tied into this
21 budget request, we -- we can understand the
22 rationale behind what was proposed to us.

23 MR. PASCUA: Okay. May we, Chair and Budget Director,
24 could we defer that in writing?

25 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, please. No, no, no, yeah. I --

1 I don't expect you to respond orally this -- this
2 morning --

3 MR. PASCUA: Okay. Thank you.

4 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: -- to us on this one. But that will be
5 helpful to us to understand, one, the difference
6 between administrative jurisdiction and operational
7 jurisdiction and then for us to be able to match it
8 up in your line of command or your organizational
9 structure, please.

10 So our understanding, gentlemen, is that you
11 are fully staffed under this division area, there's
12 no vacancies, as you understand the situation?

13 MR. PASCUA: In Administrative/Maintenance?

14 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: And Maintenance.

15 MR. PASCUA: We do have vacancies. We have vacancies in
16 the two positions that were appropriated for us last
17 year under the Lead Fire Mechanic, which is right
18 now being post -- has been posted, and we are -- we
19 are going to be hopefully promoting from within, and
20 then we will then fill the vacated position of Fire
21 Mechanic.

22 We also have a vacancy in the Fiscal Officer
23 position that was appropriated to us last fiscal
24 year -- well, this existing fiscal year.

25 Again, the procedures and the processes in

1 filling these positions really started around the
2 end of July, where we have to now look at what the
3 job classification was, minimum qualifications in
4 the position descriptions.

5 We created a situation where we had to make a
6 hard decision whether we wanted to have just a Fire
7 Mechanic, which was appropriated originally, or a
8 Lead Fire Mechanic, which was a Fire Mechanic who --
9 who can supervise, supervise and wrench.

10 The previous -- our -- our Administration
11 decided we needed a Lead Fire Mechanic. We need
12 supervisory powers within our shop who also can work
13 on the trucks and get dirty. So we upgraded that
14 Fire Mechanic appropriation to Lead Fire Mechanic.

15 Concurrently and subsequently, we downgraded
16 the Fiscal Officer EM-05 designation position down
17 to an equivalent SR rating of EM-03. Correct me,
18 give me the stink eye, Cindy, if I'm -- if I'm going
19 way off here.

20 That would be to compensate for the total
21 appropriation of both positions and stay -- stay
22 within the parameters of what was appropriated in
23 that -- in this fiscal year. So on the Fiscal
24 Officer, we still have that PD being approved by
25 DPS.

1 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. And so we can understand and
2 appreciate, your reference to Cindy is your
3 personnel --

4 MR. PASCUA: She is.

5 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: -- person in -- in the Administrative
6 --

7 MR. PASCUA: My -- my right arm.

8 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: -- Division of the Fire Department?

9 MR. PASCUA: That's correct.

10 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Okay. Thank you for that,
11 Chief. Why does it work better to have Maintenance
12 under Admin side versus Operations? Why --
13 what's -- what's the advantage for the Department,
14 please, so we can appreciate hire an operational
15 entity under the Administrative Division, please?

16 MR. PASCUA: In my perspective in the -- just the few years
17 that I've been in -- in this position, there are
18 just some distinct advantages and some distinct dis
19 -- disadvantages.

20 Let me start with the advantages. The Fire
21 Mechanic and the shop, under the previous
22 supervision, direct supervision of our Deputy Chief,
23 had an advantage in that he could work with somebody
24 who had the know-how with trucks, parts, direct
25 contact daily with the same person, close contact

1 with our warehouse and inventory who receive all the
2 parts and, you know, do -- does the ordering and
3 keeps track of all those performance measures.
4 The -- those are just -- just a couple of the
5 distinct advantages.

6 The disadvantages in having that direct
7 responsibility under the organization of
8 Administration would be that there's not enough
9 contact with the fire operations, the BCs.

10 The BCs actually receive all the work requests
11 for all repairs, maintenance, or -- or unscheduled
12 maintenance for all our apparatus including
13 vehicles, utility trucks that are on the line.

14 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: And they receive it from the Captains
15 of the shifts at the various stations?

16 MR. PASCUA: That is correct.

17 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay.

18 MR. PASCUA: Those -- those work request comes from all the
19 Commanders from every company, that is correct.

20 And instead of having the opportunity to go
21 directly to the mechanics and address those issues
22 and prioritize those issues, they would usually come
23 through the Deputy Chief or our operational AC
24 when -- when Chief Cordeiro came on board.

25 So, basically, we had a step in there that --

1 excuse me -- that had to be reviewed, which in -- in
2 some ways the check and balance is good.

3 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Has it made a difference in response
4 time to the -- to the stations regarding their
5 ability to get equipment back online for -- for
6 station use?

7 MR. PASCUA: At certain times. And by direct -- I'm
8 looking at all our guys, direct testimony from our
9 guys, yes, it's made a -- quite a difference
10 sometimes in -- in the response in getting apparatus
11 repaired.

12 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: So the -- the -- the response has been
13 positive and shortened or has not been to the
14 expectations of the Department?

15 MR. PASCUA: It has -- it has varied, Chair Hokama. On
16 immediate fixes where an apparatus actually had to
17 be taken off-line because of, you know, some -- some
18 problem, something breaking that was an immediate
19 attention thing, those situations got addressed
20 rather quickly.

21 The situations where it wasn't such a prime
22 priority for that apparatus to be fixed immediately
23 and put back online, those apparatuses sometimes,
24 and I will be candid, would wait way too long to get
25 fixed, and the problem got worse.

1 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. And, again, I am assuming this
2 is a Department-wide program policy that you folks
3 have implemented, Chief?

4 MR. PASCUA: Yes, and -- and practiced over the --

5 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah.

6 MR. PASCUA: -- past couple years.

7 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. You know my point of view when
8 it comes --

9 MR. PASCUA: Uh-huh.

10 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: -- to the Lanai Station.

11 MR. PASCUA: Yes.

12 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: If Paia has an equipment situation,
13 that's right, it's an impact to Paia Station, but it
14 doesn't mean that the sister stations does not
15 respond in support of Paia Station.

16 MR. PASCUA: That's correct.

17 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: So I -- I can understand and appreciate
18 that, but you need to appreciate for me but
19 maintenance is important because on Lanai, if the
20 equipment goes off-line, there is no other station
21 for backup. They're a self-contained entity.

22 And unless there's people flying in through
23 chopper -- the fire chopper or other means, you
24 know, our -- our people on Lanai have to do with
25 what they have by themselves.

1 And so I'm very critical about ensuring that
2 the Maintenance Program is -- particularly for
3 Molokai, Lanai, and Hana when -- for to get the
4 support of the other departmental areas will take
5 time and equipment.

6 MR. PASCUA: Uh-huh.

7 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: So for me, you know, it's -- you know,
8 I appreciate -- I hope you can appreciate my concern
9 on -- in the maintenance side.

10 And I don't know if you've been monitoring,
11 but we've had some very good comments from the --
12 the blue shirts of various stations regarding
13 keeping equipment online and operational, so I -- I
14 just share that with you, Chiefs.

15 MR. PASCUA: Thank you.

16 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you, Chairman.

17 MR. PASCUA: I'd like to take this opportunity to respond
18 to that, though, Chair Hokama.

19 We really appreciate the -- the support that
20 we receive from our County garage in Hana. I know
21 they work very closely because, you know, those are
22 the guys that we can immediately turn to and
23 especially Lanai Company who's helped us on
24 numerous, numerous occasions. We really appreciate
25 that.

1 Oh, and Molokai. That's right, I'm forgetting
2 Molokai. Molokai also. The County garage has
3 provided numerous occasions to actually get our fire
4 trucks back on the road.

5 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: You know, Chairman, just one quick --
6 you know when let's say we do -- whether it be on
7 Lanai with Public Works because they have a heavy
8 equipment mechanic --

9 MR. PASCUA: Yes.

10 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: -- Molokai, we have appropriate
11 personnel in other departments, your new Lead Fire
12 Mechanic works in -- in coordination with the others
13 in case he needs some support assistance, whether it
14 be an additional manpower or kind of just basic
15 equipment requirements, whether, you know, if they
16 got to lift the engine out of the whole engine block
17 area, or you want a self-contained Fire Department
18 only facility -- Program?

19 MR. PASCUA: Could I defer that to Chief Cordeiro who's
20 had, you know, much more contact with the operations
21 of the Fire Mechanics?

22 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you.

23 MR. CORDEIRO: Yes, we've -- we're starting to upgrade our
24 Maintenance Programs, increasing it, getting it
25 better, getting the guys trained, and we're trying

1 to work with the other County agencies that are
2 there, and we're trying to get equipment.

3 As a matter of fact, we're getting some
4 equipment being bought for the -- the lifts and
5 jacks and stuff for Lanai so that they can have some
6 equipment to help and share with Public Works or if
7 needed so we can cross --

8 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah. I'm just asking, Chief Cordeiro,
9 because, you know, like Lanai, Public Works has
10 those huge bays.

11 MR. CORDEIRO: Yeah.

12 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: And they've got those big metal trusses
13 so if you need, for me, I'm open to -- to request
14 whereby you can have the appropriate jacks and
15 pulleys in case you needed to pull the transition,
16 pull the engine block out of the -- an engine or --
17 or a pumper of that nature to assist your people.

18 I -- you know, I -- I think we can find ways
19 of working cooperatively, as I always use
20 Mr. Medeiros' district.

21 I mean, it always amazes me how the Federal,
22 State, and County government s tend to work well
23 in -- in crisis situations, and they forget
24 jurisdictional lines and say we just need to get the
25 job done for the Community's benefit. So I

1 appreciate your comments, Chiefs. Thank you.

2 MR. CORDEIRO: Thank you. And we'll -- we'll -- we'll
3 strive to work with them.

4 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you, Chairman.

5 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Hokama. Member
6 Medeiros?

7 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Mahalo, Mr. Chairman, for my
8 second opportunity. Because I -- I also wanted to
9 ask about vacancies, but I -- I think most of that
10 will be covered under your Rescue and Fire Fighting
11 Operations Program.

12 But I did want to ask because, Chief Pascua,
13 you did say that the Automotive Maintenance Section
14 comes under the Administration, is that correct?

15 MR. PASCUA: That's correct.

16 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. So in the Budget Details on
17 page 7-6 -- and let me know when you're there.

18 MR. PASCUA: Okay. I'm there.

19 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. Under Index Code 911214,
20 Fire Maintenance Garage?

21 MR. PASCUA: Uh-huh.

22 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: And then Subobject Code 6005, Auto
23 Parts, that covers all the auto parts to repair or
24 maintain all of the apparatus and vehicles and
25 equipment throughout the Department?

1 MR. PASCUA: That is correct.

2 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. And then on the Subobject
3 Code 6022, Gasoline, Diesel, and Oil, that
4 particular subobject code is only for vehicles under
5 the Administration Program? Because I'm sure you're
6 not filling up all the apparatuses with -- with --

7 MR. PASCUA: That --

8 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: -- \$1,300.

9 MR. PASCUA: That -- that is just for the -- the garage.

10 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Oh, just for the garage vehicles?

11 MR. PASCUA: Yes.

12 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. So as far as gasoline,
13 diesel, oil, and so forth, each program has their
14 own to cover their fuel?

15 MR. CORDEIRO: Yeah.

16 MR. PASCUA: Yes, under subobject Code -- the same
17 subobject code.

18 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Right.

19 MR. PASCUA: Yes.

20 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. Okay. Thank you, Chief
21 Pascua. Mahalo, Mr. Chairman.

22 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Medeiros. Members,
23 any more questions in regards to the Administration
24 and Maintenance Program?

25 If you do have, if you can forward your

1 questions to the Chair, and we'll get answers from
2 the Department.

3 Members, looking at the time, the Chair will
4 call for our mid-morning break, and we'll reconvene
5 at 10:50. This meeting is in recess. ...(gavel)...

6 **RECESS: 10:33 a.m.**

7 **RECONVENE: 10:54 a.m.**

8 CHAIR PONTANILLA: ...(gavel)... The Budget and Finance
9 Committee meeting is now reconvened.

10 Members, at this time, you know, earlier we
11 introduced the incoming Chief for the Fire and
12 Public Safety Department. I'd like to introduce the
13 Deputy Chief, Captain Shimada. Could you stand,
14 please? Thank you.

15 Okay. Members, we're going to go to the
16 Training Program. On your Program Budget, it's on
17 page 9-7; on your Details page, dash -- 7-7.

18 At this time, I'd like to call on Assistant
19 Chief Pascua.

20 MR. PASCUA: Thank you, Chair Pontanilla; again, Council
21 Chair Hokama, Councilmember Molina, Medeiros, Baisa,
22 and welcome to the show, Councilmember Mateo.

23 In the Training Program, before we get
24 started, may I seek approval from the Chair to -- to
25 reserve answering questions, any Q and A that may

1 come up during this presentation from our Program
2 Coordinator, Captain Jeff Kihune? May I do that?

3 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Yes.

4 MR. PASCUA: Okay. As an overview for the Training
5 Program, again, you see a 14.5 percent change, an
6 increase of 145,006.

7 And that change is predominantly the sum of
8 the medical directorship that we will address and
9 the three programs in the total of \$89,000 that we
10 hope to explain on how we're going to try to fund
11 those three programs.

12 First of all, I'd -- I'd like to explain that
13 on your overview sheets, the Repair and Maintenance,
14 Service/Contracts, 7-8 as you see on the -- on that
15 sheet, it is indicated on I believe 7 dash -- oh,
16 God, I might be on the wrong -- wrong page here for
17 Training, but it is not designated as Repair and
18 Maintenance Services.

19 That was, again, as the Budget Director
20 stated, an error. It is actually an error that was
21 -- originally, the error is 6138, Subobject Code,
22 but it should be 6132 for Professional Services.
23 Professional Services to be used as a medical
24 directorship to oversee all our EMS-related
25 programs.

1 I will take a little break here so that you
2 may be able to find that on your Budget Details.

3 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Members, on 7-8.

4 MR. PASCUA: Therefore, under Index Code 911255, Services,
5 6138, R & M Services/Contracts, you will see that
6 the reflected \$24,800 is actually supposed to be
7 under Subobject Code 6132, Professional Services, I
8 believe.

9 Am I correct there, Chair?

10 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Yes.

11 MR. PASCUA: Okay. So the \$24,800 under the justification
12 for the medical directorship to oversee quality, as
13 well as evaluate the progression of the -- our --
14 all our EMS-related programs, I do have in -- in our
15 gallery today Fire Fighter III Gregory Jenkins who
16 was our former Medical Officer under the Hazardous
17 Materials and -- Training and HazMat Bureau who
18 actually was the initiator of this Program.

19 If I may, Chair, call up Fire Fighter III,
20 Greg Jenkins, to give an overview of that medical
21 directorship and answer any questions?

22 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Fire Fighter Jenkins, please.

23 MR. JENKINS: Budget Chair, Members, my name is Greg
24 Jenkins, Fire Fighter III.

25 This particular funding, as Chief Pascua had

1 stated, is directly for medical oversight of our
2 First Responder Program.

3 A lot of different members in the Department
4 over the years have worked diligently to improve
5 this Program. And this Program relies upon its
6 direction not just from some of the creative ways we
7 apply within the Department, but Federal standards
8 such as the National Highway Traffic Safety
9 Administration, DOT, Department of Transportation.

10 They set the parameters for our First
11 Responder guidelines for standard of care, scope of
12 care; and in that standard, it is required that
13 there's medical direction for any First Responder
14 Program.

15 The other local standard has to do with the
16 State Department of Health, EMS Branch. And the
17 Director there work closely with our Department to
18 identify a lot of different things, everything from
19 approval to curriculum development, curriculum
20 approval, and what we currently have as our Program.

21 A part of that on her evaluation of our
22 Program was to recommend that we get a Medical
23 Director. And this would be primarily used for,
24 again, making sure that our fire fighters are
25 delivering proper standard of care, scope of care

1 per State and Federal requirements, and reviewing
2 all of our automatic external defibrillator training
3 and cases when we use that device, as well as
4 overall program development for our Program. That's
5 what those -- the -- the medical directorship is to
6 accomplish.

7 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, any questions for
8 Fire Fighter Jenkins at this time? Thank you.

9 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Question, Chairman.

10 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Oh. Member Hokama?

11 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Fire Fighter Jenkins, thank you.

12 You're TNA -- TAing as one white shirt today?

13 This medical request and then under Training,
14 you -- you bring up the point that it was
15 recommended, so the recommendation came from the
16 Strategic Plan?

17 MR. JENKINS: Chair Hokama, in our Strategic Plan, there is
18 a specific objective that deals with the improvement
19 and -- and -- of our emergency medical services on
20 both training and -- and response.

21 There's a lot of different factors that play
22 into those objectives being accomplished. Part of
23 it is -- was our Department moving in a direction of
24 our First Responder Program emulating an EMT basic
25 Program, which we are currently doing in many

1 different ways.

2 So the objective of establishing this medical
3 directorship directly supports the objectives of the
4 Strategic Plan in accomplishing its goals to improve
5 our EMS services, yes.

6 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: That included the request for funds for
7 the examinations also?

8 MR. JENKINS: Yes. We have --

9 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Is that a separate component?

10 MR. JENKINS: The examinations we have now are both
11 cognitive and practical. We have our -- we have
12 internal examinations, we have National Registry of
13 Emergency Medical Technician examinations for newly
14 trained personnel, and we also have ongoing skills
15 assessments that are done on a biannual basis that
16 is separate from the medical directorship.

17 However, the Medical Director would have
18 direct oversight and -- and checks and balances to
19 ensure that training and -- was being conducted
20 properly and reviewing training reports and program
21 issues.

22 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Does this position also have the
23 responsibility to review our employees in Dispatch,
24 since they service Fire, as well as Police and EMT?

25 MR. JENKINS: I would have to defer that to my Chief

1 Officers, but I would say that whenever the
2 Department is provided a Program, a good example
3 would be our Hazardous Materials Program conducted
4 by Cap. Kihune and -- and other HazMat personnel in
5 the past, there -- we always collaborate with
6 Police, Waterworks, and whoever on matters such as
7 this.

8 So I wouldn't see it as a far stretch that if
9 we had a small group of -- of individuals needing
10 some medical oversight such as dispatchers, that we
11 couldn't come to a good, collaborative discussion
12 with the other agencies to use this person's
13 services for the County for other Departments.

14 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Chiefs, do you have a comment
15 whether or not Dispatch personnel, which assists
16 your Department besides Police, would be under this
17 type of -- this -- these programs?

18 MR. CORDEIRO: Well, this training is basically for our --
19 our online personnel for -- to be trained and
20 certified to go out and respond.

21 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Right.

22 MR. CORDEIRO: The Dispatch is through the Police
23 Department --

24 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Right.

25 MR. CORDEIRO: -- and we can make requests, but we do give

1 them some training to understand what's happening.
2 I don't know the -- what the exact curriculum for
3 them because they're with PD, with -- with the
4 Police Department.

5 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah. We -- we -- we understand the
6 unique situation they play because our sister
7 counties all -- all do it differently than we do.

8 But our County has, under Dispatch, your
9 Department, Police, and emergency medical so I --
10 I'm just wondering, since we heard from Chief
11 Phillips of the Police Department of the unique
12 situation the dispatchers have in -- in providing
13 the appropriate callout to key personnel, that I
14 would be very supportive to make sure that the
15 dispatcher is in line with the Department's goals
16 with this type of Program so that they can then,
17 which -- you know, and because, again, everything
18 comes from the dispatcher.

19 He gets the call, right, then he's going to
20 make assessment -- the person's going to make
21 assessments and determination of whose alarms are
22 going to start ringing and -- and what kind of
23 personnel manpower is going to be required.

24 So for me, it's a very related component of
25 what I think you're trying to accomplish, and I just

1 wanted to make sure if they were included in these
2 type of programs.

3 MR. CORDEIRO: We'll make sure to check; and if they're
4 not, we will try to include them.

5 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. And -- and then just so we -- we
6 can appreciate and understand, and this is for the
7 new Chief Murray, too, we have Assistant Chiefs, we
8 have Battalion Chiefs, we have Fire Control Chief.

9 When does the Department look to Captains and
10 Fire Fighter IIIs to perform functions that normally
11 we would assume would be a management
12 responsibility?

13 So can -- can you help us understand when --
14 when the Department looks to a Fire Fighter III or a
15 Captain, what -- what happens to the -- the
16 higher-ups?

17 MR. CORDEIRO: Well, we use -- not use, that's not the
18 word, but we appreciate when people can help us to
19 achieve where -- our goals that we're trying to go,
20 and -- and there's multiple.

21 And this is a particular Program that Fire
22 Fighter III Jenkins was assigned to do when he was
23 with the Hazardous Materials and Medical and
24 Training, and he was researching all of this so he's
25 an instrumental tool to give us information. And

1 that's the reason I believe you folks could use him
2 to give you information, as we have other people
3 that are involved with specifics.

4 We have general ideas of what needs to be done
5 and ask them to help us and Committees to help us to
6 reach what we need to reach. So we do use them as a
7 resource to help us, too.

8 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah. And they report to a BC or an
9 Assistant Chief? Like this test that Mr. -- Fire
10 Fighter Jenkins has, he would report to the Chief, a
11 Battalion Chief, an Assistant Chief, a Captain?

12 MR. PASCUA: Appropriately, he would go through the chain
13 of command. Under the previously titled Training
14 and Hazardous Materials, which you actually see in
15 here, you heard from Captain Dan Cretton that we're
16 currently restructuring to call the Hazard Materials
17 Bureau the Health and Safety Bureau.

18 If Greg Jenkins, Fire Fighter III, were still
19 holding the position of Medical Officer within that
20 Bureau, he would report directly to his Captain, who
21 would be actually Captain Dan Cretton right now.

22 They would then both -- or Captain Dan Cretton
23 would have me, as the immediate supervisor,
24 overseeing the Administrative Support Services which
25 that Bureau falls beneath.

1 So in getting back to your original question,
2 when do we utilize Fire Fighter IIIs, Captains, or
3 Program Coordinators down to the level of Fire
4 Fighter Is, typically what we try to do is when
5 we -- when there is a vision to improve the
6 Department and move forward and progress proactively
7 into programs where, you know, we can serve the
8 Community a lot better and -- what we do is we -- we
9 try to spread the word throughout the Department
10 that if you are interested in this, we're starting
11 to form a Committee that will address all the issues
12 that we hope to accomplish.

13 When we have a big pool of people, then we
14 start to pick out those who have -- have the
15 background, the -- the level of experience, and the
16 knowledge that would benefit this initiative the
17 most and then we -- we narrow out -- narrow down
18 that Committee to become a functional working group
19 to develop policies, standard operating procedures,
20 guidelines, and initiate, execute those first
21 initial steps.

22 A good example is Fire Fighter III, Roger
23 Agdeppa, who came up to testify on the Rapid
24 Intervention Team Training Program. He went off to
25 a conference and attended the HOTS Training, which

1 is a condensed form of training at a conference that
2 will teach you all the principles of fire fighters,
3 survival skills, and Rapid Intervention Team
4 operations.

5 We then put together a Committee made up of
6 Chiefs, Battalion Chiefs, some Captains, Fire
7 Fighter III Agdeppa, and we decided what direction
8 we want to take.

9 From that point on, here we are. We're --
10 we're -- we're asking for funding to support that
11 direction that was actually initiated by our guys
12 who went off to conferences, learned new principles,
13 came back, and initiated a program with -- which is
14 very, very critical for our operations to continue
15 providing safety for our fire fighters, and now
16 we're at the point where Roger Agdeppa is now our --
17 our lead coordinator for that writ and training.

18 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Thank -- thank you for helping
19 us understand how the fire fighters get involved
20 with Departmental initiatives.

21 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Member Hokama, excuse me, are you done
22 with Mr. Jenkins at this time?

23 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes, I am. Thank you, Chairman.

24 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Mr. Jenkins, thank you for
25 your information. Go ahead.

1 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Just one quick follow-up, Chairman.

2 So -- so, again, you know, bear with us our
3 questions so we can understand the sequence and --
4 and chain of command.

5 So with -- with the example you just gave us
6 with the -- the Fire Fighter III on the -- our
7 response initiative, the Captain -- he goes to the
8 Captain -- his Captain, and then that Captain would
9 come to you, Assistant Chief, so there is no going
10 through a Battalion Chief who has operational
11 jurisdiction, it would come straight to you as --
12 as -- as the -- part of the Administration or senior
13 management of the Department?

14 MR. PASCUA: Actually, we keep everybody in the chain of
15 command in the loop. When an initiative is
16 proposed, usually it starts with as simply as an
17 e-mail or a to-from, something to consider, or at a
18 staff meeting where all the Chiefs are there and an
19 initiative is -- is brought up.

20 And once it starts -- gets kicked off into a
21 positive direction, everybody within that
22 individual's chain of command is kept in the loop
23 through e-mails, through to-firms, CCs.

24 And every step of the way, we try to keep them
25 posted on whether we are pulling that Fire Fighter

1 III or Fire Fighter I off the line to do this
2 specialized presentation of that initiative.

3 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. And -- and, quickly, does that
4 -- that additional responsibility a fire fighter
5 takes on, whether he's a III, a I or II or a
6 Captain, is there a change in -- in the SR rating or
7 the compensation program, do they get a -- some type
8 of personnel adjustment because of the additional
9 requirements that they're performing for the
10 Department?

11 MR. PASCUA: We would love to create a system, a mechanism
12 where we can actually TA somebody up to that level
13 of responsibility.

14 If he's meeting the PDs of, say, a Captain, we
15 would love to have that mechanism to be able to do
16 that and bring 'em back on special assignment and
17 actually pay 'em an overtime rate while he's working
18 to develop these programs off duty.

19 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: So currently, that is -- is not how the
20 Department --

21 MR. PASCUA: No.

22 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: -- operates at all?

23 MR. PASCUA: They -- they only get paid at their rate
24 overtime pay.

25 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: So if it's a Fire Fighter III, it's a

1 Fire Fighter III rate?

2 MR. PASCUA: Exactly. Exactly.

3 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Gentlemen, thank you very much.

4 Thank you, Chairman.

5 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, any more questions?

6 Member Molina, followed by Member Medeiros, and

7 we'll go right down the line.

8 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you, Chair. This is related

9 -- we're on Training Program, am I correct?

10 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Yes.

11 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Thank you. Gentlemen,

12 (inaudible) this is more of a -- I guess a

13 philosophical question or -- or a question of

14 opinion related to an opinion.

15 You know, in light of the world that we live

16 in nowadays and, you know, the role and

17 responsibilities and expectations of our fire

18 fighters have increased, especially it's been

19 highlighted with events like 9/11, Oklahoma City,

20 and so forth.

21 Now, in terms of training, the training that

22 our fire fighters have, how do we compare with

23 the -- their counterparts, say, in other

24 jurisdictions in the mainland?

25 I mean, are we on par as far as the -- the

1 type of training that our fire fighters have, or are
2 we behind? And if we're -- we are behind, where are
3 we, what areas are we behind, and how can we up --
4 upgrade our training if need be?

5 MR. PASCUA: That is a very pertinent question, and we were
6 leading to -- to that, actually. It's a great
7 segue. You must have ESP -- or ESPN.

8 Our Train the Trainer Training Program, which
9 we are requesting funds for as part of the 89,000
10 that you see on the overview on your sheet, will
11 address every single discipline that we have
12 presently in our Fire Department to serve the
13 Community, every single discipline that -- that we
14 deliver to the Community, as well as within --
15 internally within our Department.

16 In answer to your question of how do we
17 compare with other stations or other Departments in
18 the nation, we haven't done a formal study of that
19 and documented data, quantitative data or
20 qualitative data.

21 However, I can testify by my own experience
22 every time I've gone off to a conference and we talk
23 about levels of training, levels of competency,
24 things we're trying to accomplish in MFD with other
25 Departments not just nationwide but within our

1 State, we're finding out by the feedback that we get
2 from our counterparts everywhere else in the country
3 that we're doing great things far beyond what
4 they're doing in their comparative jurisdictions.

5 We're hoping to become at the cutting edge
6 within the nation, and this is why we're -- we're
7 hoping that we can fund this Train the Trainer
8 Training Program that will actually address that --
9 that exact issue.

10 We hope to pick up training competencies and
11 disciplines in every portion of our service
12 delivery. And if I may at this time, Chair --

13 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Go ahead.

14 MR. PASCUA: -- call up Captain Kihune, the -- the
15 Coordinator, the -- our Captain of our Training
16 Bureau to actually give you a lot more information
17 than I -- I just did on that Train the Trainer
18 Training Program.

19 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Captain Kihune?

20 MR. KIHUNE: Good morning, Chair.

21 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Good morning.

22 MR. KIHUNE: Good morning, Members. I'm Captain Jeff
23 Kihune, Training Bureau Captain for Maui Fire
24 Department.

25 And to answer to your question, I think that

1 it's a great segue, like Chief said. I was actually
2 going to bring it up as an opening statement saying
3 where we -- where are we now with our programs and
4 where we compare.

5 I'll start with our academy recruit training.
6 It's a great question at this time. Fortunately
7 about three weeks ago, maybe, to a month ago, we
8 have been Pro Board certified nationally, so we're
9 compared to every Fire Department across the nation
10 as far as our academy training. So we just received
11 that certification and accreditation about a month
12 ago.

13 We've -- we've -- as far as our ongoing
14 training as far as bringing classes in, our training
15 in the past year, year and a half, has -- and thanks
16 to the Fire Administration and previously, we've
17 been able to bring in more classes than we've ever
18 done in previous years -- so in those two aspects.

19 Now, getting to our continued training
20 programs that happens on a regular basis annually,
21 biannually, monthly, those train -- training
22 programs have been kind of, I would say, not being
23 met in a timely manner as I would like it as the
24 Training Bureau Captain.

25 And that's why, yes, I would ask for your

1 support on this Train the Trainer Program. And
2 if -- if I could, I would actually ask you if we can
3 get the money that we actually requested, but, you
4 know, I'm really not at hand to do that but, you
5 know, it was done -- you know, the cut was done.

6 But I would like to save it as much as we can
7 just to -- our goal was to include a cadre of
8 instructors to the Training Bureau because we've
9 already identified that the shortness of personnel
10 that we get, we've always run the -- the Bureau
11 always been run short for many years. We've always
12 had guys go out and no -- no vacancies filled for --
13 for many years.

14 I can glad to say now that we got two guys
15 that want to come in that are -- for the first time,
16 we -- we're not going to have to promote in my
17 Bureau, which is going to happen in the next week or
18 so, as soon as Chief makes his selections and
19 movements.

20 But other than that, even with the personnel
21 that we have, the amount of disciplines that have
22 created, and -- and you mentioned it earlier in your
23 statement about 9/11, what -- what it created to the
24 fire service, it created a tremendous training, I
25 would say, pressure on the Departments to adopt

1 either new methods of training or to increase
2 your -- your -- your training that you currently do.

3 And right now, I can admit to a point that
4 with the amount of guys that we have that's staffed
5 in our Training Bureau to do all the disciplines
6 that have been increased over the years to keep it
7 annually going, it's -- it's almost, I would like to
8 say, but it's not really almost humanly possible
9 because we do have our recruit training that go on,
10 you know, for four months, and we get a break for
11 like three months, and then we do another recruit
12 class.

13 So to -- to do all, it's -- it's very
14 difficult to manage. So what we have thought up
15 with the idea, and this is not, you know, thought
16 about in -- you know, out of thin air, it's going on
17 to conferences, you talk to other people, other --
18 other training instructors, develop a cadre of guys,
19 use the guys. The guys already in the blue, they --
20 they're very valuable to the Department.

21 Bring them in, like you say, they be part of a
22 cadre, they teach a discipline. And one of 'em I'll
23 give you an example is the Wildland Program. I just
24 talked to Captain Jamie Joyo. He will be the lead
25 cadre instructor, Director for that Program.

1 He will surround himself with five to maybe
2 ten cadre of instructors that he will send out to
3 train. That Program alone, if we get it off the
4 ground, we just had a class that we just paid --
5 correct me if I'm wrong, Chief, I think 15 -- or
6 18,000, we just paid for a class.

7 MR. PASCUA: Eighteen thousand.

8 MR. KIHUNE: This is a class that can be actually done by
9 his cadre of instructor. And in my proposal, I
10 proposed that estimated, that we would have -- you
11 know, through various programs, we would probably
12 save over a hundred thousand dollars just by doing
13 that.

14 But, you know, I -- that's -- you know, that's
15 pretty much in a nutshell what this Train the
16 Trainer Program would -- would -- would -- would be
17 -- would be.

18 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Okay. Thank you.

19 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you.

20 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Member Molina?

21 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: No. I want to thank the Department
22 for their response, and I think the public can be
23 reassured to know that our fire fighters, with the
24 resources that they already have on hand and the
25 training that they have, we're -- we're in really

1 good hands.

2 So I want to thank the Department and, you
3 know, continue their efforts in the Training Program
4 and if -- if need be, look at other areas and make
5 some adjustments, possibly, if that's the will of
6 this body. Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

7 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, any questions for
8 Captain Kihune at this time? Member Medeiros?

9 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Mahalo, Mr. Chairman. Captain
10 Kihune, thank you for your testimony.

11 Because our Budget Details show Training
12 Program but includes HazMat materials, so is the
13 HazMat Section part of your Training Section?

14 MR. KIHUNE: Previously, it wasn't. Thank you for the
15 question, Member Medeiros. It's a good explanation
16 of this.

17 They're -- they're both under the same, but
18 the training was done just under the HazMat Section
19 before. With the -- with the reorg that we're --
20 Chief is trying to pro -- propose is Health and
21 Safety would be by themselves, Training and HazMat
22 would be -- now be -- be together as one, so all the
23 training that's been done through HazMat would come
24 under back to Training.

25 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay.

1 MR. KIHUNE: So that's not what -- what used to be done
2 previously, though.

3 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. So it lists two Fire
4 Captains, so one Captain is HazMat, one is you, the
5 Training --

6 MR. KIHUNE: Correct.

7 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay.

8 MR. KIHUNE: Correct.

9 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: And what is the highest level of
10 medical training received by fire fighters right
11 now, is it still the First Responder level?

12 MR. KIHUNE: Yes, it is, First Responder.

13 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. And -- so how many
14 personnel, including yourself, in just the Training
15 side?

16 MR. KIHUNE: The personnel that's -- deal directly with
17 training would be there's four Fire Fighter IIIs and
18 myself as a -- as a Captain.

19 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay.

20 MR. KIHUNE: Just in the Training Bureau itself. And
21 that's moving the training -- the HazMat trainer
22 right now to the Training Bureau.

23 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: I see.

24 MR. KIHUNE: Yeah.

25 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: And, you know, it was described

1 earlier by Fire Fighter Jenkins about a Medical
2 Director position. Would that fall under your
3 Training Section?

4 MR. KIHUNE: Yes, it would. First Responder Program,
5 because it's a training program, would definitely
6 fall underneath the Training Program.

7 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: And then, you know, in the Budget
8 Details, it shows Fire Fighter III as a medical
9 specialist. Is that what the former position was --

10 MR. KIHUNE: Yes.

11 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: -- that -- that the Medical
12 Director will become, or is it two separate
13 positions?

14 MR. KIHUNE: Oh, the Medical Director is -- I'm not sure if
15 it was explained correctly. The Medical Director is
16 a doctor outside that would represent.

17 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. So --

18 MR. KIHUNE: Yeah, it wouldn't be a -- it wouldn't be a
19 fire fighter.

20 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Oh, okay. So --

21 MR. KIHUNE: This is a doctor --

22 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Yeah.

23 MR. KIHUNE: -- that we would actually go out and get some
24 bids from. And in essence, yeah, thanks to you
25 guys, we already had this funded, but it wasn't

1 funded enough because no doctor would touch it for
2 the amount of money that we had earlier, so...

3 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Uh-huh. So you would contract out
4 that part?

5 MR. KIHUNE: Yes, yes.

6 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. Thank you.

7 MR. KIHUNE: Because we have no -- at this time, we have no
8 doctors in our Department that I -- that I know of.

9 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: I know. When it was described as
10 a Medical Director, I said this thing got to be one
11 medical doctor, you know, to --

12 MR. KIHUNE: Yes.

13 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: -- to be in that position. Okay.
14 Then in your training, you know, long gone are the
15 days of structural fires at plantation camps, and
16 now it's more, you know, challenging and more
17 sophisticated.

18 So in your Training Program, do you have
19 forcible entry ventilation for the new buildings
20 that we have now?

21 MR. KIHUNE: We have a burn trailer that we do burns at,
22 and we -- also on that there is a -- there is a --
23 we don't have, say, per se a true forcible entry
24 equipment that we can actually -- a train --
25 trainer, but we do have a ventilation on top of the

1 trainer that we can train on.

2 But we are -- it's -- timing is everything, I
3 guess, yeah, because I just had assigned two -- one
4 Captain and one Fire Fighter III, and he's sitting
5 in the -- in the audience, that I asked them if they
6 could research for us a Train the Trainer forcible
7 entry to equipment and a ventilation equipment.

8 So they've just gotten back to us yesterday,
9 and we've done -- we're doing more research to
10 figure out where we want to go in that direction to
11 see if we can purchase that equipment, so...

12 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. So in your reorganization
13 within the Department under the new Chief and Deputy
14 Chief, you will, as the Captain in charge of
15 Training, be looking forward to upgrading the
16 training to incorporate training that you now
17 require because of just the demographics and the
18 type of buildings that we have now?

19 MR. KIHUNE: Correct, correct. We -- because we cannot use
20 you know in the old days -- I was with the old days
21 before when I was in Training Bureau when we could
22 burn houses and we could ventilate houses, and we --
23 we can't do that any more so we have to look for,
24 you know, outside-the-box things that -- that's
25 being creative out there for those reasons and a lot

1 of 'em is because of health and safety, so...

2 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Yeah.

3 MR. KIHUNE: Yeah, we definitely want to move forward in
4 that direction.

5 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Not -- not too many vacant
6 plantation houses available any more for burning.

7 But thank you --

8 MR. KIHUNE: If you know of any, let us know.

9 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Thank you for your testimony and
10 the information you provided. Mahalo, Mr. Chairman.

11 MR. KIHUNE: Thank you, Member --

12 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, any more questions
13 for Captain Kihune? Member Baisa?

14 COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Just so that we leave everybody on
15 the same page -- and thank you for coming -- this
16 Medical Director, really what you're looking for is
17 medic -- medical expertise so that they will look
18 over, recommend, and help you with the
19 implementation of the training that people need to
20 be First Responders or areas of health or response,
21 but they don't actually provide any training.

22 And it's really that they're not doing
23 anything in the health program, they're just helping
24 you design and helping you have a certification so
25 that what you're presenting is okay?

1 MR. KIHUNE: Exactly. You -- you said that perfectly. I
2 couldn't say it any better. Thank you for that
3 question.

4 COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Okay. Thank you very much. I think
5 there was a little bit of confusion in the beginning
6 as to exactly what this person was going to do. We
7 were kind of confusing it with the new
8 echocardiograms and those kind of things for the --
9 for the -- for the folks.

10 MR. KIHUNE: Correct. Those are two separate --

11 COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Okay.

12 MR. KIHUNE: -- it's two separate requests.

13 COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: We're clear now. Thank you very
14 much.

15 MR. KIHUNE: Thank you -- thank you.

16 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Any more questions for
17 Captain Kihune? Member Mateo?

18 COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Chairman, thank you very much.
19 Captain, good morning.

20 MR. KIHUNE: Good morning.

21 COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: And I'm hoping -- I'm hoping I'm in
22 the right area so I'm sure the Chairman will
23 (inaudible) if not.

24 One of the goals under Training -- well, two
25 of 'em references to provide fire personnel with the

1 safest and most efficient personnel protective
2 equipment through Bureau's evaluation, and another
3 one references explore all avenues to ensure fire
4 and rescue equipment is kept up-to-date and with the
5 latest technology, etc.

6 So my question would be to you, then, on --
7 with Training, is -- is this also part of your
8 responsibility to check that the equipment and the
9 apparatuses, etc., are up-to-date and meets the
10 standards and your men are able to function with the
11 latest technology?

12 MR. KIHUNE: You know, that's -- that's a very good
13 question. I only can state as far as appliances and
14 PPEs. Apparatuses might be more of the Chief's
15 role.

16 We -- but we do support it. And on my other
17 side, on the HFFA side as the -- as the Chair, we do
18 directly get involved as far as keeping everything
19 up to compliance, you know, with the apparatuses.

20 But as far as what you have stated as far as
21 the appliances and PPEs, we -- we try to get -- try
22 to do research and development and stay above and
23 abroad with everything that's going out there, and
24 we refer that through the -- to the Administration
25 for -- you know, to make improvements in that area.

1 And we've done that in the last three or
2 four years, thanks to the support from you folks as
3 far as the -- the moneys that have been afforded, so
4 -- I'm not sure if we have that much money this
5 time, though, but -- to change anything.

6 COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: So -- so your -- your review or your
7 inspection of the equipment is primarily the more
8 handheld, the more smaller --

9 MR. KIHUNE: Me.

10 COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: -- types like Jaws, for example.

11 MR. KIHUNE: Jaws, nozzles, hoses, the -- the upgrades of
12 all those type of things.

13 COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Then -- then, Captain, can you tell
14 me what the process is when you make a
15 recommendation that Jaws has exceeded its life
16 expectancy and it needs to be changed. From that
17 point of submitting an actual written request, what
18 is the process after that?

19 MR. KIHUNE: Okay. Again, timing is everything, I guess,
20 because I just did this about a month ago for the
21 Jaws, our -- our standardization for the Jaws across
22 the County.

23 COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Oh.

24 MR. KIHUNE: Right now, we currently have three different
25 types of Jaws unit that are all inter -- that are

1 noninteroperable with each other. So I had proposed
2 that -- it's very costly, and we're still continuing
3 to try and get that.

4 But from the process that it was proposed, it
5 goes down, of course, to the Chief Administration
6 with the approval of my boss, which is Assistant
7 Chief Pascua, and we're all on the same page where
8 we want to go in that direction of standardize that
9 equipment.

10 From there, it's up to the Administration if
11 it's going to go anywhere or not, so...

12 COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: So the usual process from request to
13 you actually getting the requested item, are we
14 talking weeks, months, years?

15 You know, because my -- my interest is you
16 represent the safety of these people --

17 MR. KIHUNE: Correct.

18 COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: -- in you. And if you're requesting
19 something of urgency to meet and comply with the
20 safety standards and requirements, I'm -- I'm hoping
21 that you don't wait the year or -- or longer than
22 that because somebody becomes answerable.

23 MR. KIHUNE: Right, right. Correct. You know, I'd like to
24 disclose everything, but I really can't. Anyway,
25 besides that said, prior to me actually making a

1 proposal, it's a request that comes up, and it's --
2 it could be through an e-mail with -- through my
3 Chief.

4 I say, Chief, we -- we need to look at this
5 area. These are the reasons why. And he says, go
6 ahead. You got the green light. Go do your R & D.
7 Come back with some results.

8 Say if -- just hypothetically, say if I start
9 that in January. To get the people here that we
10 want to compare equipment with, that might take
11 six months because -- you might get somebody here in
12 two weeks, you might get somebody, oh, we can't --
13 we can't bring the equipment till three months.

14 Because we -- we want to go through all the
15 possibilities and the types of equipments, and we
16 have the guys in blue besides ourselves attend
17 these -- these tests, and we kind of determine, you
18 know, what the guys want and what is the best for
19 the Department.

20 Once that's done, probably we hope to get that
21 done in six weeks, then I -- then what I spoke on
22 earlier, the process begins and then I propose what
23 everybody had kind of unanimously chosen, the
24 Committee has chosen, and then we move forward on
25 that request, so...

1 COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Okay.

2 MR. KIHUNE: And it's not for me to --

3 COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Do you normally have backup?

4 MR. KIHUNE: Equipment, you mean?

5 COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Yeah.

6 MR. KIHUNE: We normally do. We've been kind of shortfall

7 on that, too. We've had a few broken items that

8 haven't been able to be replaced recently, so yeah.

9 COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Thank you. Thank you, Chairman.

10 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, any more questions

11 for the Captain? Member Hokama?

12 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: So, Captain, obviously, what you're

13 asking for is not what the Department has been

14 practicing, then, in standardization of equipment?

15 MR. KIHUNE: Correct. I mean, we're -- we haven't been

16 able to do it in this area, as we just spoke, on the

17 Jaws of Life area. There's -- you know, there's

18 other areas, and I -- and I -- you know, it's not

19 really as, you know, blown out to be.

20 There's a nozzle standardization that we have

21 that's -- that -- that we've been able to do so --

22 and there's hose standardization.

23 It's just little things, and we're trying to

24 work to get everything standardized in the

25 Department. That -- that was the goal of the

1 previous Administration. And I -- and I spoke with
2 Chief, and that's his goal to go to the next level,
3 so -- so yeah.

4 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: On your training initiative, Captain,
5 and you mentioned HFFA, is -- is there areas of
6 training that makes sense that you folks approach it
7 statewide with all the Departments, or -- or things
8 need to be just within our own Department's program
9 areas?

10 MR. KIHUNE: You mean looking from the Executive Board
11 side, the HFFA side you talking about?

12 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: You know, you talking about having us
13 move this Train the Trainer initiative.

14 MR. KIHUNE: Uh-huh.

15 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: So my question is, is there anything
16 that makes sense to approach it on -- on the bigger
17 scale that all the Departments can -- can benefit
18 from this Train the Trainer Program, or does it need
19 to just be a Maui County and then you'll do it by
20 islands, more than likely, or regions, or...

21 MR. KIHUNE: Right. Thank you, Member Hokama. That's a
22 good question. We haven't really thought about it
23 to go that far, as far as on a State level, but we
24 do have, being the training is provided through some
25 of these cadre of instructors already, and I'll give

1 you a -- I'll give you an example.

2 The Rope Rescue Program, we do have the
3 highest standard in the State. It's a great
4 Program. We're actually trying to -- trying to meet
5 another higher level, and that will -- that will
6 hopefully be done this year.

7 And that training, because it's so recognized
8 statewide, they've been able to go out and actually
9 assist other fire departments around the State in
10 that level, but that's on their own time. They do
11 this on their own time, they -- people hear about
12 'em, they get requested for training, and then
13 they -- they go on their own to go -- to do help --
14 to assist in their training.

15 As far as we training anybody statewide, that
16 hasn't really come about. I mean, this -- this
17 Program is just trying to -- in the infancy stages,
18 and we're just trying to get it off the ground to
19 just take care of our own guys at this time.

20 But I -- I'm open, too, if it goes, you know,
21 further than that for the guy s. It's great
22 training for the guys. The more that they train,
23 the better they become, so...

24 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Again, just -- it's just a -- something
25 that we -- we looking at the next -- the next scale,

1 the next level of efficiencies.

2 I mean, if Maui Police -- Maui Fire Department
3 is known to be the top Wildland Fire Training and
4 Response Unit and then our -- our peers in Kauai
5 County or Big Island says, you know, we would love
6 to have your trainers come to our Department to
7 provide the -- the training and -- and expertise of
8 experience and they're willing to pay you folks for
9 that, then that's additional resources for the
10 Department to utilize either to expand the Train the
11 Trainer Program or to put it in areas that, you
12 know, will be a benefit to the operations of the
13 Department so, you know, I -- I'm glad you're at
14 least open to looking at those areas, Captain.

15 MR. KIHUNE: I appreciate your suggestions, Member. And
16 we've actually been asked -- again, the Rope Rescue
17 was one of 'em, and I think we had a proposal from
18 Kauai to help them on Swift Water Programs, so
19 we've -- I think we've -- we've been recognized
20 statewide in certain areas, and I think we're going
21 that way, so...

22 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you.

23 MR. KIHUNE: So thank you.

24 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you, Chairman.

25 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. And just want to

1 congratulate you and -- and your fellow fire
2 fighters in regards to supporting, you know,
3 programs like this, you know, being recognized as,
4 you know, one of the best in the State in certain
5 categories.

6 You know, we really -- I'm sure all of us are
7 proud, as far as the Department goes, so thank you
8 again, Captain Kihune.

9 MR. KIHUNE: Thank you, Chair. And I -- it goes back. And
10 my -- my mahalos to you guys. Without the support
11 from you folks and the funding that we get to afford
12 us to do this, we wouldn't be able to -- to -- to
13 get to the level where we are, and I thank you guys
14 so much.

15 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Thank you.

16 MR. KIHUNE: Thank you.

17 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Department?

18 MR. PASCUA: Thank you, Chair. Before I go on, I'd like to
19 thank Captain Kihune, Fire Fighter III Jenkins,
20 Captain Joyo, Fire Fighter III Agdeppa for coming up
21 and supporting those programs that we hope to fund.

22 I know it's going to be a battle for us to
23 divvy up the \$89,000 we're hoping to hold on for --
24 hold on to, but we'll all work together, as we
25 usually do, and we'll make everything work as -- as

1 economically as possible. Thank you, guys.

2 In moving on in the operations, that -- that
3 pretty much covers the entire amount that we're
4 looking for in Training. However, I do want to say
5 that previously in -- in the FY -- current FY '08,
6 you allowed us to have another procurement,
7 appropriation of \$26,500 which, as you can see, has
8 gone down to zero.

9 We are not requesting this year any equipment
10 to be proactive in this area of CBRNE, which is
11 Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear,
12 Explosive types of responses.

13 We've already started research and development
14 in procuring down those items that were appropriated
15 to us in FY '08. In -- in the wireless infrared
16 camera and digital camera with deconnable housing, I
17 think we talked about that before, and we thank you
18 for that.

19 This year, we're -- we're -- we're not asking
20 for any more equipment for training except, as you
21 heard from Cap. Kihune, we surely do need more
22 equipment, more manpower, more funds to stay on top
23 of the game.

24 In staying proactive in the Train the Trainer
25 Program, as well as all the train -- trainer cadre

1 that we hope to provide our entire Department, we've
2 taken positive steps this past year.

3 We now have a cadre of Fire Service Instructor
4 Level II certified instructors. Every time that
5 these guys go out and teach a class, they are now
6 able to certify the people who take their classes.

7 So it's not just Train the Trainers that --
8 who go out there and improve your skills. We can
9 actually offer to certify our guys in certain
10 disciplines. So that -- it's an excellent step, and
11 we thank you folks for that. Other than that --

12 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Chairman, one -- one quick question for
13 the Chief, please, on -- on what he just commented.

14 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Mr. Hokama?

15 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Is this, then, a big plus in the
16 Department's pursuit of continuing accreditation of
17 the Department?

18 MR. PASCUA: It's a huge plus. As Captain Kihune said, we
19 finally accomplished Pro Board recognition and
20 certification.

21 From this point on, from the 25th Recruit
22 Class and every recruit class that comes out of our
23 training academy, they come out certified Fire
24 Fighter I, Fire Fighter II. That's a huge
25 accomplishment.

1 We are currently working to grandfather in all
2 incumbents in the Fire Department at the Fire
3 Fighter I, Fire Fighter II level.

4 We need to follow up on that, but basically
5 what we're saying is everybody -- every
6 blue-uniformed fire fighter in -- in MFD will now
7 hopefully before the end of this calendar year
8 before I exit the -- out the back door, will become
9 certified Fire Fighter Is and Fire Fighter IIs.

10 And then we can, from that point on, continue
11 and progress into creating those career paths and
12 career ladders with prerequisites attached.

13 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Congratulations. When is the next
14 review for accreditation, please, Chief?

15 MR. PASCUA: We haven't started that -- that process of
16 review for accreditation yet, but we're taking all
17 the steps necessary to bring in people from NFPA Pro
18 Board to come to -- to our Department and review
19 everything that we have in progress.

20 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Thank you very much. Thank you,
21 Chairman.

22 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you.

23 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Chairman?

24 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Chief, continue.

25 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Chairman, question on --

1 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Member Medeiros?

2 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: -- the last Program. We're still
3 on Training Program?

4 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Yes. First of all, Chief, are you done
5 with your...

6 MR. PASCUA: Yes.

7 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Okay. Fine.

8 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay.

9 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Member Medeiros?

10 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Mahalo, Mr. Chairman. Yeah, you
11 know, I -- I have a special support for the Training
12 Program because I think the guys on the front line,
13 they're only as good as the training is.

14 And, you know, having, you know, joined the
15 Department way back when, there was no Training
16 Department. I mean, you showed up at your station
17 and you got your turnouts, boots, and equipment, and
18 your trainer was the senior fire fighters and the
19 Captain. So I think for us to have a really good
20 Training Department is a plus for the Department and
21 for the fire fighters online.

22 You know, I was fortunate to have one of --
23 you know, probably the toughest Captains around,
24 Captain Tommy Duarte, and he demanded we train, you
25 know, every day. And it paid off when you had to go

1 to a structural fire and so forth.

2 So I think the Training Section is an
3 important section for the Department, for the
4 Department to look at really providing them with the
5 personnel and tools so that they can continue their
6 training at a higher level each time.

7 So I just want to make that comment that, you
8 know, that's an important part of your Department,
9 and I'd like to see that section, you know,
10 increased in -- in their capabilities. Thank you,
11 Department. Mahalo, Mr. Chairman.

12 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you.

13 MR. PASCUA: Thank you.

14 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Member Baisa?

15 COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: No questions. Thank you.

16 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Member Mateo?

17 COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: I'm done.

18 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Hokama? Member
19 Molina? Thank you. That completes the Training
20 Program.

21 Members, the Chair was going to go into
22 Fire/Rescue -- excuse me -- Operations Program; but
23 because that's the biggest Department -- or Program,
24 I'd like to go to the Fire Prevention Program, hope
25 fully can complete that by noon. Chief?

1 MR. PASCUA: Okay. Thank you, Chair, Members. And the
2 Fire Prevention Program also is a Program that falls
3 under Administrative Support Services.

4 As you can see by the overview, basically, we
5 only have salaries and wages as a 6.2 percent
6 increase. There is an overall increase in -- of
7 5.5 percent. Basically, that is the Collective
8 Bargaining Agreement increases across the board.

9 Other than that, we have nothing else
10 requested. No equipment, no expansion positions.
11 However, as we all know, the Fire Prevention Bureau
12 is in dire need of -- of help not only in -- in
13 positions, but specialized positions.

14 You've heard many -- many testimonies about
15 how the workload is quite overwhelming for the Fire
16 Prevention Bureau, and that has a cascaded effect in
17 the Plans Review Section, facility inspections, and
18 investigations which we hope to, you know, pick up
19 internally and have more investigators in.

20 However, in conclusion to the Fire Prevention
21 Program overview, again, there -- there is nothing
22 extra being asked for, just those salary increases.

23 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, on your Program,
24 it's page 9-14; and on the Details, starting off
25 with page 7-36.

1 Member Mateo, questions?

2 COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Chairman, I'll pass for now.

3 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Baisa?

4 COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: No questions.

5 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Medeiros?

6 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Mahalo, Mr. Chairman. In the Fire
7 Prevention Bureau, they're the ones that review the
8 construction plans as part of their process?

9 MR. PASCUA: That is correct.

10 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. And so your employee count
11 in the Fire Prevention Program is ten. Are those
12 all plan reviewers and officers?

13 MR. PASCUA: No, sir. We only have two people that
14 actually act in that role.

15 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: And -- and what -- what are the
16 rest of the staff in that Program?

17 MR. PASCUA: The rest of the staff are inspectors and
18 clerical.

19 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. Okay. Thank you,
20 Department. Mahalo, Mr. Chairman.

21 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Molina?

22 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah. Thank you, Chair. Just one
23 quick question.

24 In terms of the -- the education aspect, you
25 folks take full advantage of the media in terms of,

1 like, public service announcements maybe like on
2 Akaku, on TV, that -- that kind of, I guess, way to
3 get the message out about people being aware of --
4 you know, I guess educating themselves on
5 preventative measures not to have fires happen?

6 MR. PASCUA: Yes, we do. May I, Chair, ask permission --

7 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Go ahead.

8 MR. PASCUA: -- to -- to bring up Captain -- oh, Troy --
9 Kapono who is in charge of that exact --

10 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay.

11 MR. PASCUA: -- component of the Fire Prevention Bureau to
12 actually describe what -- exactly what he does, if I
13 may.

14 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah. And -- and -- and, Chief, I
15 just asked that because I know you're on a very
16 limited budget here, yeah?

17 MR. PASCUA: Yes.

18 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: And I'm just concerned that we can
19 still make sure we get the message out in spite of
20 the proposed budget that you have for this
21 particular section.

22 MR. PASCUA: Absolutely.

23 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah.

24 MR. PASCUA: Kapono, if you -- if you will. Thank you.

25 Again, I want to thank all -- all my guys who

1 support all the programs that we run
2 administratively and thank you that -- thank them
3 for being here today available to give specific
4 testimony and answer questions.

5 MR. STUPPLEBEEN: Okay. Good morning, Budget Members and
6 Chiefs. I am Kapono Stupplebeen, Fire Fighter III
7 in the Fire Prevention Bureau.

8 My main job when I first started is primarily
9 the public education, and I have seen an increase in
10 the scope that we provide, as far as public
11 education. If I may, I had some reference.

12 We have utilized the media in a limited
13 capacity. We have had -- fortunate one of our Fire
14 Commissioners is Wendy Osher with Pacific Radio
15 Group, and we were able to do, this past October,
16 approximately one full month run of PSAs that ran
17 concurrently with Fire Prevention Week, which is in
18 October.

19 So other than that, The Maui News coverage, we
20 have had some coverage through the public
21 information officers with the Mayor's office, and
22 previous to that was when we would actually call
23 Maui News ourselves when we had an event.

24 And it would normally work like this, where we
25 would call two weeks in advance to an event, and

1 basically Maui News would say, is there kids and is
2 there, you know, fire fighters, you know. If there
3 were, they may send somebody to take some photos
4 and -- and do a little clip in The Maui News.

5 Other than that, as we are out in the public
6 doing our community service events where we would do
7 presentations, if there was coverage there where we
8 would get into Haleakala Times and other smaller
9 newspapers, that's -- that's basically where we
10 would get media coverage.

11 It wasn't heavily solicited, but we plan on
12 doing it, and they're -- just to make a note, it's
13 not an initiative so far, but I have spoken with
14 Fire Fighter III Leomer Domingo who is in Napili.
15 He is in our AV.

16 And, basically, he does the radios with Chief
17 Cordeiro, but they have an AV team, and we did
18 discuss making a video that we could show on Akaku
19 that would cover the fire prevention, safety tips,
20 and possibly making it out to be something that
21 could be distributed to the schools to go in
22 addition to our annual Fire Fighter Safety Guide,
23 which the luncheon is coming up for all the students
24 that did complete them this year.

25 And that Program, actually, has gone -- I -- I

1 know most of you have known it through your kids
2 bringing it home and you coloring and everything so
3 that Program is an ongoing Program.

4 But hopefully along with that may be a video
5 that we could get out to the schools. But so far,
6 that has just been between myself and Leomer.

7 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Thank you. I appreciate
8 your -- your efforts with getting the word out, and
9 I -- I -- I especially like the part where you
10 talked about the kids because, you know, for many of
11 us when we were young, we loved playing with
12 matches. And I was -- I was lucky I had parents
13 that gave me the cracks that I needed.

14 MR. STUPPLEBEEN: Hanaokolele on you.

15 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: That's all I have, Chairman. Thank
16 you.

17 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, any more questions
18 for Mr. -- Fire Fighter Stupplebeen? Seeing none,
19 thank you for your explanation in regards to how we
20 provide coverage in regards to your Department's
21 functions. Thank you very much.

22 MR. STUPPLEBEEN: Okay. Mahalo. Thank you for your
23 support. Aloha.

24 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Chief?

25 MR. PASCUA: Again, Members of the Council, Chair, that is

1 the end of my presentation for the Fire Prevention
2 Bureau, unless you have any more questions.

3 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Medeiros?

4 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Mahalo, Mr. Chairman. I just
5 wanted to ask, in looking at DPS's vacancy list, I
6 wanted to know what the status was for Fire Fighter
7 III in the Fire Prevention Bureau.

8 Is it still vacant, or is it filled?

9 MR. PASCUA: We currently have an eligible list that we
10 will be doing selections from. Tests, interviews
11 have all been completed, and that eligible list will
12 hopefully bring fruit to filling that position, that
13 vacancy in Fire Prevention Bureau.

14 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. Thank you, Chief Pascua.
15 Mahalo, Mr. Chairman.

16 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Mateo?

17 COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Thank you, Chairman. Chief Pascua,
18 your -- one -- one of the objectives for Fiscal Year
19 2009, the first objective listed, you reference
20 obtaining a designated fire investigator.

21 You know, when you take a look at the reality
22 of this particular Department with operations being
23 primarily flat and there's no request for any
24 additions, there's no request for position, can you
25 tell me the process in -- in obtaining the fire

1 investigator as your objective for '09?

2 MR. PASCUA: This is a very pertinent question.

3 Internally, we have requested expansion positions
4 for an investigator.

5 We thought it would be prudent at -- at this
6 time of the year to -- and in our economic state to
7 go along with the Mayor's proposed budget and
8 actually forego that proposed request for an
9 expansion position investigator, Fire Fighter III.

10 However, we will still continue -- continue to
11 strive to provide that services through further
12 certified -- certifiable training and provide those
13 investigative needs through our Prevention Bureau.
14 That's -- that's where we are. We're -- we're
15 hoping.

16 COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: So -- so, Chief, then, currently, you
17 are currently in training with one of -- with one of
18 the men to assume this particular position?

19 MR. PASCUA: If I may, the level of training that was
20 provided to our personnel in Fire Prevention Bureau
21 was coordinated by Captain Val Martin. He can give
22 you a whole lot of detail behind the level of
23 training that -- the majority of our -- in fact, all
24 of our Fire Prevention Bureau personnel have
25 achieved.

1 COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Okay.

2 MR. PASCUA: And investigator is one of 'em.

3 COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Okay. Well, Chief, I just wanted to
4 find out from you, maybe --

5 MR. PASCUA: Okay.

6 COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: -- you can just tell me, then, for
7 this particular division, then, would -- would this
8 be the number one priority for this -- for this
9 particular section?

10 MR. PASCUA: It would be a very high priority. I -- I
11 wouldn't be able to tell you whether it could -- it
12 is the number one priority, but it is a very high
13 priority.

14 COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Okay. Because the -- this particular
15 section, there is no priority for equipment.

16 MR. PASCUA: Yeah.

17 COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: And the Operations Section remains
18 flat.

19 MR. PASCUA: Yes.

20 COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: And the only thing that -- that I can
21 visibly see is your number one objective for 2009,
22 so --

23 MR. PASCUA: That is correct.

24 COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: So this would be the number one
25 again?

1 MR. PASCUA: Yes.

2 COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Thank you. Thank you, Chairman.

3 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, any more questions
4 in regards to the Fire Prevention Program?

5 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Question.

6 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Member Hokama?

7 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: One of your fire fighters gave us
8 testimony regarding concerns over construction
9 material earlier today.

10 MR. PASCUA: Yes.

11 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: So I would assume this division would
12 have input with DSA when it comes to building
13 permits and -- and -- and those type of approvals
14 requested from -- from our Community.

15 Is there an issue we need to know to -- to
16 make appropriate adjustments to either the Building
17 Code standards or -- or other issues since your fire
18 fighter did bring it up to us as a concern earlier?

19 MR. PASCUA: There are issues. Technically, I wouldn't be
20 able to answer that question with a whole lot of
21 comprehensive answers. If I may bring up Captain
22 Val Martin to answer that question, he has that
23 large skill, expertise on that area.

24 Again, we have two Fire Fighter IVs,
25 lieutenants, actually, who review plans, and there

1 has been an adoption of a new Fire Code. Where it
2 addresses in that Fire Code the actual construction
3 materials that are regulated by those Codes, I'm not
4 sure. But Captain Val, would you elaborate on that
5 question, please?

6 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Captain Martin?

7 MR. MARTIN: Good morning, everyone, Chair, Members of the
8 Committee. It's a very, very interesting topic.
9 Building construction is not determined or enforced
10 by the Fire Department, yeah. That is done by the
11 Building Department. And also, the Fire Department
12 does not look at single-family homes. And,
13 basically, that's what catches on fire and burns
14 most of the time is single-family homes.

15 There has been a decline in the quality of
16 construction. I mean, we've all seen it. I mean,
17 you look at the old houses from 80 years ago,
18 they're still standing when you look at that nice
19 craftsmanship and -- and -- and the pride that went
20 into the work.

21 We all probably live in houses now, if you've
22 lived in it the last 20, 30 years, with Gang-Nail
23 truss construction. But we all know what those are,
24 those big plates that holds the trusses together.

25 That's a fire fighter's worst nightmare.

1 Those are -- they have been proven to fail quickly,
2 not like before, yeah. So they're approved to be
3 used, they're -- they're -- you know, they've been
4 determined to be quality while it's erected, but a
5 lot -- a lot of times the testing and the approvals
6 don't take into consideration the -- the burden of a
7 fire.

8 So, yeah, unfortunately, the Fire Department,
9 when we look at plans that come to us, we do not
10 look at the single-family homes. We only look at
11 commercial. And also, we do not have a say on the
12 type of construction.

13 And also, you know, the -- the Codes, it's
14 really a consensus process. We do have Fire
15 Department personnel that sit on the national codes
16 that are fighting to stop all of this, but they only
17 have one vote and then you have commercial, you have
18 developers, you have contractors that all sit on
19 this board and so, you know, with that consensus
20 process, it's not what we want as the fire -- fire
21 safety personnel, fire fighters out there, but it's
22 something we all have to live with.

23 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Chairman?

24 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Mr. Hokama.

25 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Captain Martin, we thank you for those

1 comments you shared with the Committee right now.
2 Which is pretty interesting, your comments, and --
3 and -- and, you know, hearing from an old bat like
4 me who's been here for a long time, I didn't know
5 you didn't review single-family homes because I -- I
6 would assume most of your callouts is single-family
7 homes.

8 But -- but we ask you these questions because
9 rightfully so, your -- your peers, your colleagues
10 brought up issues to us earlier this morning which
11 was the concern of construction material, and thank
12 you for bringing up the trusses. You know, we
13 understand what -- what you're talking about with
14 those truss joints and what is approved by Building
15 Code.

16 And then the other comment, of course, is how
17 narrow some of the access roads into properties to
18 respond to fires, again, also impacts Department
19 equipment because of size of equipment and -- and
20 justification for other options like a Mini Pumper.

21 Have you expressed those concerns to -- or
22 your Department expressed those issues that we've
23 been made aware of today to Developmental Services
24 Administration, whether it be Mr. Ralph Nagamine or
25 people like Mr. Aaron Shinmoto or Public Works

1 Director Arakawa?

2 Have you folks expressed that they might be --
3 there may be a need to rereview those type of
4 standards from a safety standpoint?

5 MR. MARTIN: I'm guessing you're talking about sometimes
6 subdivisions or roadway widths?

7 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Uh-huh.

8 MR. MARTIN: We do, we -- we do regularly work with -- with
9 DSA, and our -- our requirements most of the time
10 are less stringent than theirs so we're -- we're
11 always happy when -- when they enforce something.

12 We require 20 feet, a lot of times they
13 require more for Fire Department access like that.
14 I -- I'm hoping I'm -- I'm answering your question,
15 but we do --

16 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Well, I just -- yeah, I just want --
17 you know, want to make sure that there's
18 communication because eventually, they're going to
19 need to submit to us revisions for us to either
20 update the Codes for certain components, electrical,
21 plumbing, building.

22 You know, we just went through a review of
23 the -- the current Fire Code -- Captains, you worked
24 with us on that, so I'm -- I'm just concerned that
25 -- you know, we get the complaints, Fire Department,

1 we took too long to respond but then again, you
2 know, we didn't -- we weren't aware that the County
3 approved a house that's -- goes down a 150-foot dirt
4 pad that's narrow that equipment cannot go down, the
5 hydrant is X feet from the property, you know, those
6 kind of things.

7 Because we need to make better decisions,
8 obviously, for ourselves as a County and -- and for
9 you as a Department that's going to need to respond
10 to the -- to the callouts because I'm sure -- wait,
11 maybe I'm not sure.

12 Does that type of issues you brought up like
13 the trusses, truss joints and whatnot impact a
14 homeowner or property owner's premium regarding fire
15 insurance, are you aware whether it has any impact
16 at all?

17 MR. MARTIN: I have no idea if it -- if it would have any
18 affect on their -- on their premium but, you know,
19 the majority of homes today are now built with --
20 with those truss systems so, you know, I -- I
21 wouldn't imagine, but I -- I have -- I don't have an
22 answer for that.

23 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: But you would be able to tell us today
24 that it has -- reduces the time a fire fighter is
25 responding and the ability to stay within the

1 structure?

2 MR. MARTIN: That is true. That is absolutely true.

3 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Would you say you lose half of the
4 available time that a fire fighter could stay in the
5 structure to -- for the requirements of -- of the
6 call, versus standing and -- and saying you know
7 what, we're not going to take a chance and put in
8 our -- our -- our fire fighters in the structure so
9 we going let 'em burn to the ground because we -- we
10 won't risk fire fighters' lives?

11 MR. MARTIN: Yeah. You know, that's the toughest decision
12 that the -- the company commander needs to make, you
13 know, the -- the cost versus benefit.

14 There's so many variables with a particular
15 fire, the -- the type of construction, the interior
16 furnishings, what type of furnishing it is, how old
17 it is, what's -- what it's made out of. That will
18 really determine the -- the spread of the fire, how
19 fast it will be and then, too, to try and figure out
20 if there are victims inside.

21 So it -- it can vary as far as the speed on --
22 on when it would fail. So it's really hard to say,
23 but, yeah, if someone has a lot of furnishings in
24 there, it -- it can go up pretty quickly.

25 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Later on, we can, I guess, have

1 the appropriate discussion with the right standing
2 Committee, Captain, but I would be interested in --
3 in recommendations of improvement, particularly with
4 single-family home reviews. Thank you, Chairman.

5 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Thank you, Captain Martin.
6 Members, any more questions regarding Fire
7 Prevention at this time?

8 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Chair, I have a question for
9 Captain Martin.

10 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Okay. Mr. Medeiros?

11 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Thank you, Chair. Captain Martin,
12 thank you for the information you provided.

13 But I'm of the same thinking as Council Chair
14 Hokama, that we need to review the standards if
15 they're not, you know, beneficial to the
16 fire-fighting industry and -- and the service.

17 So are you saying that periodically, you don't
18 have any collaborative meetings with, say, DSA or
19 Public Works to voice the Department's concerns
20 about building standards and -- because you
21 mentioned that you don't review single-family homes,
22 right?

23 So my thinking is you review only those that
24 are multilevel that have fire sprinklers or dry
25 standpipes that you have to be sure are constructed

1 according to standard.

2 Is that what basically the Bureau does in
3 reviewing construction plans?

4 MR. MARTIN: The answer to your -- to your first question,
5 we deal with DSA on a daily basis. Our two plans
6 reviewers are on the phone; and if not, they're --
7 they're there daily usually between the hours of
8 11:00 and 2:00, somewhere between there, they'll
9 spend an hour every day going through plans with DSA
10 and -- and -- and talking about -- about things.

11 As far as single-family homes, again, the Fire
12 Department, we do not review permits for
13 single-family homes. The only time that we're going
14 to get a permit is if a single-family home is being
15 constructed off of the County water system and they
16 need to provide fire protection or answer to us what
17 type of fire protection measures they're going to
18 take.

19 But even at that, we don't look at the
20 construction of the home, we just look at the square
21 footage, how high it is, how far it is from the
22 road, what are they proposing for the fire
23 protection, but we don't actually look at the
24 details of the construction type or anything like
25 that. So that's -- that's the -- the only extent

1 that we get into single-family homes.

2 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Yeah. And -- and that -- that's a
3 concern because with the construction of mega
4 mansions now, they're very large single-family homes
5 that would require, you know, some additional
6 response as far as firefighting.

7 But I think the question we have is that not
8 that you -- your Bureau works alongside DSA on a
9 daily basis, but I think is what can we do to change
10 the standards that are now in place.

11 Because DSA will only review what the
12 standards allow, and the standards are usually based
13 on architectural or engineering advice, but I don't
14 know if they take in any kind of input from
15 firefighting.

16 And I think we -- we should move in that
17 direction I think is what Council Chair Hokama is
18 referring to. But -- but thank you for the
19 information you provided. Mahalo, Mr. Chairman.

20 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Just one question from the
21 Chair.

22 You mentioned that you -- you sit on a
23 Committee that, you know, review whatever standards,
24 and you're only one vote. Is this statewide, or
25 just the County?

1 MR. MARTIN: Chair, I -- when I mentioned that, I just used
2 that in general terms, not me specifically for --
3 for -- for the Committee that -- that I work with --

4 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Uh-huh.

5 MR. MARTIN: -- just as far as the Building Code because
6 the Building Code is what would really dictate the
7 building construction.

8 But it -- for my -- and I -- I'm assuming that
9 you're referring to my position on -- on the
10 Committee.

11 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Yeah.

12 MR. MARTIN: The Committee that I sit on is basically NFPA
13 1, Uniform Fire Code, and that is made up of about
14 30 members from across the country from various
15 aspects of industry, and there's about maybe seven
16 or eight from the fire service that sit on this
17 Committee, and -- and I'm one of 'em on the -- on
18 the Uniform Fire Code.

19 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Okay. Thank you. Member Mateo?

20 COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Chairman, thank you very much.

21 Chairman, this Department also has its own
22 Commission, and I think issues that Captain Martin
23 brings up are credible enough that could be
24 forwarded to the Commission so they can have their
25 discussion because part of their purview would be to

1 also provide recommendation not only to the
2 Department but to this body as well.

3 So I think it would be best served when there
4 are issues such as we're -- we're dealing with
5 today, that it really should be shared with that
6 Commission so they can provide recommendations to
7 this body as well. Thank you, Chair.

8 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, any more questions
9 for Captain Martin? If not, thank you very much.

10 MR. MARTIN: Chair, I just had one comment --

11 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Sure.

12 MR. MARTIN: -- that can really affect everything that we
13 just discussed.

14 The Hawaii State Fire Council has -- has voted
15 over a year ago to adopt the Uniform Fire Code, the
16 2006 edition as the State Fire Code, and the Hawaii
17 State Fire Code -- Hawaii State Fire Council also
18 voted to allow all new construction to come under
19 the Building Department and not under the Fire Code.

20 So that may be something to think about, and
21 that's at a statewide level.

22 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Yeah. Thank you. Members, any
23 questions -- any more questions regarding the Fire
24 Prevention Program?

25 Seeing none, then Chair is going to recess

1 this meeting until 1:45, and we'll continue with the
2 largest Program for the Department, which is the
3 Fire/Rescue Operations Program. So this meeting is
4 in recess until 1:45. ...(gavel)...

5 **RECESS: 12:13 p.m.**

6 **RECONVENE: 1:54 p.m.**

7 CHAIR PONTANILLA: ...(gavel)... The Budget and Finance
8 Committee meeting is now reconvened.

9 Members, when we left off, the last Program
10 that we reviewed was the Fire Prevention. The next
11 program is the Fire/Rescue Operations. Members, if
12 you can turn to page 9-12 on your Program Budget and
13 7-10 on your Details page.

14 Chief Pascua?

15 MR. PASCUA: Chief Cordeiro will be (inaudible) --

16 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Oh, Chief Cordeiro, comment?

17 MR. CORDEIRO: Good afternoon, Budget Chair, Council

18 Members, and brothers and sisters from the Fire
19 Department and guests.

20 The Fire Operations is the largest Program
21 that we have due to all the operational needs that
22 is conducted. What we're asking for, and the first
23 I'll cover is that -- I sent out a packet, would be
24 the expansion positions for three Battalion Chiefs.

25 These positions are needed to create a second

1 battalion that will work a 24-hour shift and
2 requires one person for each shift. That's the
3 reason why we have -- we need three.

4 We are now at a time of creating unsafe
5 working conditions and not meeting the mandated
6 Federal standards, increasing the Department's and
7 Counties liability, and increasing the change for
8 our employees -- danger to our employees and our
9 Community. These three expansion positions will
10 reduce these concerns and create a more efficient
11 operation by having two battalions.

12 The -- what is a Battalion Chief? A Battalion
13 Chief is the Chief of the fire and rescue operations
14 daily. We have one person at this time every day
15 that has to take care of.

16 And as I show in the handouts, there is the
17 breakdowns of what comprises of 85 people, 14
18 Engine Companies, two Ladder Companies, a Rescue
19 Company, HazMat, Special Operations Company, four
20 tankers, as well as the other rescue -- three rescue
21 boats, four personal waters crafts or jet skis, two
22 mini trucks, wildland truck, nine utility trucks,
23 one helicopter, and they also need to know the
24 status and ability -- availability of all relief
25 apparatus. We have nine engines and one ladder at

1 this time.

2 Chief Shaffer covered it, all the duties that
3 they have, and there's much more as on a daily basis
4 and if an emergency arises that they need to respond
5 to.

6 These three expansion positions will cover six
7 of the seven areas of our Strategic Plan, as said in
8 page 3, and we'll be delivering prompt and effective
9 emergency services, prevent, mitigate, and stabilize
10 hazardous materials incidents, they'll participate
11 in the County's localized disaster response network,
12 maintain vehicles and equipment for emergency
13 response, they'll develop and support an effective
14 organization, and provide training and education to
15 Department personnel that supports and encourages
16 professional competence and career development.

17 These three extra positions are really needed
18 to ensure that all communications and all special
19 equipments are taken care of, provide information to
20 the media, review and confirm all reports and fire
21 accidents, injuries, and training that are current
22 and accurate.

23 As we stated, we have three now, that's one
24 per shift that's on daily and rotate out on a -- on
25 a shift -- a 24-hour-shift cycle. We need three

1 more -- actually, we need six more at least, but
2 with -- we know the constraints of what the economy
3 is, we just was settling with -- for the three, that
4 is the minimum that we can have so we can split this
5 battalion.

6 As you see in -- further in the document, I
7 show the breakdown of how we would split these
8 battalions. And that would be under pages 14 and
9 15, as well as page 16 to 17.

10 And this would just break down as one
11 Battalion Chief, which currently, Battalion Chiefs
12 are at the Kahului Fire Station. And this would
13 have one Battalion Chief at the Kahului Fire
14 Station, and he would be responsible for seven fire
15 stations with ten companies.

16 Then the other Fire Chief, at this time we're
17 looking at stationing at the Lahaina Fire Station
18 due to the geographical problems of highway
19 closures, the travel distance to the West side, and
20 potential of major emergencies that require a
21 Battalion Chief to manage and command due to the
22 population density and major occupancies in that
23 area, and he -- he would be responsible for seven
24 fire stations with eight companies.

25 And the reason why they have a little less

1 companies, because this battalion would compromise
2 the three islands of Maui, Molokai, and Lanai -- I'm
3 sorry, Maui, Molokai, yeah, and Lanai.

4 And this is where his battalions would run,
5 and it'd be Wailuku, Lahaina, Napili, Kaunakakai,
6 Hoolehua on Molokai, and the Lanai Station. I'm
7 sorry, Pukoo moved over to Lanai, but it's on
8 Molokai. There's three on Molokai. And the
9 breakdown is in the back and color coded as such.

10 The following map which would show -- I'm
11 sorry it got cut off, but the second battalion which
12 would be in the blue area would be taken, and the
13 response would be covered.

14 As you can see, this greatly reduces the
15 response from one Battalion Chief that has to cover
16 all of these areas, as well as taking care of
17 day-to-day basic duties and all the other
18 incidentals that goes on daily with each companies.

19 Chief Shaffer and Chief Tam did provide
20 testimony as we've grown and increased, and this is
21 really, really needed. This is really critical at
22 this time.

23 And some of the issues that we've had, such as
24 the Olowalu Fire and we had to split into two
25 divisions, and we need Battalion Chief-level people

1 to help manage these type of major incidents, as
2 well as leaving someone back, and we had to TA
3 someone up into that position to cover the rest of
4 the island and whatever resources we have left
5 available.

6 And we've been trying to initiate when we have
7 major fires, such as the Polipoli Fire we assisted.
8 We had a Battalion Chief up there working with
9 companies that we pulled in off duty to handle that
10 little fires up there -- the fire up there, not
11 little fires, but the fires up there, as well as
12 Kahikinui Fire. We had fires in the back so we had
13 to dedicate someone back there to manage the
14 resources with the helicopters, as well as working
15 with other agencies and private industry.

16 We also have had to -- we've lost one of our
17 Battalion Chiefs to retirement, and that's why we
18 don't have the third one here at this time to
19 present his, and we're TAing.

20 And, also, to develop people and get them into
21 the know of the business of how the operation works,
22 how we can deal with budget so they can come up and
23 make a transition into the organization to help us
24 establish a good communication and getting
25 information to not only the Council but to the

1 general public.

2 And this would help with the pool with that
3 because we only have three right now. In the event
4 Chief Pascua and I retire, it will be very minimized
5 as to the people that can qualify for this position.

6 These -- these three extra people is not
7 really extra. They are needed, and we -- we really,
8 really are begging for these positions because they
9 are very crucial.

10 We've -- we've done as much as we could to
11 bring our budget down to minimize and -- so we can
12 provide for this. And with that, is there any
13 questions?

14 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Chief Cordeiro. Members, the
15 Chair would like to follow the question -- Q and A
16 in this manner here.

17 Because I think the most discussion that we're
18 going to be having is the salaries and wages because
19 of the EP count and the expansion position, are
20 there any questions in regards to their operations
21 request? Member Hokama?

22 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Chairman, thank you for your guidance
23 for this afternoon.

24 Gentlemen, if I recall right, when we gave our
25 initial approval for the Fire Department's use of a

1 helicopter, we were looking at 300, 350,000 24/7
2 chopper and pilot at the station. You know, now
3 you're asking us for \$1 million.

4 Is it still the same? We still getting the
5 same service, the same level of status as what we
6 had originally agreed to in our initial funding?

7 MR. CORDEIRO: This is inclusive of not only the contract
8 that we have with Windward Helicopters at this time
9 for -- I believe it's up in four -- four -- page
10 103.

11 MR. PASCUA: No, that's -- that's our budget --

12 MR. CORDEIRO: That's our Budget Details. We -- we're --
13 that's -- we pay \$38,950 a month just for the
14 helicopter to be available.

15 Then we need to pay \$200 -- \$250 an hour each
16 time we fly with it, as well as if we bring in
17 additional helicopters.

18 So that \$1 million covers not only the
19 helicopter contract but also all helicopter time
20 that we need to fly with other helicopters or even
21 when the National Guard comes in, they -- it's like
22 7,500 bucks an hour for them.

23 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: So what's the breakdown of the -- the
24 main chopper compared to the -- the supporting
25 dollars is what?

1 MR. CORDEIRO: The main helicopter, it comes out of that 1
2 million. And what it is, is the 400 and -- I don't
3 see it here, but I can get that information for you,
4 but it's -- I believe it's in the 450,000 -- 400 --

5 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Four hundred fifty-six?

6 MR. CORDEIRO: Yeah, for the one year. It's 38,000 a month
7 for this chopper, so --

8 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: And then the balance is for other
9 additional chopper support?

10 MR. CORDEIRO: Yes. We have to bring in second helicopters
11 when we have large fires, sometimes we go up to five
12 helicopters.

13 National Guard comes in, that helicopter is
14 7,500 an hour just to fly in, and it's a minimum of
15 two hours just to land on Maui because you get
16 one hour here and one hour back.

17 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: So that's when you're calling for that
18 support?

19 MR. CORDEIRO: Specific, yeah.

20 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: National Guard support?

21 MR. CORDEIRO: Yeah, and it comes out of that one fund.

22 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: I get one side question on -- on -- on
23 that area, but -- so you have an agreed upon
24 schedule of rates and fees that other helicopter
25 service companies have provided to the Department.

1 So if we call X, Y, Z helicopter, it's -- we
2 know it's three-hour callout minimum, \$200 standby,
3 whatever it be, we -- we know what we committing to
4 as far as -- as expenses so that it justifies the
5 million dollars for this?

6 MR. CORDEIRO: We have had and then we've in the -- in the
7 past, we've had and then in the past years that
8 we've come through a lot of these companies don't
9 want to fly fire operations or rescue and then
10 specialize for the Fire/Rescue Operations
11 especially. That's why we have to charter the
12 helicopter.

13 It's specifically for the live loading or with
14 the Billy Pugh nets or slinging somebody underneath
15 the helicopter or -- or -- or letting them repel.
16 So it has to be designated just for the Fire
17 Department.

18 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. That -- that's for our primary
19 chopper, right?

20 MR. CORDEIRO: That's for the primary chopper.

21 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: For the secondary support companies
22 that you're calling with water buckets or what --
23 what have you, we have the same fee schedule, rate
24 schedule that we pay the primary, or is it on a
25 different --

1 MR. CORDEIRO: It's a different rate, and it's a higher
2 rate. They give us a discounted rate for the hourly
3 flights that we're flying, and then the other
4 chopper helicopter companies, depending on the type
5 of helicopter it is, they have a different rate for
6 that.

7 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Chairman, you know, I'm going to
8 bring up some of the equipment because this is what
9 we were told in -- in testimony to the Committee.

10 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Uh-huh.

11 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: And -- and I'm tying it to -- in
12 relationship to -- to the request for the \$1 million
13 for the helicopter service.

14 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Okay. Go ahead.

15 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. We have heard comments from --
16 from your veteran fire fighters that one of the good
17 rationale of why we need to seriously consider
18 supporting equipment purchase of -- of new Mini
19 Pumpers is, one, their ability to respond to
20 off-road situations, whereby it would lessen the
21 dependency of the Department needs for choppers
22 because they're able to respond with their own
23 ground equipment.

24 So if that is true and we provide the
25 Department with sufficient Mini Pumpers and support

1 vehicles and equipment, how much would it reduce the
2 million-dollar request for helicopter service?

3 MR. CORDEIRO: It all depends on the areas and the type of
4 fires that we get and if the minis can reach that
5 areas. And specific where we're talking about the
6 Paia -- we'll be covering later, that areas have
7 roads that we can get to some areas and the trucks
8 can get in.

9 In some other areas that we -- in the back
10 side of Kahikinui or up on the mountains, our trucks
11 can't get up there so helicopters are very vital.
12 And initially, they can get in much quicker than our
13 trucks sometimes and they'll knock the fire down,
14 but we still have to go in and overhaul these fires
15 so it doesn't rekindle and flare up again.

16 So it's in conjunction with -- these trucks
17 that we're asking for, the Mini Trucks, would not
18 only, say, go to brush fires but also to rescue and
19 do other emergencies with that vehicle where our
20 larger trucks can't get in any more.

21 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: So it does not necessarily mean that
22 there'll be a reduction in the helicopter dollar
23 amounts requested to us?

24 MR. CORDEIRO: It's hard to say because depending on where
25 the fires are. If it's in the rural areas where we

1 can get access to, it will help, and we can release
2 the choppers sooner since we'll have people in the
3 area to put the fires out, versus if the fire
4 chopper has to stay there or additional choppers
5 have to stay there.

6 And if we can get to the fire quickly, we can
7 stop its growth and then it will show a decrease,
8 but that's all on factors.

9 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Quickly, Chief Cordeiro, since
10 -- I'm happy that we pay the State when we request
11 their assistance for our departmental needs, so my
12 understanding is when you respond -- our people
13 responded, your -- our Department, your -- your --
14 your operations responded to the State fire at
15 Polipoli, did we get reimbursed for our -- in -- our
16 -- our costs?

17 Because we brought this up last budget. Since
18 we pay the State and they (inaudible) and we pay the
19 State when we ask them for support, have you
20 collected the reimbursement from the State back when
21 they call us for -- to respond to their issues?

22 MR. CORDEIRO: They have not reimbursed us and the initial
23 cost that we had to take. They took care of the
24 larger choppers, and we took care of our manpower
25 because of the MOU that we have, we respond and take

1 care of area of responsibilities that we have
2 designated.

3 And we were in the lower flanks of -- in our
4 area of responsibility, and they were fighting the
5 fires in their area of responsibility. So it's when
6 equipment or manpower is used specifically in the
7 upper elevations that -- just specifically for
8 forestry then we can try to retrieve funding from
9 them.

10 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: This MOU is between who and who,
11 please?

12 MR. CORDEIRO: It's between the State Division of Forestry
13 and the Maui County Fire Department.

14 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: And that authorization to enter into
15 this intergovernmental agreement was provided by...

16 MR. CORDEIRO: The appropriate agencies that had to sign
17 off on it would be through the -- the Mayor and the
18 Governor and -- and the -- all the -- the ranks in
19 between.

20 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Chairman, we need to follow up and ask
21 Corp. Counsel how many of this intergovernmental
22 agreements we have that has not been authorized by
23 Council.

24 Because my understanding is we only enter in
25 agreements that we authorize the County to enter in.

1 Therefore, even the Mayor cannot sign with another
2 agency unless we authorize her to enter in such a --
3 such agreements, so -- and if it's fair, it's
4 workable for us, I'm sure Council will be favor --
5 favorable in its authorization approval, but it's
6 something we're going to need to be at least --
7 thank you for informing us of this memorandum of
8 understanding.

9 MS. FUJITA VILLAROSA: Mr. Chair?

10 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Corp. Counsel?

11 MS. FUJITA VILLAROSA: Our Department wouldn't have
12 knowledge of agreements that haven't come to our
13 Department for approval.

14 So the request really should be, maybe, to the
15 Departments to identify intergovernmental agreements
16 that they have entered into or that they have
17 knowledge of for their Department.

18 But if the -- if the agreement didn't go
19 through the proper approval process, our Department
20 wouldn't have knowledge of that.

21 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: So would those agreements still be
22 valid?

23 MS. FUJITA VILLAROSA: We would have to look at each one
24 and determine that.

25 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Well, we're entering into

1 uncomfortable areas, Chairman, because I -- our
2 expense is we end up with claims and liabilities
3 down the road, so we need to review this, and I ask
4 the Budget Director to make the Departments aware
5 that we would like to know of these type of
6 agreements that have not been authorized by -- by
7 Council.

8 One quick one, gentlemen. I'm like you. I go
9 to the gas pumps regularly to fill up my vehicle.
10 I'm concerned that the requests may be very tight
11 for your various stations under fuel. For many
12 stations, it's slightly reduced of the actual Fiscal
13 Year '07 requirements.

14 Can you help this Committee understand the
15 approach to the budget request regarding these, what
16 I consider, essential supplies for the stations?

17 MR. CORDEIRO: I'll defer to Chief Pascua.

18 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Chief, if you need, yeah, Kula, actual,
19 '07, was six -- over \$6,000, yet this year you
20 asking us for less than six.

21 Napili, actual in '07, \$6,000; this year, you
22 guys asking for less than \$3,000 for fuel. A few
23 stations have some slight adjustments, I will note
24 you that, although for Hana, it's amazing they spent
25 only \$35 in Fiscal Year '07.

1 Can -- can you help this Committee understand
2 the approach that the Department took regarding
3 these components, please?

4 MR. PASCUA: Under Subobject Code 6022, Gasoline, Diesel,
5 Oil, specifically, that's what we're talking about.
6 We were hoping that those would be, actually, raised
7 accordingly to rising fuel costs.

8 However, looking at these cuts, we were not
9 aware that -- we didn't go through every station on
10 fuel cost itself and see that there were a couple
11 hundred dollars cut. What that was based on, I
12 think, was -- was our -- what the County was able to
13 afford.

14 And whether discussions were made in the MD's
15 Office, the Mayor's Office, specifically concerning
16 fuel costs, I'm not aware of. However, those cuts,
17 we -- we weren't aware.

18 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. For me, gentlemen, your
19 Department, Police, cannot operate without the fuel.

20 MR. PASCUA: I agree.

21 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Your job is to get on the road and --
22 and respond or -- or do appropriate training
23 exercises, so you got to be out there in the front
24 lines so I'm having a hard time understanding what
25 is before us regarding the -- the requests.

1 You know, we don't have the advantage of the
2 Managing Director here with us to understand their
3 approach to this, but I would ask you this
4 afternoon, gentlemen, that I would appreciate an
5 adjusted amount to at least maintain a satisfactory
6 level of -- of fuel requests.

7 MR. PASCUA: Thank you for that, Chair -- I mean, Chair
8 Hokama. Specific stations, such as the one you just
9 pointed out, did go down. Some other stations, I'm
10 looking at that line item budget -- item did go up
11 --

12 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Uh-huh.

13 MR. PASCUA: -- a little bit. Now, whether that percentage
14 of increase really compensates for the increase of
15 actual fuel prices, we'll have to do a little bit
16 more study on that, and we will make a realistic
17 research and -- and estimate on what -- what
18 actually needs to be addressed here as far as --

19 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Uh-huh.

20 MR. PASCUA: -- percentage amounts in increase.

21 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay.

22 MR. PASCUA: Thank you for that.

23 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: And one question so we can appreciate
24 the -- the approach, the budget approach.

25 Molokai, you've listed it as one station with

1 39 fire fighters. We know it's three stations, main
2 station, Kaunakakai, Hoolehua, and Pukoo substation.

3 So can you explain to the Committee why you
4 folks chose to just report it as Molokai Station
5 with 39 fire fighters instead of breaking it down by
6 specific cost centers, please?

7 MR. PASCUA: I couldn't really answer that. That was
8 typically historically the way it was, has been for
9 as long as I can remember.

10 Now, the -- the specific reasons about why it
11 remains that way instead of being separately three
12 different entities with three separate index codes,
13 I could not explain that.

14 However, if -- if you would allow us to -- to
15 converse and discuss that with Budget and Finance,
16 it may be more appropriate to split them up.

17 The way we do it, and the way we have it in
18 operations, the Kaunakakai Station and the Pukoo
19 Station are pretty much tied together. The Hoolehua
20 -- Hoolehua Station stands alone. When all the
21 expenses come through, though, they're under one
22 index code. I -- I -- and I know that's what you're
23 referring to.

24 So financially, they're all one entity, it's
25 just Molokai. Operationally, it's three separate

1 entities except that Kaunakakai and Pukoo are tied
2 together in that Pukoo is, of course as you know,
3 just a two-man station.

4 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Uh-huh. So if we -- I -- I won't
5 say -- say it in that manner. I'll request that you
6 confirm for the Committee the -- the three-station
7 manpower. What -- so if Pukoo is 6 out of 39, we
8 know that. If Kaunakakai is 18, then that leaves 15
9 for -- for Hoolehua.

10 MR. PASCUA: Uh-huh.

11 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: But the reason I think it -- it's
12 helpful for us to be able to see the specific
13 breakdown, Chiefs, is that as we move forward and we
14 look at adjusting Molokai Island's Program under
15 Fire Department, we can better make assessments and
16 decisions because we know where the specific issues
17 are at each of the three stations.

18 It's not fair that we would assess Pukoo with
19 the Kaunakakai situation because it is not the same
20 thing.

21 MR. PASCUA: Right.

22 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: We know it's not the same thing, you
23 know it's not the same thing.

24 So for the future, as part of the budgetary
25 review to have us make appropriate decisions, it

1 would be helpful for us to know how -- each station.

2 Because I would assume Pukoo would need
3 additional gas, since they're the farthest from the
4 gas pumps or -- or the County gas -- gas services,
5 and that you make the appropriate adjustments other
6 -- elsewhere, including when and if we upgrade Pukoo
7 to the next level of service.

8 Chairman, thank you very much. Appreciate it.

9 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Hokama. Just a fast
10 question on fuel.

11 Does the Department fuel their vehicles at any
12 of the Public Works' base yards?

13 MR. CORDEIRO: Not at this time. I think only Hana.

14 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Just Hana. Okay. Good. Thank you.
15 Member Molina?

16 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah. Thank you very much, Chair.
17 Chair, we're focusing just on Operations for now,
18 or --

19 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Operations. And if you can tie it in
20 with equipment, that will -- that is okay.

21 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Oh, okay. Okay. I guess I'll talk
22 about Paia, then, I guess, in this particular case.

23 First of all, I want to commend the Department.
24 The -- your members came out very well in Budget
25 hearings and expressed their support and concern

1 about the need for add -- the additional equipment
2 in Paia.

3 As far as the -- the Mini Pumpers, so, now,
4 these are off-road vehicles, and they will -- how
5 many, as -- as -- do all of our fire -- most of our
6 fire stations have Mini Pumpers, I guess, that can
7 go off-roading?

8 And especially in my District, Haiku, that
9 area, North Shore area, you have a lot of residences
10 who -- you know, building out in the boonies, if you
11 will. And, you know, to get down and try to put out
12 a fire on those really busted up roads, if you will,
13 can be very taxing on the equipment, yeah?

14 So I know the -- we were told last night that
15 the responses out in Paia have been fairly high.
16 And with the way the North Shore area is growing,
17 you know, Haiku I think is probably the second
18 fastest -- or the fastest growing region in Maui
19 County.

20 Can you add -- add further comment on this
21 need for equipment as well? And I know we were told
22 I think one of the -- the pumpers are, like,
23 30 years old, or tankers.

24 MR. CORDEIRO: Okay. Chair, because I have a presentation
25 for that section --

- 1 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Oh.
- 2 MR. CORDEIRO: -- that I wanted to present later. If you
3 wanted to do it right now, (inaudible) --
- 4 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Can you wait till we go into the
5 equipment, Member Molina?
- 6 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, I'll wait. Okay. No problem,
7 Chair. I'll just -- I just going wait till we get
8 to that -- that section, then.
- 9 MR. CORDEIRO: Thank you.
- 10 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you.
- 11 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: I have no more other questions for
12 now.
- 13 CHAIR PONTANILLA: No more questions. Member Medeiros?
- 14 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Mahalo, Mr. Chairman. You know,
15 the budget is broken down per station. We taking it
16 per station or just overall?
- 17 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Well, whatever questions that you have
18 regarding the Operations area.
- 19 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. But the equipment going be
20 later?
- 21 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Equipment will be separated.
- 22 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Separated, okay.
- 23 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Because the Department has a handout
24 that --
- 25 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Oh, I see.

1 CHAIR PONTANILLA: -- you know, will hopefully indicate to
2 us the -- the need for the -- the equipment for
3 Paia.

4 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. Then let me ask, do you
5 know currently what your vacancies are in numbers
6 regarding operations and rescue -- or rescue and
7 operations?

8 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Member Medeiros, as far as the salaries
9 and wages, which include the personnel and the
10 vacant positions, we'll take that up once we
11 complete Operations and equipment.

12 And the reason why I left it like that is that
13 I think we're going to spend most of our time in
14 regards to salary, wages, vacancies, as well as the
15 three new positions.

16 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. So we going it -- take that
17 up separately?

18 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Yes.

19 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. Then let me go to your B
20 Account for your Hana Fire Station, okay? We're
21 doing that? Mr. Chair?

22 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Yes.

23 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: We're doing B Account? Okay. So
24 I -- I draw your attention to Details, 7-31 page.
25 And let me know when you're there.

1 MR. CORDEIRO: Okay.

2 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. Under the Hana Fire
3 Station. And under that, at Index Code -- Subobject
4 Code 6022, which is Gasoline, Diesel, Oil, etc., I
5 think Member Hokama kind of drew some attention to
6 it, but in '07, it was \$35, and I'm assuming then
7 that they were drawing their fuels from the Highways
8 Division and that's why it was only \$35.

9 And I'm -- I'm thinking \$35 is for the more,
10 like, lubricants. But it was only \$35 in '07, then
11 in '08, it went to 4,550 and then '09, you're
12 requesting \$5,005.

13 So in Hana, where they getting their fuel
14 if -- and who you paying for this fuel if it's not
15 the Highways Division? Are you going to the service
16 station?

17 MR. CORDEIRO: They have accounts at the service station,
18 but also, if you look at that -- in '07, there was a
19 6023 --

20 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Right.

21 MR. CORDEIRO: -- Subobject Code that has gas, gasoline,
22 and that was with 41.

23 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Right.

24 MR. CORDEIRO: So that's -- moved up into and we got zeros
25 across for the next so it's moved into the Subobject

1 Code of 6022.

2 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. So the 6023, was it a
3 reimbursement kind of account? Because it says
4 6023, Gas, Diesel, Oil, etc., reimbursement.

5 MR. CORDEIRO: Yeah, that was the reimburse.

6 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. So -- okay. So that amount
7 moved up to, like you say, 6022.

8 Now, Repairs and Maintenance, 6031, in '07,
9 the request was for over \$10,000, and it's down to a
10 hundred dollars. Now, is your Central garage doing
11 the repairs and not the Highways Division any more,
12 or is the Highways Division still doing it?

13 MR. CORDEIRO: In emergencies, they will assist. And this
14 might be based on the fact that we have newer trucks
15 out there now --

16 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: So --

17 MR. CORDEIRO: -- that replaced the old truck that was
18 taking most of the repairs and maintenance.

19 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: So a hundred dollars will cover
20 you for a year of --

21 MR. CORDEIRO: That's --

22 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: -- repairs and maintenance
23 supplies?

24 MR. CORDEIRO: I -- that wasn't my -- my choice.

25 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Oh, okay.

1 MR. CORDEIRO: Yeah.

2 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: That's what came down with the
3 budget?

4 MR. CORDEIRO: Yeah.

5 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. Okay. Then under Travel,
6 6201, Airfare, Transportation, where do the Hana
7 fire fighters go as far as airfare transportation?

8 MR. CORDEIRO: This is the -- I believe it's a contractual
9 agreement that we have with the Union for the remote
10 duty people that come from off island that work at
11 Hana, as well as we have on Lanai.

12 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Oh, so they fly in to Hana?

13 MR. CORDEIRO: They fly in. They have a partial payment of
14 their flights to Maui, so --

15 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: From other stations, other
16 islands?

17 MR. CORDEIRO: Yeah. Yeah. But specifically, it's
18 Molokai -- Molokai -- people from Molokai that have
19 to come to Maui to the remote duty.

20 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. Chair, that's all I have
21 until we get into the personnel and so forth. Thank
22 you, Department.

23 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Medeiros. Yeah, I --
24 I note that your repair/maintenance for all of the
25 station has been really cut so, you know, that's one

1 area that we're going to be paying attention to, so
2 -- Ms. Baisa?

3 COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Thank you, Chair. I especially am
4 paying attention to the Kula Fire Station, and it
5 seems like a fairly flat budget with very small
6 increases, mostly in utilities, but I did have a
7 question, a general question.

8 You know, we're all aware of the wonderful
9 reputation that fire stations have for cooking. I
10 notice you have a meal allowance. How does that
11 work?

12 MR. CORDEIRO: That, again, is the Collective Bargaining
13 Agreement with the Union that we have a --
14 considered a mess style, where each fire fighter, I
15 believe it's up to 750 per person now, and that's
16 given to help -- because of the 24-hour shift that
17 we work, so it would help to -- help them to buy
18 meals.

19 And they use the money to buy food to help
20 offset the cost of staying there for the 24 hours so
21 we have a -- the dinner meal is paid for.

22 COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: So this is your grocery budget and
23 then you do your cooking?

24 MR. CORDEIRO: Correct.

25 COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Ah. Wonderful. I -- I hear nothing

1 but -- of, you know, praises about fireman cooking.
2 Someday we'll have to have dinner with you.

3 But is your budget adequate?

4 MR. CORDEIRO: This is according to what our -- our
5 Collective Bargaining Agreement is, and we work with
6 that, and this is statewide.

7 COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: So you live within it. What you get
8 is what you get?

9 MR. CORDEIRO: This is correct. Yes. You have to be very
10 frugal, and we have a lot of fisherman and hunters
11 and...

12 COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Ah. So you get supplements;
13 otherwise, it's Hamburger City.

14 MR. CORDEIRO: Hamburger City, oh, yeah.

15 COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Thank you very much. That's all the
16 questions, Chair.

17 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Baisa. Member Mateo?

18 COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Thank you. I guess the question
19 would be for Chief Pascua.

20 Who did your budget?

21 MR. PASCUA: Our previous Administration actually worked
22 hard on this budget. We, as a team, worked together
23 in looking over the budget and submitting our
24 proposed budget to the Mayor.

25 COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Those -- those items -- because, you

1 know, one of the references that we just heard
2 responding back to Mr. Medeiros on one of his
3 questions was the -- the con -- the -- the reference
4 was that's how it came -- came down.

5 Was there -- did -- did you have any input to
6 that budget -- those budget considerations that does
7 not exist on this budget today?

8 MR. PASCUA: Specifically, Councilman Mateo, are you asking
9 whether we had input in any of the cuts that are
10 indicated that I said I -- we didn't really know
11 about, the fuel -- like fuel costs going down?

12 COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Yes.

13 MR. PASCUA: No. No, I didn't have any input to that.

14 COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Okay. Would you know if any of the
15 prior or other Chiefs would have had any additional
16 input?

17 MR. PASCUA: I wouldn't be able to speak for the other --
18 the Chiefs that were here before us.

19 However, I do know that in the transition out
20 of Chief Kaupalolo and Chief Bal, that they attended
21 more meetings that both Chief Cordeiro and I did not
22 attend. Whether budget was discussed at those
23 meetings, we don't know.

24 COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Okay. Okay. Thank you. And I'm
25 going to ask a question regarding the -- well, we're

1 going to go to -- to their expansion positions
2 later, yeah?

3 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Yeah.

4 COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Thank you. Thank you very much.

5 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Molina?

6 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you, Chair. One quick
7 question, and I'll tie this into the medical
8 supplies for the Paia Station.

9 I was looking at all the other fire stations,
10 and all their medical supplies pretty much have the
11 same financial requests, it's flat, except for Paia.
12 Paia's been cut.

13 Fiscal Year '08, Paia Fire Station got
14 \$11,000; and this year, fiscal year, 6,000.
15 Five-thousand-dollar cut. And I'm trying to tie
16 this into the -- you know, your presentation for
17 equipment. I -- I looked at it, and it said this
18 engine company is the second busiest in the County.

19 First question. Which is the busiest engine
20 company and, you know, why is Paia getting cut?
21 Because I'm kind of concerned because, you know, in
22 part of your presentation, there's been increases in
23 number of homes built in remote areas, substandard
24 roads and bridges and -- etc.

25 And being that it's the busiest, you know, you

1 have a higher probability of needing more medical
2 supplies so that's my concern or question, why --
3 why are we cutting Paia when it's the second busiest
4 engine company?

5 Because, you know, for \$5,000, I mean, I think
6 it's worth the extra expense, so I'm like Mr. Mateo.
7 Who -- who did your budget, you know, whereas all
8 the other fire stations are staying flat, and here's
9 Paia getting cut as the second busiest, you know,
10 engine company. Can I get an explanation?

11 MR. PASCUA: Yeah. Again, that explanation I could not
12 give you, why it was cut and what it was cut for.

13 However, we did look at that line item, and we
14 noticed that in FY '07, actual expenditure was at
15 4,254. It jumped up in '08.

16 We were trying to figure out why it jumped up
17 to \$11,000 in -- in '08. We may have bought
18 something related to medical supplies in our request
19 at that time for Paia.

20 And I would have to look back in the -- the
21 '08 Details to actually know what that item was. So
22 it looks like it -- it's gone back down to normal
23 in -- in FY '09.

24 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Uh-huh. Uh-huh. I guess maybe this
25 was a way of just sort of balancing it out from what

1 it previously had in '07 versus '08.

2 MR. PASCUA: Yeah.

3 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: But, you know, to me, with it being
4 the second busiest engine company, I -- for me, I
5 would have no problem reinstating --

6 MR. PASCUA: You're absolutely correct.

7 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: -- it back at 11,000 at -- at the
8 very least so -- okay. That was my concern,
9 Mr. Chair. Thank you.

10 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, any more questions
11 in regards to the Operations? Member Medeiros?

12 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Mahalo, Mr. Chairman. Yeah,
13 Council Chair Hokama talked about the helicopter
14 contract, and I just wanted to find out because my
15 understanding is the helicopter contract or
16 agreement is that they're paid so much for standby
17 and then when they do respond on your call, then
18 it's additional amounts, is that correct?

19 MR. CORDEIRO: That is correct.

20 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. And then if you call the
21 helicopter out, Air 1, and -- is there a minimum
22 charge of how many hours you have to pay just for
23 calling them out?

24 MR. CORDEIRO: No, it's minimum what the hubs meter shows,
25 tenths of an hour, so whatever it flies and then

1 bill.

2 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. So you just pay for their
3 hourly fee?

4 MR. CORDEIRO: Or portions of whatever it comes out to.

5 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Or portions, okay. And then
6 finally, I think, following up on Member's Baisa
7 inquiry about the meals, and you -- you answered it,
8 and also -- is that also the same for the uniform
9 allowance, that's part of the bargaining contract?

10 MR. CORDEIRO: That is correct.

11 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. Thank you, Department.
12 Mahalo, Mr. Chairman.

13 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, any more questions
14 on Operations? Member Hokama?

15 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: You know, Chief Murray, I won't wait
16 until the 15th. You know, for me, you're the Chief.
17 You are going to have to take the -- the bullets for
18 being accountable for this Department.

19 So my questions is to -- to see how you plan
20 to move forward. One area that I wish the
21 Department to improve is how we -- how we've
22 approached equipment and -- and then besides
23 equipment comes the appropriate facilities to house
24 those new equipment.

25 And I worked hard for ten years to get Lanai

1 upgraded brand-new equipment. It kills me when I go
2 home and see it outside of a building because, you
3 know, I live my life with pineapple dirt and other
4 corrosive issues on the island that I would hate to
5 see the hundreds of thousands of dollars we spend
6 being deteriorated on an untimely manner because we
7 don't house the equipment well.

8 So you -- do you have a direction you want to
9 take the Department in? Because for me, I can tell
10 you I will vent my frustrations accordingly, but
11 I -- I really don't like to see our brand-new
12 equipment not being maintained in the manner it
13 should to get the life span you expect out of your
14 frontline equipment.

15 MR. MURRAY: I agree with you. I -- I think we need to
16 analyze all the -- all the stations that have that
17 issue and -- and address it appropriately, hopefully
18 in next budget.

19 If it wasn't addressed in this budget, then,
20 you know, I cannot answer for that, but we'll look
21 into that because that's the -- the high cost item
22 for us, as well as the manpower.

23 But we need to take care of our equipment
24 inside and out. We don't want 'em to catch a cold
25 outside, so...

1 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: You know, for -- for me for Lanai, I --
2 I've been advocating that we need to have two more
3 bays, yeah, for our new equipment.

4 I expect our fire fighters on Lanai to have
5 the same personnel locker facilities that any other
6 station on this island has, they need to have enough
7 storage capacity, whether it be for air tanks,
8 additional accessory equipment for -- for the
9 station as a standalone till support comes, whether
10 it be fuel storage capacity or other issues, as well
11 as I'm glad, you know, my colleague, Ms. Baisa,
12 brought up, they need appropriate common areas where
13 they can take care of their meal requirements, their
14 proper resting areas, personal areas, since for some
15 of them, at least half of them I would assume, Lanai
16 is not their home.

17 They're assigned to the Lanai Station, but
18 that not necessarily is their -- their home. You
19 know, they may be -- their home may be on Maui and
20 that's why we have that Collective Bargaining
21 Agreement to have fire fighters, as well as our
22 police, to be able to come home.

23 MR. MURRAY: Yeah, I agree. I -- I think the research
24 needs to go in on all the stations and -- and they
25 be treated fairly, but we're going to have to

1 prioritize which one needs the upgrades as soon as
2 possible.

3 Hopefully we can prepare for that and then
4 come up with a fair idea of how and time line for
5 that improvements for those areas. And -- and I
6 feel that for all the stations.

7 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: So when we get to, maybe, Equipment
8 under Chairman Pontanilla, if there's more things
9 you could address for us as far as your philosophy
10 that you want to take the Department because we know
11 even if we pass your -- your -- your Paia request
12 this year, lucky if 12 months you get the equipment.

13 MR. MURRAY: Oh, yeah. Sometimes the process is two years.

14 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay.

15 MR. MURRAY: So --

16 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: So, again, if that new equipment that
17 we are considering to expend that million-something
18 dollars for -- for Mr. Mateo's -- I mean, Molina's
19 District --

20 MR. MURRAY: Right.

21 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: -- and then you tell us oh, but, you
22 know, we got no place to house 'em so it's going --
23 something's going to sit outside, I -- I going tell
24 you that that's not good enough already for us,
25 yeah.

1 We need to have a comprehensive approach to
2 the Department's replacement schedule, as well as
3 expansion of -- of this type of key frontline
4 equipment to be able to match, then, your
5 maintenance budget and the facility budget for the
6 proper storage of our equipment and our -- and our
7 manpower.

8 So I just ask that as we move forward in this
9 Committee's review of your Department's request,
10 that you think of some of the things you might want
11 to share with us as far as how you intend to take
12 the Department forward, please.

13 MR. MURRAY: Okay. I'll do that. Thank you.

14 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you, Chairman.

15 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, any more questions
16 in Operations? If not, we'll go directly into
17 Equipment.

18 Member Molina, since you're, you know, the
19 area for Paia, Haiku, Makawao and, you know,
20 basically the request is for Paia.

21 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Oh, okay. Thank you for giving me
22 the honors, yeah.

23 CHAIR PONTANILLA: (Inaudible).

24 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Mr. Chair, if you don't mind,
25 I'll -- I'll yield to Chief Cordeiro. I guess they

1 have the presentation on the Equipment.

2 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Oh okay. Fine. We'll get the
3 presentation first, and you're up next. Chief?

4 MR. CORDEIRO: Thank you, Council Member. The second
5 handout that I've given you covers two of our
6 vehicles that we're requesting in our next upcoming
7 budget is for a 4-by-4 1500 GPM Pumper and a Mini
8 Truck for the Paia Fire Station.

9 There's a lot of testimonies and very
10 encouraging to -- for this vehicle. We -- we need
11 to replace this vehicle, since it is one of the
12 older vehicles that we have. And I have a schedule
13 in here, and I have some MFD apparatus list of their
14 dates and age and especially the scheduling.

15 If you look at the scheduling, there was a
16 replacement schedule that we have in here for ten
17 year, and we're -- actually, we're asking for six
18 vehicles this year to help augment all the different
19 areas, as well as down -- as later on years you can
20 see there's a lot of utility vehicles and tanker s
21 that we will be looking for.

22 But since this year we had to cut budget
23 again, we focused on these two vehicles that we felt
24 were very, very important due to their age and their
25 use in that -- in this area.

1 On the second -- that -- the page that we have
2 on the MFD apparatus, you can see all the older
3 trucks that are -- are in their 18 years, 17 years,
4 already been (inaudible) contracted or being
5 constructed or there's a bid opening for it.

6 The Mini is at 32 years old and Paia will be
7 at 15 by the time we try to get the money for this,
8 and it will be time to replace it.

9 This vehicle has served for the Engine, the
10 Community for 13 years, and it will be 16 years old
11 by the time -- funding it and the construction of
12 this truck to get here.

13 Following NFPA 1901 that I provided, pages 2
14 to 10, this apparatus should be downgraded from a
15 frontline apparatus to relief apparatus.

16 Actually -- and parts availability is getting
17 harder to find, which causes a delay in getting this
18 vehicle repaired and online in a timely manner.

19 There have been significant changes to safety
20 equipment and lighting of emergency vehicles since
21 this vehicle was built in 1995.

22 This vehicle is in a high salt atmosphere with
23 high moisture content with corrosion visible and in
24 hidden areas. It has responded on some very rough,
25 winding, and unimproved terrain and is showing signs

1 of mechanical wear.

2 This Engine Company is -- is the second
3 busiest in the County, with Wailuku being the first
4 and our rescue company, actually, but they're --
5 we're looking at engine companies.

6 The Paia Station personnel have maintained
7 this truck to the best of their ability. And for
8 the safety of our personnel and the Community we
9 serve, we need to replace this vehicle, and we need
10 the funding as we requested in this budget to do
11 this.

12 On the Mini Truck, it's a 4-by-4 Mini that
13 will get into the areas that we discussed earlier.
14 It's due to replacement in the schedule that we've
15 talked about.

16 It served our Community for the years; and
17 if -- if we continue to try to Band-Aid and get --
18 keep it working, it will be 32 years, and we
19 probably will -- probably have to deadline it before
20 then.

21 This, like we said, following NFPA 1901, this
22 apparatus should be downgrade from a second-line
23 apparatus and should be retired.

24 Parts availability, again, is harder to find,
25 and this has caused delays in repaired and getting

1 online in a timely manner.

2 At this time it's been waiting for a water
3 tank so we can get it back out. So the cost factor,
4 we have to find money to try and put a water tank on
5 this truck to get it operational again.

6 There have been significant changes to safety
7 equipment and lighting again since this truck was
8 built in '78. Again, it's in a high salt atmosphere
9 with corrosion visible and in hidden areas.

10 The Paia personnel have maintained this truck
11 to the best of their ability. It has responded on
12 some very rough, winding, and unimproved terrain and
13 is showing signs of mechanical wear.

14 There have been increases of homes built in
15 the remote areas with substandard roads and bridges
16 that do not provide adequate access for our larger
17 fire engines and tankers.

18 We rely on this apparatus due to its smaller
19 size and its four-wheel drive and ability to get
20 water and personnel to a scene quickly to stop the
21 spread of the fire or to perform emergency
22 operations.

23 This vehicle was originally assigned to the
24 Hana Fire Station, but it was replaced in 2004, and
25 we have used it at many fires and at different

1 stations.

2 The reason it was assigned to the Paia Fire
3 Station was due to the increase of emergencies in
4 more remote areas of their District as another tool
5 to use.

6 It is proven that we have a true need to
7 provide a new and more reliable apparatus of this
8 type, and that's the reason. For the safety of our
9 personnel and the Community, we need to replace this
10 vehicle, as it is at its end of the road.

11 And it's very, very -- as we say, we use the
12 trucks that we bring in as relief trucks or added to
13 other personnel.

14 As far as it being covered, that station has
15 two bays so it will be immediately taken care of as
16 far as being housed.

17 At -- at this point, any questions? I'm done.

18 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Yeah. Before I call on Member Molina,
19 you know, on your -- one of the pages, you show all
20 the Department's apparatus in regards to, I guess,
21 fire trucks.

22 Is this the latest information in regards to
23 the age of all of the fire trucks out there?

24 MR. CORDEIRO: This is what I took from our database, and
25 we got this information -- we -- as we had trucks

1 come on, we -- we update it and keep it current.

2 CHAIR PONTANILLA: So the 2002 Strat Plan, you know, denote
3 a whole bunch of units. I -- I don't know if you
4 guys, you know, continue to update that particular
5 sheet there. Right now, you know, we show vehicles
6 as old as, what, 1945.

7 So if -- if you could, we'd like to have an
8 updated sheet in regards to the ones that's shown on
9 the 2002 Strat Plan.

10 MR. CORDEIRO: The 2002?

11 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Strat Plan, yeah. You -- you know,
12 you -- you note all the -- the number of units. I
13 think there's, like, 50 --

14 MR. CORDEIRO: Okay.

15 CHAIR PONTANILLA: -- or 60.

16 MR. CORDEIRO: Okay.

17 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Molina?

18 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. First of
19 all, I think it's a real testament to the Department
20 that -- that they've managed to keep these vehicles
21 in good working order based on the number of years
22 of service.

23 But like all things, eventually over time, you
24 know, things will become museum pieces or get put
25 out to pasture. Kind of like us, yeah? Well, I'll

1 just speak for myself.

2 But anyway, the -- the question I have, these
3 new vehicles that you're requesting, what kinds of
4 bells and whistles do they have as compared to what
5 we currently have in Paia?

6 I mean, you have any high-tech instruments
7 on -- on these types of vehicles that we're looking
8 at?

9 MR. CORDEIRO: Well, the -- the trucks all come now
10 we've -- we've gone to a -- you call a CAF System,
11 which is a Compressed Air Foam System. And this
12 allows us to use less water with foam to get into
13 areas so that we -- we can make the trucks lighter
14 and carry -- to get into areas and actually use less
15 water to extinguish fires or to lay down protective
16 lines.

17 And we're doing this on our new trucks that
18 we're putting out, and it's a very good system, and
19 it reduces the use of water and the amount of time
20 that the vehicle can stay at that remote area and
21 have to come back out.

22 So if you have a 3 percent, if you -- say you
23 have a hundred gallons, it will become 300 gallons.
24 So instead of have to drive back down a hill for
25 another hundred gallons three times -- two more

1 times --

2 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Uh-huh.

3 MR. CORDEIRO: -- you can stay there and that usually is a
4 big difference in stopping a fire because you just
5 about get to it, and you run out of water, and you
6 got to come back. So that's one of the major
7 increase -- things that we want to put on.

8 The other, like we said, is all the safety
9 lighting and NFPA guidance that we have to follow,
10 enclosed cabs, fall protection, slip protection.
11 All the -- those fancy graphics you see on the
12 trucks are actually visually for night reflection
13 for safety reasons.

14 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Uh-huh.

15 MR. CORDEIRO: And that is we have to do that, even -- even
16 the lighting. As you see, there's extra lighting on
17 the sides of the trucks now. That's for the
18 protection of the fire fighters so people can see
19 the vehicles from the side, as well as from the back
20 and front.

21 So visually, it has to be more in -- in --
22 in -- lit up with the -- and we're using LED lights
23 now versus the other incandescent lights that draw
24 more power --

25 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Uh-huh.

1 MR. CORDEIRO: -- and is less bright and due to more
2 failure. So high-tech stuff has been kicking in.
3 We'll be looking at the new pump systems, we're
4 looking at the -- running the 4-by-4. We're --
5 we're building one right now for Lahaina.

6 And in this area, we know there's a lot of
7 dirt roads that these trucks need to go up. You
8 might go down the road and get a little rain and be
9 hard for them to come back.

10 This is not necessary for them to go as
11 specifically in and try to get into a real bad area
12 and then they be totally stuck. It will help them
13 to get out. And the Mini Truck is to get into the
14 other areas they can't get into.

15 Also, we have all the new radio systems that
16 we need to put in. We're looking at going into
17 computerized systems on the vehicles, as well as
18 AVL, Automatic Vehicle Locators.

19 With the new software that the Police
20 Department is putting in, we can track, as well as
21 we're having a new software system for our
22 Department so the BCs on duty can see where the
23 vehicles are. In case they miss the call and there
24 is another call, they can see, oh, where the engine
25 was or this vehicle was, and that's one of the next

1 things we're working with, and we're trying to do it
2 with these vehicles and start 'em as we go.

3 We'll also try to have these trucks fully
4 equipped turnkey so when they get there, they just
5 drive into the -- the apparatus bay, they take --
6 the guys will take their personal equipment off, and
7 the truck is ready to go. Then that truck has
8 equipment ready to respond to any emergencies in the
9 event we have a -- need another vehicle or another
10 vehicle breaks down, it's fully equipped.

11 So these things, of course, prices have gone
12 up. Metal has just risen up 25 percent. There's --
13 every quarter, there's a rise. You know, there's --
14 cost keep -- fuel keep going up so the cost of
15 shipping these vehicles now is going to go up,
16 all -- everything that builds so we're -- we're
17 hoping we -- we're still in that range when it's
18 time for this vehicle to be completed.

19 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Uh-huh. Sounds like a lot of
20 advances have been made for fire apparatus since --
21 sounds like, well, at least money well invested in
22 light of the need for these vehicles to go down the
23 rough areas, yeah?

24 MR. CORDEIRO: Yes.

25 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: And on fuel, these -- these

1 vehicles, a little bit more fuel efficient versus
2 the older vehicles?

3 MR. CORDEIRO: Yes. And it's -- it's depending on how you
4 spec out the truck and the type of engines you put
5 in. Because if -- you can put in an engine that
6 they're going to really eat a lot of fuel -- or use
7 a lot of fuel so we have to be very careful we try
8 to find the most efficient.

9 And these newer engines, I'm -- I'm very
10 impressed with the amount of torque and power they
11 put out, and the size of the engines are much
12 smaller.

13 And they're really, really very interesting,
14 too, when you research it and go through it and then
15 we try to find what is the best to provide the --
16 the power that we need to get the truck -- as it's
17 fully loaded, it -- the more weight you put to it
18 then you'd have to make a large -- larger engine, as
19 well as the -- the pumping pressures you need to
20 pump at, you have to have the engine capable of
21 reaching those -- those levels.

22 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Thank you very much, Chief,
23 for that explanation. Thank -- thank you,
24 Mr. Chair.

25 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. I got a question. On -- on

1 your last page of your handout, your Ten Year
2 Vehicle Replacement, you know, it's already noted a
3 Paia Pumper, as well as a Paia Mini. But along with
4 that, you had like Lahaina Tanker, Hana Tanker, FCO
5 Vehicle, and HazMat Van.

6 Are those vehicles still able to do the
7 functions that they're supposed to be doing?

8 MR. CORDEIRO: Well, the Lahaina Tanker would be a new
9 expanded piece of equipment that we would want to
10 get for the Lahaina area, due to the -- the
11 plantation shutting down and the type of areas that
12 we're getting fires now.

13 Even though we have the Goodfellow Brothers
14 that we just gave them an award for helping us and
15 the Public Works guys that come out and help us, to
16 have our own tanker to be able to take care what we
17 need because sometimes these guys are doing a
18 construction job somewhere else and their response
19 time is -- is delayed, we have a dedicated tanker in
20 that area to help.

21 And that is -- we tried to get that tanker,
22 but the cost with what we're trying to do is we had
23 to limit it.

24 The other trucks like the FCO Vehicle is --
25 has a transmission problem, we're just having it

1 repaired. And the HazMat Van is an older van that
2 we can hopefully last another year, and hopefully it
3 maintains and we -- we can get to the next year.

4 But as you see, everything starts back --
5 backing up; and you get into the next year, you have
6 to get other vehicles.

7 And as you see the other schedule, there's
8 some vehicles that we bought, four vehicles at one
9 time, and they get to that time frame, all those
10 vehicles might need to be replaced. It'll do -- be
11 due -- due to the amount of wear and tear and
12 condition, so sometimes you can get by with some of
13 'em.

14 And trying to -- to do due diligence and try
15 to keeping our costs down, we -- we focused on these
16 two vehicles that's very, very important. The
17 others, we can -- can hopefully get through.

18 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. One -- one more question.

19 In your Napili Station, do you have a tanker at this
20 station?

21 MR. CORDEIRO: Napili Station does not have a tanker.

22 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Does not have. Okay.

23 MR. CORDEIRO: No.

24 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Medeiros?

25 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Mahalo, Mr. Chairman. Yeah.

1 Department, you know on new vehicles or new
2 apparatus and equipment, does the Department spec
3 out those vehicles?

4 MR. CORDEIRO: Yes, we do.

5 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: And are the vehicles still
6 purchased through the equipment purchaser at Public
7 Works Highways?

8 MR. CORDEIRO: No. We -- we have our own Committee. The
9 Deputy makes -- we submit the specs to Purchasing,
10 and we do our own purchasing.

11 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. So you do it directly
12 through Purchasing.

13 And is there a program or a plan to
14 standardize especially the fire trucks, the pumpers?
15 Because I know at one time, the Department had many
16 different makes of trucks which made it difficult to
17 share equipment or to have parts that fit more than
18 one truck.

19 What are -- what is the Department's plans on
20 standardizing that? And I know there are some
21 restrictions as far as their procurement process on
22 doing that; but if it saves the County money, I know
23 a lot of times if you have good justification,
24 you -- you don't necessarily have to go with the low
25 bid if you can justify going with another bid that

1 saves the County money by, you know, such things as
2 standardizing.

3 So what is the Department's position on that?

4 MR. CORDEIRO: Well, we have been trying to standardize
5 through the years, and Pierce has been our choice in
6 the past.

7 We've had new companies coming on board such
8 as SVI, that's the Super Vac, Incorporated, out of
9 Colorado, and E One, Emergency One, and they're
10 getting involved in bidding.

11 So it's -- on the -- on the price level that
12 comes out, of course we can try and justify it if
13 you say we want to keep a whole Pierce fleet, and in
14 some cases if we have the same type of engines so
15 the same filters could be used and the same parts
16 could be used. It's when you get into the chassis
17 part of it there's a concern.

18 So we try to make sure that these guys are
19 meeting the standards so that these vehicles are
20 built as well as the vehicles we have now, so -- and
21 giving us the service, and that's what we try to do.

22 But sometimes because of procurement laws and
23 some restrictions, we have to settle for another
24 vehicle.

25 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. Thank you for that. And on

1 your communication systems, what -- especially on
2 the trucks, are there interagency communication
3 systems available to you folks where you can contact
4 Police, EMS, Civil Defense, Public Works Highways,
5 helicopters, without having being patched through
6 Central Dispatch?

7 MR. CORDEIRO: Yes. We have, actually, two systems that we
8 bought through a -- the CDBG Grant, ODP Grants --
9 actually, not the CDBG but ODP, and that's where the
10 hazardous -- not hazardous but, I'm sorry, our
11 Homeland Security Funds, and we have one small CAT
12 system that's carried aboard the BC's vehicle to
13 respond to emergencies, and you can tie in to any
14 800 VHF, UHF, even a Nextel phone.

15 And as long as we have the frequencies and
16 we've done that, we've worked with interagencies as
17 part of the MOUs that we work, then we can use the
18 frequencies and -- and put work groups and
19 communicate. And there is some people that can come
20 up to our -- use our frequencies, and we work with
21 them on our own vehicles.

22 But as far as everybody else, we do have
23 capabilities. We have a higher-end one that's
24 computerized and that's still in the training and
25 working process, but -- and as far as -- and as well

1 as setting up our remote antennas so -- and repeater
2 systems so in case repeaters do go down, we can
3 still (inaudible) us or go to a site and dedicate it
4 for that site and don't interfere with the regular
5 radio operations.

6 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Oh, that -- that's certainly good
7 to -- to know because I know at one time, that was a
8 challenge, trying to communicate between different
9 agencies, especially on an emergency response or on
10 triage, you know, operations and so forth.

11 So the -- do the trucks come equipped with GPS
12 in order to find locations? Because, you know, in
13 the old days, you know, the dispatcher would say,
14 you know, second coconut tree after the bridge by
15 Matsumoto's house or something.

16 MR. CORDEIRO: Yeah.

17 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: But, you know, with all the new
18 streets and different areas, do the trucks come with
19 GPS?

20 MR. CORDEIRO: Not at this time, and that's what we're
21 trying to do now.

22 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Or -- or navigational systems?

23 MR. CORDEIRO: Yeah. No. Well, they should know where
24 they going, but the GPS system or the AVL, like we
25 were talking about, and that's something we're

1 working on -- we're working for with the Police
2 Department on the dispatch and with the new software
3 system that hopefully comes on board soon.

4 And I know the last time I talked to them they
5 were working -- still working on some contractual
6 problems. But if that software, the way it's
7 supposed to work is it will locate the closest
8 vehicle to the emergency.

9 So not specifically the station it's at
10 because that station could be, like, Wailea, it
11 could be out in Kihei, might be down the road at
12 another alarm or training and Wailea's more out
13 towards their -- doing their visits down at the --
14 Makena or something doing a station visit or -- or
15 area familiarization, so dispatch will notice which
16 is the closest vehicle and send it to it. So that's
17 being more rapidly response, as well as, you know,
18 saving time.

19 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. That's really good to know
20 also. Then finally, Chief, when you spec out the
21 Mini Trucks, I know the old Mini Trucks had
22 undercarriage water sprayers to cut a path for the
23 truck and brush fires and in, you know, wildland
24 fires.

25 So do -- do those trucks still come with the

1 undercarriage water sprayers?

2 MR. CORDEIRO: Not really because most of the time they get
3 torn off when they going off-road and then be
4 ineffective.

5 But what we're doing now is we're trying to do
6 the pump and roll is another one. And then because
7 of the restriction of your road speed and engine
8 speed that you need to put the pump, we're trying to
9 put auxiliary pumps on the back of the truck so you
10 can have a high rate of water flow, and you can use
11 -- either side, sort of, sprays where -- the front
12 monitor.

13 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Uh-huh.

14 MR. CORDEIRO: So you have a front monitor that can spray
15 indirectly where you really need it.

16 And, like I say, with the foam, the CAF
17 System, you can lay down a good foam pattern for you
18 to protect you and have a way to come out in case
19 there's a fire.

20 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. Thank you, Department.

21 Mahalo, Mr. Chairman.

22 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Baisa?

23 COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Yes. Thank you very much for this
24 Ten Year Replacement Schedule. I think it's very
25 helpful when we have a good projection of what's

1 needed. It's never a good idea to be kind of
2 unprepared, so thank you very much for that. I -- I
3 like it.

4 The other thing is, you know, in looking at
5 the ages of the apparatus that you have, it tells me
6 that you're pretty good at making things last.

7 You know, I come from, in my old job, having
8 to deal with equipment so I certainly can understand
9 when you're running a bus that is supposed to be off
10 the road and it's still going, but you manage to
11 nurse it along by good -- good -- good preventive
12 maintenance and, you know, good mechanics doing
13 wonderful things, miracles sometimes, but there
14 comes a point of diminishing returns, and I think
15 that I will trust you to tell us when that is.

16 So as far as I'm concerned, I don't have any
17 more questions.

18 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Mateo?

19 COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Chairman, thank you. Chief, your Ten
20 Year Vehicle Replacement Plan, 2007 and 2008, are
21 there still a lot of outstanding replacements for
22 those two prior fiscal years?

23 MR. CORDEIRO: Actually, if you look at our -- the other
24 piece of paper, the Kula Pumper is going to be
25 coming out to bid shortly, hopefully in a week or

1 so.

2 The Kahului Rescue has been out to bid. The
3 contract has come in, and we're reviewing contracts
4 right now.

5 The Lanai Tanker, we have a -- it went out to
6 bid, didn't have no bidders so we're trying to
7 negotiate in getting a 6-by tanker. Vendor's having
8 problem getting it -- their dealerships. So
9 hopefully that's in a week or so we can have the
10 contracts filed.

11 The AC Operations, that vehicle has come in,
12 and the Shop Pick-up is the only one we did not get.

13 COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Okay. The Lanai Tanker, that is
14 through the CDBG funding?

15 MR. CORDEIRO: That is correct.

16 COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: So we're looking at the various rural
17 areas like Lanai, Hana, and Molokai, where virtually
18 it doesn't come from your existing budget. It comes
19 from CDBG funding.

20 So instead of showing that as a standard,
21 could you not have replaced the next aged vehicle in
22 that place so that -- because we know we can go
23 through CDBG.

24 MR. CORDEIRO: Yeah. We just -- I guess, actually, this
25 was something that was developed prior for -- to us,

1 and we just add to it as it goes to replace to show
2 we need to replace this, but not necessarily saying
3 where the funds are coming from.

4 But we know this is our time schedule where we
5 need to replace these vehicles, and we have to seek
6 funding. And if we can get grants or other means of
7 financing, we will.

8 COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Okay. No, thank you. And like
9 mentioned prior, I believe Mr. Molina indicated the
10 Department was out in Paia, and I fully would
11 support their -- their need for replacement
12 vehicles.

13 And I was looking at your -- your projected
14 cost of both the min -- the Mini Pumper, as well as
15 the pumper -- the 1500-gallon-per-minute Pumper and
16 the 250 Mini at 800,000 and 500,000 respectively.

17 Because in 2007 out of the budget requests,
18 the Paia Fire Station for a 250 GPM Mini apparatus
19 was requested at 400,000. And in 207 -- in -- in
20 Fiscal Year 2007, the Kula Fire Station request --
21 had a request for a 1500 GPM Pumper at the cost of
22 \$650,000.

23 In 2008, your request again for the Paia Fire
24 Station 250 Mini, and that went up by a hundred
25 thousand dollars. And in Fiscal Year '08 as well

1 for the 1500 GPM Pumper for Paia, that went up to
2 \$800,000.

3 So the -- the difference, you know, is
4 indicative. And -- and, you know, other than the
5 cost of steel and the bells and the whistles, can
6 you tell me how it -- you know, how the -- these
7 increases gets to be impacted this way and whether
8 or not this is just the truck, or it's the truck and
9 equipment?

10 MR. CORDEIRO: This is -- was developed by a former Chief.
11 But we're looking at it, it is -- is equipment also.
12 We're going to -- like I mentioned, it will be
13 turnkey, we'll have the fire hoses, the equipment
14 that we can put on like the SCBAs and the -- the
15 forcible entry tools.

16 Those run about 40 to \$50,000 for forcible
17 entry tools, another 40, 50,000 for these SCBAs
18 because now those things are all computerized, high,
19 you know, composite, ergonomically designed. So
20 these guys, of course if you pay for high-tech, you
21 pay for -- big dollars for these units now.

22 But they're for the safety of the fire
23 fighters and that's what we're trying to looking at.
24 And -- and we understand and appreciate that the
25 cost is going up and then so we're trying to get

1 this thing where it's a turnkey and they don't have
2 to worry about anything else. The truck comes on.

3 We've had couple years when equipment was
4 missed so we have to take the old equipment off the
5 truck. And we've recently bought some new
6 equipment, but then this will be backup that those
7 equipment that was bought by the time these trucks
8 get here hopefully can be used for backup equipment
9 so when these other equipments fail, we'll have
10 appropriate equipment necessary for our crews or if
11 there's another alarm, a major alarm, we can get
12 off-duty crews equipped and protected.

13 COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Okay. Well, you know, because we're
14 looking at the -- the -- the price factors, the --
15 the worry would -- would be -- or the priority
16 should be getting the truck here.

17 The -- the bells and the whistles part, that
18 can come at a later time and if there's opportunity
19 for because we're looking at standardizing.

20 You know, these trucks are being built by
21 standard of which the Department has a lot of input
22 in, so you should have the ability to utilize
23 equipment from the respective vehicle.

24 So I -- I think the importance would be in
25 getting the trucks here to provide the -- the men

1 the opportunity to -- to have a safe vehicle to
2 fight their fires and meet their needs.

3 I'm just kind of surprised that there is not
4 adequate backup equipment that could be used to
5 utilize while you wait for budget availability in --
6 in ordering the additional bells and whistles for
7 some of the -- the vehicles.

8 I know you have mentioned the -- the
9 escalating cost of steel, but I don't -- you know, I
10 don't -- I -- I -- I don't know if a \$150,000
11 increase to -- to a truck can validate the -- the --
12 that kind of cost for steel.

13 So, you know, are you able to tell us what the
14 cost would be for a truck without the equipment and
15 then the cost -- well, obviously, I know the cost of
16 what it is with bells and whistles, but without
17 those things.

18 MR. CORDEIRO: We could, but then we'd have to go into
19 the -- the -- the whole concept of minimizing what
20 we want to get for the vehicles.

21 If there is an extreme case of we -- we can
22 get equipment later on, like we're saying this is a
23 couple years down the road, and we know equipment is
24 going to be breaking down.

25 All -- all the equipment that we have on the

1 vehicles now they'll start to deteriorate so we'd
2 like to get that equipment for them.

3 If this is an issue, we can re -- re --
4 reevaluate and see what we can get. But, again,
5 this will be subject to price increases, as well as
6 what kind of equipment we want to take off the
7 vehicle.

8 COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Yeah. No, and -- and, you know, my
9 only reason for asking you these things is because
10 the need for a Lahaina Pumper is just as important.
11 The vehicle is not as old, but it's just as
12 important.

13 So if somehow we could expand the money to
14 meet the needs for both Lahaina and Paia, you know,
15 limit -- lack some of the bells and whistles, the --
16 the truck should still be able to function
17 accordingly.

18 And I don't know how else to accommodate some
19 of those costs without looking at cutting some of
20 these original or projected costs because I'm
21 looking at these things and, I mean, you know, the
22 word inflated is just being generous.

23 So are you able to provide us what it will
24 cost for a truck without these -- without those bell
25 -- bells and whistles?

1 MR. CORDEIRO: We can, if you request. Just confirming,
2 you're talking about the tanker or the pumper for
3 Lahaina?

4 COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Lahaina is I believe the -- Lahaina
5 was -- was the tanker, eh?

6 MR. CORDEIRO: Yeah. Okay.

7 COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Yeah. Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

8 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you.

9 MR. CORDEIRO: Thank you.

10 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Members, any more questions in regards
11 to Equipment? Member Hokama?

12 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: In the back of your presentation,
13 gentlemen, you have another list of -- of incident
14 response by -- by vehicles.

15 And, again, just so we're clear, I -- I'm
16 assuming the letter E is for engines or, as
17 Mr. Mateo says, pumpers, L is the ladder trucks?

18 MR. CORDEIRO: Yes.

19 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: T is your tankers, I'm assuming M is
20 the Mini Pumpers?

21 MR. CORDEIRO: Correct.

22 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: And then of course HM is your HazMat,
23 you -- you brand your HazMat equipment?

24 MR. CORDEIRO: Yes.

25 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Lanai, you have Engine 8A. What --

1 what is Engine 8A? I know what is Engine, so --
2 what is 8A?

3 MR. CORDEIRO: Yeah. That's the second truck, the relief
4 truck. So if occasionally we have another fire,
5 then 8A, or the relief truck, would go out and
6 that's why it's on here.

7 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Okay. And just so that we -- we
8 can understand the logic, the station numbers are --
9 are when they came online within the County
10 Department? So like Wailuku is a Station 1, Engine
11 1 --

12 MR. CORDEIRO: Right.

13 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: -- because that's the oldest station in
14 the County, right?

15 MR. CORDEIRO: Yes.

16 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: And then --

17 MR. CORDEIRO: Going all the way up to 14.

18 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Then when -- what, Paia, number 2 --

19 MR. CORDEIRO: Two.

20 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: -- and then I guess --

21 MR. CORDEIRO: Lahaina.

22 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: -- Lahaina, 3, then Kaunakakai --

23 MR. CORDEIRO: Kaunakakai.

24 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: -- is number 4.

25 MR. CORDEIRO: Yeah.

1 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: So it came -- it's -- it's succeeding,
2 say, as it comes on stream then --

3 MR. CORDEIRO: You add it on.

4 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: -- it's the next number. Okay. Thank
5 you for verifying that.

6 I was trying to listen to your comments. The
7 suppliers that provide you with frontline equipment
8 are so busy that there -- there are situations where
9 they choose not to give us bids or -- or put in --
10 put in responses to our -- our RFPs? Is that the
11 situation with the Lanai Tanker as I understood it
12 correctly, Chief?

13 MR. CORDEIRO: No. There's -- there's only actually two
14 companies. We want to -- we're looking at trying to
15 get a 6-by or all-wheel-drive tanker. There's only
16 two companies that can provide that. One is Oshkosh
17 that builds those fire trucks, and the other is S&S
18 Company. And they have a TATRA chassis, which is a
19 Czechoslovakian chassis.

20 We have one of the Oshkoshes on Molokai, the
21 Big Red we have out there, but they can't because
22 right now, they're in the middle of -- of the Iraq
23 War, and they're sending all those -- they're like
24 the new deuce-and-a-halves for the military. And
25 they're also making water tankers.

1 They make some excellent tankers, but these
2 things are in the million-dollar range. But besides
3 that, they don't have the engines to provide for
4 that chassis so they can't bid.

5 And the next person that can make a bid has a
6 bid, but it's in getting a dealership for the State
7 of Hawaii. There's limited dealerships to bring in
8 vehicles to the State of Hawaii. So they're in the
9 process of getting their dealership license so they
10 can supply us.

11 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Uh-huh.

12 MR. CORDEIRO: As part of procurement, they have to have a
13 dealership in Hawaii.

14 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay, Chief. Thank you for -- for
15 helping us to understand with your primary vendors.

16 When an entity such as Goodfellows
17 Construction brings their water tankers to
18 supplement our efforts, their tankers dispense, or
19 they direct it, or they run -- they put an
20 attachment, and they help to refill the pumper?

21 MR. CORDEIRO: They have capabilities, and we buying --
22 we've been buying equipment for them, and we have --
23 and they buy their own so that it be compatible
24 so -- but they don't usually pump into us, and they
25 usually assist us with operations.

1 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. So they -- they don't provide
2 additional water for your -- your engines, then?

3 MR. CORDEIRO: They could if we need, but normally what we
4 do is because since they got the off-road type of
5 trucks --

6 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Right.

7 MR. CORDEIRO: -- we send them out to off-roads and have
8 our tankers take care of our vehicles.

9 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. And -- and so we're very clear
10 in understanding, the tanker's primary purpose is to
11 supplement the -- the pumper's need for additional
12 water on site? Is that the primary purpose of the
13 tanker?

14 MR. CORDEIRO: That is the primary purpose to bring in
15 2,000 gallons, or we have 4500 gallons and
16 2500-gallon trucks.

17 And that is their primary, to supply, and
18 that's where we have this -- even in -- in the fire
19 world, there's tankers and tenders, and some --
20 nowadays the term should be called tenders because
21 they're supplying water, and the tankers is the
22 airplanes that drop in following the (inaudible)
23 NIMS.

24 But the tankers we use is -- can also go fight
25 fires. They have hose capabilities --

1 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Uh-huh.

2 MR. CORDEIRO: -- as well as help -- helping to give water.

3 That's why we're looking for that 6-by so we can get
4 up into that areas and take care of it and running a
5 good -- good water stream or foam pattern.

6 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Because you know for -- for --
7 for lay people like us, you know, we see the
8 Peterbilt Tankers that construction companies or --
9 or even, you know, Castle & Cooke has or -- or
10 whether it be Peterbilts or International Harvesters
11 or whatnot, they have different models, and I guess
12 the common ground is the tank on the back of the bed
13 which -- which is -- is for their water -- you know,
14 water tank purposes, dust control, what have you.

15 So for -- for me, like Mr. Mateo, it amazes me
16 how much we pay for an MFD water tanker. And,
17 again, we heard comments earlier to try and
18 standardize areas if -- if possible, whether it be
19 for parts or mechanic or training, whatnot, but, you
20 know, we need to understand very well your
21 situation.

22 Because for me, I'm thinking, you know, Castle
23 & Cooke on Lanai will buy two, three water tankers
24 for the price we paying for one County Fire
25 Department's water tanker.

1 They go off-road, they connect. You know, if
2 we need special couplings for -- for connections, I
3 can see us paying for those things, but -- but just
4 trying to understand, you know, the cost and why do
5 we always, as I understand the practice, after
6 authorization from us, then you folks start spec'ing
7 out and then the tanker is designed for the specific
8 station? Is -- is that a good way on our part to
9 understand --

10 MR. CORDEIRO: District, yeah.

11 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. But the interesting thing is
12 like the Lanai -- current tanker for Lanai, that was
13 the Kahului Tanker.

14 MR. CORDEIRO: Yes.

15 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: It was not originally designed or
16 spec'd for Lanai.

17 MR. CORDEIRO: Correct.

18 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: The new one is.

19 MR. CORDEIRO: Yes.

20 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, but you still send one Kahului
21 Tanker to Lanai for the meantime. And if we hearing
22 right, then obviously that tanker has shortcomings
23 because it was not geared for the Lanai Island
24 Station requirements, and yet we still transferring
25 equipment to other stations to prolong the life span

1 of -- of our frontline equipment.

2 I guess this is another thing for Chief
3 Murray, you got to work on, Chief, on how you going
4 to move this Department forward so -- you know, as
5 we understand, you know, we have restrictions.

6 If you buy it through CDBG funding, even if
7 you transfer it, it has to go to a station that
8 qualifies for CDBG funding or not we void and -- and
9 invalidate the authorization for the initial funds
10 to purchase it under CDBG.

11 So like if it's Lanai that qualify and then we
12 ship it to Kahului, that would be an in --
13 inappropriate use of those Federal funds for that
14 specific equipment, and yet we do -- we do still
15 transfer equipment to the various stations.

16 So is this something we need to work on, or is
17 this something already under control internally
18 within the Department? Can you folks give us some
19 comment, please?

20 MR. CORDEIRO: Well, on this specific tanker, it's not a
21 CDBG tanker.

22 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: The current one on Lanai, right?

23 MR. CORDEIRO: On Lanai. Yeah, that was a tanker that was
24 given because we bought a new tanker for Kahului,
25 and we looked at where the needs were.

1 And Lanai, being limited, and also getting
2 them another personnel, a driver to drive it and to
3 assist them because they had problems with water in
4 that area.

5 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Uh-huh.

6 MR. CORDEIRO: And that's why Lanai was given that vehicle.
7 And now we're trying to get funding to build a
8 vehicle that can take care the needs of Lanai, a lot
9 of off-road and steep inclines.

10 And that's CDBG so that is going to be a
11 requirement that it stays there. And this vehicle,
12 if we can get as part of the plan, is to bring it
13 back to Maui and maybe put it in Lahaina to be used
14 in Lahaina until it can no longer be used or we get
15 a newer truck.

16 So it's still a tool that we can still use.
17 It still has value for us. And that's why some of
18 these equipment get transferred about because it can
19 still be used not as a front line but as auxiliary
20 or -- or backup.

21 And -- and then, you know, we'll see, we'll
22 work with Chief Murray in making sure, you know, we
23 -- we function (inaudible) and then making sure
24 we're meeting the goals and needs of the Community,
25 especially making sure the truck -- I not going go

1 any further on that one.

2 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: And -- and, again, gentlemen, yeah, you
3 know, people like myself, the only concern is when
4 you place those primary front lines as in support or
5 auxiliary status.

6 Of course our concern is if it's functioning,
7 we understand that, but we get concerned when we
8 hear that -- comments such as half the time it's in
9 the shop for -- for repairs.

10 I mean, I -- I -- you know, I inspected the
11 Lanai Tanker, the current tanker. It looks like
12 it's raining when the water is full in the tank.

13 And -- and so for me, the -- the -- the
14 concern comes how dependable, then, is that next
15 line of equipment that you looking for backup and --
16 and -- and placing it accessory role.

17 Because if it's half the time in the shop, you
18 need to express that concern to us because then we
19 need to look at how we want to fund and finance and
20 if we want to borrow money for it or whatnot or look
21 at other funding sources, Homeland Security,
22 Department of Interior, Wildland Fire Control, those
23 type of things.

24 Again, you know, you have to respond. You --
25 your -- your people respond. Whether it's a crank

1 call, a valid call or not, your people respond, and
2 we would hate to hear that our response was impacted
3 because the equipment wasn't dependable.

4 It falls back on us also as appropriators so I
5 just share that concern with you that it comes to a
6 point where even I am sad to see my old fire red
7 retired that you just informed me today that, you
8 know, we -- you -- you retired our old frontline
9 engine on -- from Lanai. That's going to be a
10 memorable piece or something, some type of
11 preservation piece.

12 Again, gentlemen, I -- I think maybe in the
13 new schedule of how we're going to approach
14 equipment and -- and facilities would be a good
15 sense because we have a lot of requests throughout
16 the County for stations.

17 And one thing, we need to help educate the
18 Community, and you can do that through your
19 Commission, as well as when you go out and -- and
20 talk to your District or your station Commanders.

21 What is Kahului, 2 million a year on just
22 operations. The whole Molokai operation is about 2
23 million a year just on operations, salaries, we're
24 not even talking about equipment and -- and -- and
25 the station itself, the (inaudible). We're just

1 talking about manpower, and we're looking at
2 millions already for the various stations.

3 So we ask you to help inform people because I
4 think there's a disconnect of asking and what it
5 takes to perform regarding financial requirements.
6 Thank you, Chairman.

7 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Any more questions in
8 regards to Equipment? If not, we go to salaries and
9 wages.

10 And I think Chief Cordeiro already provided us
11 with some information in regards to the request so
12 I'm going to go with Member Mateo. Questions?

13 COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Yes. I'll go ask that -- that real
14 facetious question. Your request -- I -- I guess
15 this would be inclusive of the salaries, their
16 expanded positions.

17 So based on the discussion we've just had with
18 priority for the larger apparatuses, the -- the need
19 to address the existing stations' needs, perhaps if
20 the Chief can -- can give us your comments on if you
21 had to set your priority between the BCs and the
22 need for equipment for the stations, can you tell me
23 what the priority is?

24 MR. CORDEIRO: Is that directed to me or our new Chief?

25 COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Any -- Chief, and then we'll hear

1 from the new Chief.

2 MR. CORDEIRO: We hate to be put in this position, but I
3 would have to go with the Battalion Chiefs if you're
4 asking me at this time.

5 COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Okay. Thank you. How about -- how
6 about the new Chief?

7 MR. MURRAY: Thank you for that question. We -- we've gone
8 round and round on -- on -- on this subject
9 internally, and they're all tough decisions.

10 Number one, the safety and accountability for
11 our men will directly be impacted by that Battalion
12 Chief, and -- and so will the equipment.

13 Honestly, I cannot say which one is more
14 important, but I would have to say the -- I'd have
15 to lean towards the accountability and safety of the
16 men. That would -- that would be my choice.

17 COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Thank you.

18 MR. MURRAY: Thanks.

19 COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Thank you very much, Chair.

20 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Baisa?

21 COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Thank you, Member Mateo, for asking
22 the hard question. Now I get the easy one.

23 I'm looking at the summary that the Budget
24 Director gave us, 4 of 5, and it lists the three
25 positions. And I'm looking at the amounts that are

1 being requested, and am I to assume that this is not
2 for a full year's pay, the 58,160?

3 MR. CORDEIRO: That's correct. It's for an eight-month
4 period.

5 COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: And so the full year would be --
6 sorry I don't have a calculator with me.

7 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: In the 60s, EM-05.

8 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Close to 200,000.

9 COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: I just want to be sure that we are --
10 are in the ballpark, and I thought it was a big
11 difference between the salaries of the incumbents
12 and the salaries of the new people.

13 But anyway, all right. We know it's
14 nine months. It's not -- eight months. Not really
15 a big deal.

16 MR. CORDEIRO: Yeah. Because the current, roughly it's
17 about 80 -- 80,000 a year.

18 COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Yeah. Well, that would be compatible
19 to the incumbents so -- so that's good.

20 You know, it's -- it's really hard when you
21 have to make those kind of decisions between
22 equipment and people. But I sense that for you
23 folks, it's people first, and you're very concerned
24 about your safety of your men and that you have
25 enough people to coordinate, manage, and direct the

1 operations and that somehow you can manage with what
2 you have. And if you had your druthers, of course
3 you want both.

4 You know, I've been in your position, and I've
5 had to answer that question, and it's never easy.

6 And I admire your honesty. Thank you very much.

7 MR. CORDEIRO: Thank you.

8 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Medeiros?

9 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Mahalo, Mr. Chairman. Yeah.

10 Department, now that we're on personnel and
11 salaries, first of all, do you currently know the
12 vacancies you have in your Department, especially
13 for the frontline fire fighters?

14 And if you do, can -- can you tell me
15 generally how many vacancies there are
16 Department-wide?

17 MR. CORDEIRO: Actually, there is really just two vacancies
18 because we do have the 14 people that were just
19 hired -- or passed their training, they're --
20 they're online in 9,000 series, and we have the
21 other 15 in training right now, and they'll be
22 coming online in July.

23 So we have -- we have filled those -- the
24 positions, but they're in training right now.

25 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. As far as the Hana Station,

1 the latest vacancy list we received from DPS,
2 March 31st, 2008, they showed as far as their
3 records, Hana had a vacancy in the Fire Captain,
4 Fire Fighter, and two Fire Fighter Is.

5 What are the statuses of those three
6 positions?

7 MR. CORDEIRO: The Fire Captain position became available
8 when we had a retirement in Molokai and that Captain
9 re -- went back to Molokai.

10 We have filled that other position with a
11 9,000 series, and the other position is being --
12 will be filled shortly.

13 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. That's the two fire fighter
14 positions?

15 MR. CORDEIRO: The Captains.

16 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Oh, the Captain. But -- okay. So
17 the one Captain position is in the process of being
18 filled?

19 MR. CORDEIRO: Correct.

20 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: And what about the two fire
21 fighter positions?

22 MR. CORDEIRO: The two fire fighter positions will be
23 filled when we have them in 9,000 series. Actually,
24 they are there, but they're still considered in
25 training.

1 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. And what's the training
2 period time or schedule for those people?

3 MR. CORDEIRO: They should be coming online in May,
4 May 1st. They should be finished all their --
5 actually, probation. They're on probation right now
6 and in line so it's still considered in the
7 training -- training area.

8 And then in July, we will be having the
9 recruit class graduating and moving --

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: September.

11 MR. CORDEIRO: I'm sorry, September.

12 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. Thank you for that. You
13 know, the concern for us always is, first of all,
14 especially in firefighting, when there's a shortage
15 of staff, then that means, you know, somebody's
16 going to go short with staff and that becomes an
17 unsafe situation.

18 But also, it -- it then involves overtime. Do
19 you know what your overtime costs has been?

20 MR. PASCUA: No, we don't know the exact dollar number for
21 overtime costs caused by manpower shortages.

22 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Right. And -- and overtime work,
23 right?

24 MR. PASCUA: Yeah.

25 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. And Member Baisa, you know,

1 asked about the salary on the BCs and which you did
2 give. Is that equivalent to Police Captains?

3 MR. CORDEIRO: I don't have that information in front of
4 me, but it's -- I would guess it'd be pretty close.

5 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Close, okay. All right. Thank
6 you, Department. Mahalo, Mr. Chairman.

7 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Molina?

8 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you, Chair. Boy, you know,
9 that issue of, you know, deciding which is the
10 higher priority, the equipment or the BCs, that's a
11 tough one. In a perfect world, you know, both,
12 yeah?

13 But if you don't have the right equipment,
14 then that affects people as well, too. But at the
15 same time with the -- the Battalion Chiefs who try
16 to coordinate things and keep control of events out
17 there, that's needed as well, so -- anyway.

18 My question relates to page 9 of your
19 presentation for the Battalion Chiefs. I guess it
20 -- basically, it says here every year, there have
21 been increases in the following areas requiring a
22 Battalion Chief's involvement for overall management
23 and accountability.

24 And I guess you're -- you're trying to justify
25 the need for these three Battalion Chiefs based on

1 the growth of our Community, as well as alternative
2 modes of transportation.

3 For example, you mentioned the Superferry and
4 the increase of interisland cruise ships. That
5 part, I don't know. I guess we've had some
6 reduction in the cruise ship travels as well,
7 though.

8 How -- what is the role of the Battalion Chief
9 as it relates to those kinds of transportation?
10 What would they do in the event there's some kind of
11 incident, if you will, involving, say, the
12 Superferry? How does the Battalion Chief -- what
13 kind of role would that person play?

14 MR. CORDEIRO: He'd be coordinating with the Coast Guard,
15 the State of Hawaii, and other agencies to provide
16 whatever needs were for that emergency. If it's an
17 on-board fire, we would have to provide more air
18 tanks, SCBAs, and personnel to help sustain this
19 fire.

20 We've been -- we're trying to work with them
21 and establish training. We have -- we've been on
22 board the vessels, and they have -- especially the
23 cruise ships, they have some state-of-the-art
24 equipment and systems on board to contain their
25 fires as to how they would do it, but there's other

1 emergencies such as any terrorism.

2 And as a matter of fact, Chief Pascua and I
3 just went to a terroristic element security training
4 concerning the ferry systems. That's considered as
5 one of the top targets for the terrorists now and
6 being concerned with that.

7 In mid-channel, of course, there will be a lot
8 more problems that we'd have to deal with and
9 coordinating that with -- with Coast Guard, as well
10 as other boaters and that's what really the -- the
11 BCs would have to do and try to coordinate between
12 our Department and other agencies.

13 They -- our major part would be to assist,
14 especially if it came into Kahului Harbor, and we
15 have an incident in Kahului Harbor. There's
16 limitations what we can do.

17 And fighting fires is very -- very dangerous
18 on those vessels, as well as if you put too much
19 water in that boat, you could tip it. So we have to
20 be very careful and work with, as like any other
21 hotel, with the management and personnel.

22 So we'd be coordinating with giving them
23 whatever resources we could help them with and
24 manpower that -- to help them and with other
25 agencies.

1 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: And I know earlier today you -- you
2 mentioned, I guess, this need for the additional
3 Battalion Chiefs first, I guess, got discussed when
4 Chief Ishikawa was with the County and that was
5 roughly, what, maybe seven or eight years ago at
6 least?

7 MR. CORDEIRO: Yeah.

8 MR. PASCUA: Uh-huh.

9 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: And since that time, how -- how much
10 growth has the Department seen in terms of
11 personnel?

12 I -- I don't know if you have those numbers
13 with us yet -- with us today, but if that could be
14 provided. And I'm -- I'm just trying to make the
15 connection now.

16 I know you -- with this -- your presentation,
17 you mentioned because of the growth of the County,
18 as well as, I guess, personnel, it becomes even more
19 imperative for the Department to get these
20 additional Battalion Chiefs so I'm just trying to
21 understand how much growth there's been with the
22 Department, as well as these other issues in the
23 County.

24 MR. CORDEIRO: Yeah. I believe Chief Shaffer covered it in
25 his testimony. It almost doubled.

1 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: It's doubled since the first --

2 MR. CORDEIRO: Yeah.

3 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: -- proposal was first made?

4 MR. CORDEIRO: So -- but we can get that information, put
5 it in writing, and we'll get you as much information
6 as we can.

7 But, yeah, that -- and also the responses has
8 increased, as Chief Tam has said, and with that all
9 the other things that follow to deal with.

10 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. All right. Thank you. Thank
11 you, Chair.

12 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Molina. Member
13 Hokama?

14 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Just quickly. So can we have a good
15 understanding this afternoon that whatever protocols
16 and SOPs have all worked out regarding the
17 Department's ability to respond to maritime
18 callouts, particularly with the Superferry or cruise
19 ships within Kahului Harbor -- within the County's
20 waters, those protocols have been worked out?

21 MR. CORDEIRO: Actually, the protocols is anything out --
22 out of port is not considered a Maui County
23 Department fire loss. It's when it comes into port.

24 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay.

25 MR. CORDEIRO: And we had initiated training, and we

1 probably -- we will re -- initiate more training
2 with these -- these boats that come in, and it's
3 basically we're just assisting on these incidents.

4 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: So those -- those entities, those
5 companies, whether it be a cruise line or -- or the
6 Superferry, they have personnel dedicated to
7 suppress and control fire on the water and that your
8 response is in support of and -- and -- and, I
9 guess, a backup role?

10 MR. CORDEIRO: Yes.

11 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: In other -- you wouldn't be taking the
12 lead role?

13 MR. CORDEIRO: We wouldn't take the lead role. That's
14 still -- the Coast Guard --

15 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Jurisdiction.

16 MR. CORDEIRO: -- is usually the lead jurisdiction. And
17 we've had in the past, and I've attended and got
18 certified in maritime for on-board firefighting --

19 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Uh-huh.

20 MR. CORDEIRO: -- and that's something we need to keep
21 addressing and keep going.

22 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. You know, like you mentioned our
23 hotels. Well, they pay property tax. I would ask
24 the Department be aware the Legislature was
25 considering options for the Counties to be able to

1 recoup some of the expenses we provide to this
2 nontaxpayer group of -- of Maui visitors, I guess,
3 if we could call it in that terms.

4 So I would ask that you be aware of what's
5 happening at the Legislature that impacts you
6 because I think you have opportunities to recoup a
7 percentage of your -- your expenses we put out for
8 this nonresident use of our resources.

9 The other thing is, Chief Murray, you know,
10 one of the things that I am looking for, and while I
11 appreciate you come from a fire-fighting background,
12 I really need a Chief that can manage a Department
13 and administer programs and direct people.

14 So are you planning to do -- you know, we --
15 we've -- we've -- we've always been told this is
16 part of implementation of Strategic Plan, this,
17 this, B -- BCs come from this component of Strategic
18 Plan.

19 Are you planning to do a comprehensive review
20 of -- of staffing, including starting with your own
21 office?

22 MR. MURRAY: Absolutely. That is definitely part of the
23 plan that we have in -- in the near future. We need
24 to revisit all of those areas, we need to see how we
25 can efficiently manage those areas.

1 If we need to make adjustments, then we need
2 to work with Department of Personnel Services to
3 make those adjustments for the upcoming future.

4 What was the other part of your question,
5 please?

6 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: I would hope that you would look at
7 your office, too, as -- as one of the first places
8 you would review staffing and -- and lines of
9 responsibility.

10 Because I think the men can appreciate that
11 the Chief looks at his own base also in -- in a
12 complete departmental review of manpower
13 requirements and -- and lines of authority.

14 Do not underestimate what this Council knows
15 about the internal workings of all the Departments.
16 We are very much aware of the intricacies of various
17 Departments.

18 So I share that with you, but I think a
19 comprehensive Department-wide approach may serve you
20 well if you decide that's the route you -- you
21 choose to take, Chief Murray.

22 MR. MURRAY: Thank you.

23 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: The other thing I wanted to ask you as
24 far as the -- the personnel and -- and staffing
25 areas, and I'd appreciate the Chief's comments about

1 the -- the training that even Chiefs go through, you
2 know, now with this upgrade of, I guess, additional.

3 Is every -- how are we approaching island-wide
4 -- now, let's say we have a major incident, a triple
5 seven goes down, whatever it be, shipboard food --
6 food poisoning of a cruise vessel with 1,500 people.

7 Are we able to respond whether it be with
8 temporary triage requirements, calling National
9 Guards, fencing off Puunene old airport site for --
10 for a base yard triage area of response or that
11 expansion in Kahului Harbor of that old coral area
12 that was under Parks and Recreation? Are we
13 prepared?

14 You know, you folks mentioned to us that after
15 9/11, you are now well aware on the need to prepare.
16 So my question is at what level of preparation are
17 we at that if such a situation could -- does occur,
18 what is our capacity to respond?

19 Is that, at this point in time, adequate for a
20 150,000-population County to be able to afford; and
21 if not, what do you need, and then we're going to
22 have to decide is -- is -- is it something we can
23 afford from the tax base we have.

24 MR. PASCUA: Chair, if I may?

25 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Go ahead, Chief.

1 MR. PASCUA: A very good question. We are not prepared for
2 that. Maui County is definitely not prepared for a
3 mass casualty incident, say, with 150 people or, God
4 forbid, a cruise ship that brings in a thousand
5 people or more.

6 Yes, it will be the responsibility of the
7 maritime, U.S. Coast Guard; but as soon as they come
8 into harbor, the Battalion Chief will be the first
9 on scene, and he will have to make other
10 notifications with partnership and unified command
11 with DOT, U.S. Coast Guard, to notify all the
12 medical facilities here on the island.

13 Can we -- can we transport those victims, can
14 we provide beds for those victims, can we provide
15 medical staff for those victims? I say no.

16 We've discussed this many times in tabletop
17 exercises with Department of Health, as well as in
18 the EOC with multi-agency participation.

19 And what has happened numerous times over and
20 over no matter what the disaster was, even natural
21 disasters, tsunamis, hurricanes, is that we will be
22 totally overwhelmed minimum for the first 72 hours.
23 Minimum. Totally overwhelmed. We -- we don't even
24 have -- it will be chaos.

25 Realistically, there is a lot of work to do in

1 preparing standard operating procedures, integrated
2 response systems, improving resources.

3 What we may have to do is -- is immediately
4 mobilize air transport so that we can utilize other
5 islands, say the Lanai Hospital, Molokai Hospital,
6 Big Island; and for the -- for the very, very
7 critical people, straight to Honolulu.

8 So all those resources will take time to -- to
9 get to Maui so we can actually triage people, like
10 you say, and then transport 'em out appropriately.
11 There's no way Maui can handle a large scale mass
12 casualty incident such as you described.

13 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: But there is a plan in place for how
14 the agencies will respond, whether it be with Maui
15 Memorial Hospital, Department of Police, whether
16 you're going to involve fire fighters from the State
17 Airports Division, those -- those type of -- do we
18 have certain things already in place, though, Chief,
19 at least we know that the -- the -- the chain of
20 command people in charge such as going to be Chief
21 Murray, Chief Phillips from Police --

22 MR. PASCUA: Uh-huh.

23 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: -- Mr. Lo from the hospital system, I
24 am assuming Mr. Medeiros with County DOT, and --
25 and, you know, the other counterparts, that we have

1 a plan that they all understand what their roles are
2 as -- as they currently exist?

3 Is that something that's in place and that you
4 may have quarterly meetings of in preparation should
5 a situation arise?

6 MR. PASCUA: We have, Countywide, an Emergency Operations
7 Plan. That Plan has been in the process -- has been
8 going through the process of being revised and
9 updated over, I would say, the past two years.

10 Administrator Glen Iinuma has been at the
11 front -- at the forefront of coordinating --
12 coordinating that with a private contractor and
13 putting it all down in black and white.

14 In that process, every Department, emergency
15 response agency has had input to update all their
16 response guidelines, as well as how we put it all
17 together in the basic plan under the Emergency
18 Operations Plan Countywide.

19 If any of you have seen that EOP, it's two
20 folders thick, really big folders with the basic
21 plan and then all the annexes that describe response
22 actions not by -- not only by agency, but by --
23 by -- by classification, whether it be Medical,
24 Fire, Police, Security, Coast Guard, so it's all in
25 that Emergency Operations Plan.

1 And in the event that we do have a mass
2 casualty, large-scale disaster, the EOC would be
3 immediately mobilized and activated. All the
4 agencies, Fire Chief, Police Chief, EMS, everybody
5 would end up, including the Mayor and Managing
6 Director, in the EOC, of course you know that
7 procedure, and that EOP would then become
8 implemented.

9 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Quickly, just two quick
10 follow-ups on -- on -- on this general area,
11 gentlemen.

12 One that I would ask you to consider
13 supporting, this is something I told the Mayor I
14 would be supporting her efforts, is of course the
15 ability of the Legislature to allow Counties to
16 consider rehiring of retirees.

17 And there may be a point where if the
18 situation is right, again, for appropriate job
19 assignments, that -- the ability of the Department
20 to call back retirees or recently retirees that
21 understand how the Department works, knows that they
22 may not be the frontline guys at that point in time
23 in their careers to -- to be the guy in front, but
24 as a support whether it be at headquarters or at the
25 main stations for resupplying.

1 Those type of efforts I think might be worthy
2 for your consideration, Chief Murray, as options of
3 how we're going to respond because we're looking at
4 it for other Departments in nonemergency situations,
5 but I would ask you to think about that.

6 And secondly, if we have another situation
7 that impacts transportation, then you need to let us
8 know or make us aware what is the minimum
9 requirement we need in containers, whatever it be,
10 that we must have for a minimum of whatever it be,
11 72 hours to function without any additional airlift
12 or -- or sealift capacity so we need X gallons of
13 clean potable water, we need X amounts of medical
14 supplies, blankets, cooking fuel, or whatever it be.

15 You know, we laugh. Everyone say yeah, that
16 was wartime, during the World War II or during the
17 Korean War, but people thought about if should
18 something happen how would we respond, particularly
19 in the medical areas of response.

20 And I think it's time that if you're telling
21 us of the potential incidents that could happen and
22 we need to respond, then we need to know what it
23 takes for us to perform.

24 And if you tell me you can -- it doesn't make
25 sense, you give me manpower, you give me equipment,

1 but there's no supplies, I mean, you know, what --
2 what is -- what our men supposed to do in case
3 there's a need for bandages, temporary rations, salt
4 pills for taking care of not true potable water,
5 whatever it be.

6 You know, you have a grasp on this -- this
7 component of the -- of the issue for us?

8 MR. PASCUA: Chair Hokama, I don't have a real good grasp
9 of it, but I know the networking, the integrated
10 emergency or disaster response system that would --
11 would radiate, say, from the -- from the center,
12 from the epicenter of that disaster, that would
13 radiate from that epicenter out to Countywide and
14 then mobilize statewide and then mobilize fed --
15 federally for federal assistance. All that is in
16 place.

17 And at certain levels, there are thresholds
18 that when -- when they're met, there will be actual
19 automatic notification of the next level up.

20 Say if we can foresee that disaster that will
21 impact just Maui County overwhelming our systems, we
22 automatically notify State.

23 State will take a look at the whole thing,
24 while immediately at this epicenter, all our
25 resources are going to be dedicated for the response

1 phase of that disaster, meaning we're going to be
2 dedicating every bandage, every emergency response
3 personnel, every resource to deal with that -- that
4 actual emergency.

5 At the State level, they'll have a magnifying
6 glass on us, saying, okay, we -- now we're going to
7 get feedback from Maui as to exactly what we need,
8 what -- what they need to support that mitigative
9 actions or the response actions. And -- and that's
10 all going to be centered out of our Emergency
11 Operations Center.

12 If -- if that should escalate, predictably, to
13 a level where the State now will not be able to
14 handle our local situation, the Feds will come in.
15 The Feds will be activated. They will start --
16 they -- they -- they'll automatically get notified
17 once the -- the ball gets rolling.

18 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: My -- my concern, Chief, is -- is time.

19 Yeah, time.

20 MR. PASCUA: (Inaudible).

21 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: You know, one of the key things we --
22 we were told of a potential that was recently was
23 that earthquake we had between Maui and the Big
24 Island --

25 MR. PASCUA: Yes.

1 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: -- whereby if it did trigger a tsunami
2 or a mega tsunami, would have hit Maui in
3 30 minutes, okay. Thirty minutes is all we have.

4 MR. PASCUA: Oh, yeah.

5 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: So, again, let's say it was a wave big
6 enough, 50, 75 feet, to wipe out half of Kihei,
7 okay?

8 MR. PASCUA: Uh-huh.

9 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: It's going to come in short and so
10 halfway to --

11 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Mr. Hokama, is -- is this leading to the
12 Battalion Chief position, or -- or --

13 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: No. My -- my -- my thing is not about
14 the Chiefs because I -- I've pretty much made up my
15 mind which way I'm going to go on that issue,
16 Chairman, and -- and I can stop.

17 My thing was I want to know what they can
18 perform and what they cannot perform because I'm
19 balancing it off against what they are asking us for
20 in the -- in the budget.

21 And for me is I'm not too sure if -- well, I'm
22 happy with most of the responses, gentlemen, but I
23 need to know -- or it places you to take us to where
24 I'm hearing you want to take us because if this --
25 there's disconnects, then the budget request doesn't

1 make sense of what I'm hearing where you want to
2 take us to go.

3 MR. PASCUA: Absolutely.

4 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: It needs to be a coordinated,
5 tied-through budget request.

6 MR. PASCUA: I understand that. Chair, if I may, and I
7 will tie in --

8 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: So -- so, Chairman -- you know, Chief,
9 you and I can talk about this --

10 MR. PASCUA: Of course.

11 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: -- and -- and I'll respect the Chair
12 because I think he wants to move on so I -- I can
13 appreciate the Chairman's efforts.

14 MR. PASCUA: But, however, Chair, if I may, I can tie it
15 back to our request for three additional Battalion
16 Chiefs.

17 When that disaster hits or any disaster hits
18 or large-scale emergency such as the Olowalu Fire,
19 our single Battalion Chief is dedicated to response
20 -- response operations at that incident.

21 When that happens, there is no more Battalion
22 Chief to keep an eye on the rest of Maui. And I --
23 when I say the rest of Maui, I mean from Hana to
24 Lanai to Molokai.

25 If there's another large-scale incident in any

1 one of the outlying districts, we would be remiss if
2 we could not have another commanding officer, such
3 as a Battalion Chief, who is capable of coordinating
4 whatever leftover resources we have.

5 And after a large-scale fire like Olowalu,
6 there's not many resources left here on the island.
7 But to not even have a person to try and coordinate
8 the capabilities that are leftover would be putting
9 our County in -- in such jeopardy, our public safety
10 in such jeopardy just because we didn't have that
11 one additional Battalion Chief to try and coordinate
12 that response, that additional response in another
13 area of -- of our Community.

14 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: And if we were just one island, one
15 County, I can appreciate that really a lot more,
16 okay. I don't know how it helps me on Lanai because
17 the Chief -- the Battalion Chief won't be on Lanai.

18 MR. PASCUA: That -- that's right.

19 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: The Battalion Chief is not going to be
20 on Molokai if it's a Molokai thing --

21 MR. PASCUA: That is correct.

22 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: -- so, you know, for people like
23 Mr. Mateo and I...

24 MR. PASCUA: You live with that every day.

25 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Absolutely.

1 MR. PASCUA: Yes.

2 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Absolutely, Chief. Thank you,
3 Chairman.

4 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, we do have one more
5 item in regards to the Fire Department. But before
6 we go into the Capital Improvement area, the Chair
7 would like to take a five-minute recess.

8 I understand that there's two Members that are
9 going to leave this Chambers at about 4:30, 4:45.
10 We need to look at our calendars, and I'm looking at
11 Friday going very late. So with that, if you can
12 take -- take a look at your calendars; if you do
13 have appointments, late appointments, see what you
14 can do. So this meeting is in recess until 4:05.
15 ...(gavel)...

16 **RECESS: 3:57 p.m.**

17 **RECONVENE: 4:06 p.m.**

18 CHAIR PONTANILLA: ...(gavel)... The Budget and Finance
19 Committee meeting is now reconvened.

20 Members, let me give you some information
21 regarding the rest of the week. We -- we fell
22 behind today. We still got Department of Housing
23 and Human Services that was scheduled for this
24 afternoon.

25 I just want to say to the Department that are

1 -- the people that are here from the Department that
2 we're -- we're going to cover Department of Housing
3 and Human Concerns tomorrow.

4 And, Members, tomorrow we'll have Civil
5 Defense, the Department of Housing and Human
6 Concerns, and then the personal -- Personnel
7 Department. And if need be, we'll continue with the
8 Personnel Department, Liquor, the Prosecuting
9 Attorney, Corporation Counsel on Friday, as well as
10 taking all the grants and the OCS Office and the OCC
11 Office on Friday.

12 So that's what the Chair intend to do for the
13 rest of the week. I -- I know we still deliberating
14 with the Fire Department this afternoon. We still
15 got one more, the CIP.

16 But, Members, tomorrow we do have the public
17 hearing, Budget public hearing at 6:30 in this
18 Chambers. So we'll go as far as we can tomorrow
19 starting at 9 o'clock to 3:30 p.m. and then continue
20 whatever we cannot cover on Thursday into Friday.

21 Members, I -- I'd like to reiterate that we're
22 going to lose quorum at about 4:30 so we got one
23 more item to cover with the Fire Department before
24 we conclude the Fire Department's review as far as
25 the budget.

1 Members, we do have one Capital Improvement
2 Project for the Fire Department -- I'm sorry, not
3 one, three. The first CIP request is on page 24-04.
4 And the District is Paia-Haiku, the Haiku Fire
5 Station.

6 Department, when you're ready.

7 MR. PASCUA: Chair, thank you. Council Members, it's been
8 a long day, but I'm going to try and hopefully
9 breeze through this.

10 The Haiku Fire Station. The question is do we
11 have the land acquisition. Yes, we do. The County
12 has title and deed on the Haiku property as of
13 January 2nd, 2008. And by assignment of the
14 Managing Director and Mayor, administrative
15 authority of control over the property has been
16 assigned specifically to the Fire Department.

17 As far as the -- what we are -- currently in
18 this current fiscal year, FY '08, have been
19 appropriated is \$500,000, and that \$500,000 is to
20 take care -- take care of planning, design, all
21 entitlements, subdivision, if needed, you know,
22 architectural engineering, and I'll hopefully get --
23 get a contractor for construction administration.

24 As you have noticed, Council and Chair, we
25 have taken a strong team approach to many of our

1 Projects and our Programs.

2 And our team approach is -- is a combination
3 of -- of white shirts and blue shirts, and I'm proud
4 to say that -- that this combination has been
5 working out really well.

6 Our previous Administration, Chief Kaupalolo
7 and Val, have been working very closely with the
8 Mayor's Office, as well as the Managing Director's
9 Office, to coordinate and to plan out this Haiku
10 Fire Station Project.

11 With their departure, my base knowledge on
12 this Project was very limited; therefore, I asked
13 our resident expert in the CIP area because of all
14 his background that he -- he -- and energy that he
15 put into the Kaunakakai Station, I asked Fire
16 Fighter III Jenkins to help me out in gaining
17 some -- some insight to where we currently stand,
18 what the -- the scope of work that we are required
19 to complete in this year, as well as next, and --
20 and he has graciously done that for me over the
21 past, maybe, week and a half, very intense work done
22 by him.

23 And if I may, Chair, to entertain any
24 questions and to give you a brief overview about
25 what we are requesting money for and what is

1 scheduled to be expended in this fiscal year, may I
2 call up our -- Fire Fighter III, Greg Jenkins?

3 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Fire Fighter III Jenkins, please?

4 MR. JENKINS: Chair, Members. Thanks, Chief Pascua. The
5 current appropriation in FY '08, the \$500,000 we
6 have, as well as the proposed appropriation for FY
7 2009 will come to a \$1.5 million amount.

8 And the scope of work of which that money is
9 intended to be used for as is in your Operating
10 Impact and the Description of Justification of funds
11 that you have for the CIP Project is to, one, deal
12 with the encumbrance of the funds for the
13 environmental assessment for the said parcel.

14 And Haiku, as we have learned, has some unique
15 needs as far as EAs go. The EA would cover
16 archaeology, cultural impact assessment, flora and
17 fauna survey, traffic impact analysis, community
18 meetings, and of course EA report and processing.
19 And we're working with various contacts to go
20 through our QBS process for those consultants for
21 planning.

22 With regards to the architectural and
23 engineering services, that would also tie in and
24 that would be the atypical design, development --
25 excuse me, predesign, design development,

1 construction documents, Bid Administration and
2 Construction Administration, type of a contract,
3 execute over the period of the Project to
4 completion, as well as various subdivision and fees
5 that we normally deal with as a County for building
6 permit fees, etc.

7 Under miscellaneous subdivision costs, the
8 surveying tends to -- on these Projects tends to
9 exceed what's normally required for the EA so we had
10 to do a lot of extra work for a subdivision, cost.
11 So that's basically the -- the scope of the funds
12 for this current fiscal year and what's proposed for
13 next.

14 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you.

15 MR. PASCUA: Yes. Can I just add in there that we are
16 projecting to do all this work over this remaining
17 fiscal year, as well as FY '09, and we do not intend
18 to come back for any funds in -- in FY '10, due to
19 the fact that we realize that all these procedures
20 and processes that we need to go through that will
21 take us to the -- to the stage of being -- having
22 the permit and having to -- being able to proceed
23 with construction will take maybe two years, but
24 well over a year and a half.

25 With that being said, the amounts that we're

1 asking for we hope that in this shaky economy, we
2 will be assured that we -- we won't have to return
3 to Council for any kind of budget amendment and that
4 we will have enough funds to carry us through the --
5 through all these phases and begin construction
6 hopefully in FY '11.

7 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Molina?

8 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you very much, Chairman. I --
9 I note that in the CIP on 24-04 in the Program
10 Budget, at this point, you have no projected date
11 for the construction, any construction timetable at
12 this point. And you're requesting this year for the
13 1 million for I guess -- I presume the environmental
14 assessment and entitlements and so forth.

15 Can you give us an estimate or guesstimate as
16 to when you believe you'll get to the construction
17 phase of this fire station, what year?

18 MR. PASCUA: As a broad guesstimate --

19 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Uh-huh.

20 MR. PASCUA: -- we hope to begin that in the Fiscal Year
21 2011.

22 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Uh-huh.

23 MR. PASCUA: Through diligent work and hopefully a real
24 good timetable and not too many hurdles to -- to
25 cross over, we will be able to break ground in that

1 fiscal year. We might get lucky. Before -- before
2 the end of that fiscal year.

3 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. And I know -- speaking of
4 hurdles, I know you have the -- the environmental
5 review processes, as Fire Fighter Jenkins had
6 mentioned, and it's quite costly and expensive.

7 Now, is that due -- well, I guess you
8 mentioned archaeological studies, and is it also due
9 to the fact that it's simply because it's a fire
10 station, and does it have -- and -- and I guess it
11 does have something to do with its location, as I
12 guess you had mentioned earlier about Haiku has some
13 unique issues out there I think that we're all aware
14 of.

15 So in terms of the design moneys that you got,
16 the 500,000 for the previous fiscal year, do you
17 anticipate any further possible appropriations as
18 far as any design requirements you may have in
19 addition to what you -- you're looking at for now?

20 I -- I know you've been -- had meetings with
21 the Community. What -- what size -- again, we're
22 looking at a station the size of something, what,
23 along the lines of Paia, Makawao, Kula?

24 MR. PASCUA: We are looking at a station -- and I'd like to
25 also bring up the point we're at this juncture that

1 you did mention Haiku is the second fastest growing
2 Community in our County.

3 We want to build a station appropriately. We
4 know it's fast growing. We want to build a station
5 that is expandable, as well as -- and has a minimum
6 of three bays so we can actually utilize this
7 station not only as a growing base for that -- East
8 Maui, but -- but as a base where we can actually
9 hold some reserve resources, provide an area for
10 additional training with all our new programs coming
11 up, and hopefully we -- we can design an area that
12 will have enough storage facilities so that
13 resources -- just in case East Maui becomes cut off
14 from the rest of Maui at, say, Maliko Gulch,
15 perhaps, we have resources out there that we can go
16 around and not have to take a whole bunch of stuff
17 with us.

18 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Uh-huh.

19 MR. PASCUA: So in answer to your question, we're looking
20 at a fire station that may border 10,000 square
21 feet.

22 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Uh-huh. Okay. And that would
23 include --

24 MR. PASCUA: Some -- somewhere between the size of Kula and
25 Kahului.

1 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. And that would also include,
2 I guess, a helipad for emergencies out in the area?

3 MR. PASCUA: That is correct. I know in the public
4 hearings that we had a lot of discussion about
5 actual helicopter operations there.

6 We assured the Community, and we do assure the
7 Council at this time, that helipads at fire stations
8 really act only as emergency landing zones when we
9 absolutely have to use 'em to transport resources,
10 men, tools, or even sometimes we might have to bring
11 in a victim because that's the closest suitable
12 landing zone where an ambulance can be the next
13 higher level of medical care can be located, that's
14 what we'll use it for, not for regular up-and-down
15 flying.

16 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Well, I just want to thank
17 you for your work on this and continue to network
18 with the Community because I know you -- there are
19 some very vocal residents who live nearby the --

20 MR. PASCUA: Absolutely.

21 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: -- site. And I believe over the
22 long term how much -- what the rest of the acreage
23 will be used for, I guess that will be determined
24 for whatever appropriate uses that would be near a
25 fire station.

1 I don't know, maybe an ag park or I think
2 Mr. Mateo talked about maybe a -- some type of
3 agricultural entity. I don't know, someone even
4 suggested to me, oh, what about a place for farm
5 animals quite possibly, too, I don't know.

6 But anyway, the sky is the limit as they say,
7 yeah? So anyway, thank you. Keep up the good work
8 and please continue to network with the Community on
9 this.

10 MR. PASCUA: Thank you, Member Molina.

11 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you, Chair.

12 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Hokama?

13 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you, Chairman. I was going to
14 congratulate Fire Fighter Jenkins because I thought
15 I saw only 1 million for construction. I was going
16 to say, gosh, you're -- you're a savior to us there,
17 Fire Fighter.

18 So since we now know this is a part of the
19 design requirements, EA assessments, other
20 regulatory requirements, Fire Fighter Jenkins, what
21 would be an estimate on your part regarding the
22 construction component of -- of this station?
23 Under -- under the -- under the situation that
24 you -- as you understand it at this point in time,
25 please.

1 MR. JENKINS: As -- as you know, Chair Hokama, that the
2 construction industry is -- is quite volatile these
3 days. We've -- in our experience with the
4 Kaunakakai Fire Station, we did our best to be as
5 diligent as possible designing other factors, and
6 we -- we struggled with the bids that came in and
7 had to make quite a bit of adjustments to make
8 things work for -- on Molokai.

9 So I am assuming that as a worst case scenario
10 approach and that we would want to apply out here.
11 As Chief Pascua mentioned, a station approximately
12 10,000 square feet in size, there's -- there's a lot
13 of variables in cost.

14 So if -- we would probably need to do some
15 more research with -- with the market here on -- on
16 Maui and in that district specifically for cost. As
17 you know, the -- the price per square foot varies
18 per district.

19 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: So would -- would a -- would it be
20 reasonable for us to start projecting? Because
21 we're going to need to plan the requirement of
22 construction. A million dollars per thousand square
23 feet?

24 MR. JENKINS: I think that with the funds that are being
25 spoken of here for planning and design, that through

1 the planning process in our negotiation with an
2 architect and engineer -- because one thing that I
3 did forget to mention is that this -- this Project
4 does not only take in consideration the construction
5 of a station but also some water improvements in the
6 area of the station to meet adequate fire flow so
7 it's actually a very unique component.

8 So with all that said, when we get done
9 talking with the architect and engineers, we get
10 those professional cost estimates that come in,
11 we -- we also look in conjunction with that in our
12 planning process of what the Community and the Maui
13 Planning Commission will allow us to build on that
14 site with the changes of zoning to
15 Public/Quasi-Public, and residents' concern, such as
16 Member Molina brought up, we'll be able to provide
17 this Council, through Administration, a more
18 accurate number as -- in -- in a pretty quick time
19 frame.

20 We're hoping that a lot of these funds are
21 encumbered or ready to be encumbered by the first
22 quarter of FY '09, so we should be able to get back
23 to you on that.

24 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: That -- that would be appreciated,
25 Mr. Jenkins.

1 One, normally, when we get a request for a
2 CIP, we -- we get the total ballpark estimate of
3 what we are thinking of committing the County to.

4 So when you have an understanding of what
5 we -- we think -- I'm looking at 10 to \$15 million
6 in -- in my estimation, so we're going to need to
7 plan how we're going to take care of 10,
8 \$15 million. But that's the station.

9 For the Chiefs and for Chief Murray, again,
10 we're going to have to now equip a new station,
11 which means you need another engine, another tanker
12 more than likely, so that's two high-end frontline
13 pieces of equipment and that's going to compete
14 against, as Mr. Mateo said, the ongoing Department
15 needs to replace the old equipment and then you're
16 going to need to buy new equipment for the new
17 station.

18 MR. JENKINS: That's correct.

19 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: So -- so the challenge is double fold
20 for -- for you people.

21 MR. PASCUA: Uh-huh.

22 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: And if you have thoughts that you could
23 tell us this afternoon, how do you plan to approach
24 this opportunity for the Department.

25 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Chief?

1 MR. PASCUA: We have a -- we've -- we've had discussions on
2 just that -- those topics. And in trying to do a
3 projection and trying to accommodate the needs of
4 the Department now and in the future over the next
5 five years or so that we hope to completely equip --
6 build, equip, man, and operate the station, we're
7 hoping that we have a comprehensive -- we can put
8 together a comprehensive plan that will meet those
9 needs.

10 Right now, like I said, if we're lucky,
11 ambitiously if we can break ground in 2011, we'll
12 hope to do that. Construction, again, a lot of
13 variables with our economy. Hopefully we can get
14 the station done being built within a two-year span.

15 We'll come back to Council somewhere in 2012
16 or 13 to start -- with -- with a very comprehensive
17 list of needs and -- and projected costs for fire
18 apparatus, engine, a tanker, maybe we'll -- we'll
19 have -- we'll have need for another Mini Truck out
20 there because of all the inaccessible roads which is
21 the reason why we have the Paia Mini coming in.

22 We may -- may, again, like I said, want to
23 build training facilities out there that the Fire
24 Department can utilize in all the new programs and
25 the disciplines that we have to deal with.

1 And, of course, you know, we -- we are very
2 short of training facilities. We've outgrown ours
3 at Station 10, HC&S has graciously allowed us to,
4 without any cost, use a piece of their property
5 where we have our -- our burn trailer, and we hope
6 to have more training facilities.

7 So we're -- we're hoping that we can actually
8 utilize as much area that will be allowed through
9 the subdivision of the entire 27.3 acres for Fire
10 Department use.

11 Again, let me jump back to 2012, 13 being
12 fully manned. We hope that -- getting it staffed
13 and fully operational no later than 2013.
14 Hopefully, ambitiously if we can meet that goal,
15 then I think we've -- we've done due diligence.

16 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Last question. And -- and thank
17 you for bearing with me this -- this -- today,
18 gentlemen.

19 Does Personnel Services going to need to
20 include extra recruitment programs to take care the
21 needs of the ongoing replacement and -- and current
22 needs of the Department, as well as now the future
23 requirement of new additional positions for the new
24 station, or are you folks comfortable that the way
25 DPS is going and every so many months recruit class,

1 the break, the next recruit class, is able to take
2 care the manning requirements?

3 MR. PASCUA: Very interesting question. We've been working
4 very closely, we've had many meetings with both Ian
5 Suzuki and Lance.

6 And we want to sharpen up our pencils and
7 tighten up our relationship with DPS so we can
8 conduct more -- more recruitment examinations,
9 testing, physical agility tests, I mean, promotional
10 examinations, agility tests, HazMat certification
11 classes, all the way up and down the line from
12 recruits all the way up to BC, we'd like to have a
13 more regular turnover.

14 And with all the testing, agility testing,
15 meeting of minimum qualifications, I think it's one
16 of our -- it has been one of our biggest goals to
17 improve our relationship with DPS so we can -- we
18 can work together to meet those needs and have a
19 good core of eligibles that we can bring in to
20 backfill all the vacancies that are created either
21 by -- by promotion, by retirement, or by building
22 new fire stations and requiring 30 people at one
23 time.

24 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. So I'm assuming we -- from your
25 perspective, we still have some improvements to do

1 with -- with Personnel Services to assist you
2 reaching your goals of manpower fulfillment?

3 MR. PASCUA: Yes, there are, both on our -- our internal
4 Fire Department diligence, as well as working with
5 DPS.

6 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Thank -- thank you very much.
7 Thank you, Chairman.

8 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Mateo?

9 COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Thank you, Chairman. I'm -- I'm kind
10 of hoping that Chairman Hokama's reference to the
11 10- to 15-million area is going to be incorrect
12 because that scares me because we're talking closer
13 to the \$500 a square foot again, which is an area
14 that is consistent to both Lanai and Molokai; and
15 apparently, this island was supposed to be
16 considerably less. So, you know, 10,000 square
17 feet, \$500 a square foot, that -- that's pretty
18 scary.

19 Since we have Fire Fighter Jenkins here with
20 us -- and -- and we're all familiar with the
21 Kaunakakai Project because this body went through
22 the entire process.

23 The existing \$500 [sic] under design at this
24 point, the priority or the -- the urgent item that
25 needs to be taken care of in the -- in this design

1 and plan stage is the EA.

2 So would you have an idea of how long that EA
3 will take to be done?

4 MR. JENKINS: Vice-Chair Mateo, that -- the average time
5 it -- it -- it should take to get that EA done from
6 our past experience would be in the neighborhood
7 of -- of no more than two years.

8 The -- that -- and I say that based on the
9 fact that the knowledge we have of the parcel is
10 that the entire parcel is in ag. And with the use
11 of County funds and other reasons, there's going to
12 be the -- there's triggers for the EA.

13 And so with that, we're going to be needing to
14 change zoning consistencies through the entitlement
15 process and this -- and the County land use is
16 currently Ag and need to be changed to
17 Public/Quasi-Public for a fire station.

18 State land use is Ag, it would have to be
19 Urban. And then the Community Plan is currently Ag
20 so that would have to be changed to
21 Public/Quasi-Public.

22 All those things usually stimulate a lot of
23 Community input, and it really focuses in on the
24 types of operations that are going to be conducted
25 at this station so I would assume that we'll be

1 attending quite a few meetings in the Haiku
2 Community and with the Maui Planning Commission on
3 this Project, as well as I would imagine that
4 through coordination between our Fire Administration
5 and the Mayor's Office and this Council that the
6 future intended use of this station -- (inaudible)
7 station but the entire complex, the entire parcel
8 would be at least preliminarily identified because I
9 think that's a big concern of the Community.

10 I think everybody explained to us that they
11 had no problem of a fire station, but they did have
12 a lot of concerns about the future use so those two
13 things -- those things will -- will impact how long
14 it takes to get this EA approved once the Community
15 is satisfied with all those requirements.

16 COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: So the priority would be to get the
17 EA done first so you can engage the next
18 requirements, which is to initiate the planning
19 process because now you have the data necessary, and
20 you would be able to move the Project forward
21 through the planning and design stage?

22 MR. JENKINS: Yes, that would be correct. We would need
23 to -- it's also very important that the predesign
24 and design development portions of this Project also
25 are -- are well initiated and, again, communicated,

1 the scope of this Project, size, and -- and all
2 those estimates because the Community's going to
3 want to see what this -- this fire station's
4 capability is, how big it is, how many apparatus it
5 holds, what its capabilities.

6 Those are all -- are all driving factors in
7 the support and the approval of an EA so the design
8 portion of -- of the architectural and engineering
9 component and contract and -- and services are
10 concurrent with the planning portion of this
11 Project.

12 COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: So the \$500,000 that was already
13 appropriated in the prior fiscal year, the cost to
14 take care of the EA would not come up to this
15 \$500,000?

16 MR. JENKINS: The -- the cost of the planning for the EA
17 most likely will -- will not come up to the cost of
18 the \$500,000, no.

19 It -- the -- the bulk of the moneys would
20 definitely be the architectural and engineering
21 contract and --

22 COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Okay. So -- so then -- and I don't
23 know -- I don't know if I have to address the fire
24 fighter or the Chief.

25 I'll -- I'll address the Chief. If this --

1 the EA process is going to take about two years, and
2 it's probably about -- about that.

3 MR. PASCUA: Uh-huh.

4 COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: The request for plan and design for
5 \$1.5 million, it seems to tie up the million-dollar
6 component plus because --

7 MR. PASCUA: Uh-huh.

8 COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: -- you will have enough money to take
9 care of the primary responsibility before you can
10 actually move on to the -- to the planning stages
11 because you need to take care of the EA
12 requirements.

13 So I don't know what the need for the
14 additional million dollars would be because if I had
15 a choice at this point, I would take this million
16 dollars and sink it into purchasing your large
17 apparatuses.

18 And you could come back again, perhaps, and --
19 you know, it's not that we're going to stop the
20 Project once the process has started.

21 And this is -- this is a County -- this is
22 going to be a County Project that needs to be
23 implemented, and this body supported the whole
24 concept to purchase the property, so I was just --
25 I'm just worried about the kind of moneys that we're

1 trying up when -- when perhaps we could expend it in
2 other ways to provide greater assistance to the
3 Department.

4 Any comments, Chief?

5 MR. PASCUA: Yes, Member Mateo. We are -- we fully
6 understand the -- the ramifications in -- in tying
7 up that \$1 million in this Fiscal Year '09.

8 We need to go back and review exactly how much
9 everything's going to cost projected on the high end
10 so that we can feel confident that through the whole
11 process, we won't have to come back and ask this
12 body for a budget amendment and more money so that
13 we can finish it up through the Fiscal Year 010 --
14 '10 because the process will take that long.

15 And that's why we -- we weren't going to come
16 back in FY '10 to ask for any more money for this
17 Project until we're absolutely sure, based on all
18 the plans and con -- contractors and current
19 construction costs, that we can come back to this
20 body and give you a realistic request for
21 construction to break ground and actually build the
22 facility.

23 COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Okay. I -- I think if -- if -- in a
24 perfect world, that would be great. But if the --
25 if the EA is going to take about a year and a half

1 to two years, we're not going to be seeing you until
2 2000 -- our Fiscal Year 2011.

3 MR. PASCUA: That -- that's correct. That's when we would
4 be coming back for construction moneys. Yeah, we --
5 we would forego all of FY '10 and try to get
6 everything done with the appropriated money, 1.5
7 million.

8 COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Okay. Okay. Thank you, Chairman.

9 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Medeiros?

10 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Thank you. Mahalo, Mr. Chairman.

11 I -- I just have a few questions for Fire Fighter
12 Jenkins.

13 What is -- and I could ask Member Mateo, but I
14 don't think I could ask him directly across the
15 table here. But what is the square footage of the
16 Molokai Station?

17 MR. JENKINS: The existing or the -- the new station?

18 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: The -- the -- the new station.

19 MR. JENKINS: After the -- after the -- the cuts to its
20 size, it's roughly about 15 -- about 12 to
21 15,000 square feet. There's still some final things
22 being looked at to loft so it's in that
23 neighborhood.

24 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: And how many bays are designed
25 into that station?

1 MR. JENKINS: Originally, it was four bays, two trucks
2 deep, now it's three bays, two trucks deep.

3 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. And that was going to be my
4 next question.

5 So, Chief, when you -- when you talking about
6 10,000 square feet, so it's -- it would be smaller
7 than Molokai?

8 MR. PASCUA: Yes.

9 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: But it would be, in your
10 estimation, what, three bays or two bays?

11 MR. PASCUA: I'm hoping three bays, two trucks deep.

12 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: And two trucks deep?

13 MR. PASCUA: Yes.

14 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: I see. And in your folks planning
15 of the Haiku Station in design, is there any
16 consideration for two stories, or is it always
17 one story?

18 MR. PASCUA: Again, that would be largely dependent on what
19 we hear in the EA and the -- you know, the public
20 hearings.

21 We surely don't want to mess up the -- the
22 natural environment there and -- and have a -- be a
23 stick in the mud, sticking out of a nice green area,
24 huge, tall fire station so the design would depend
25 -- depend on what -- what feedback the Community can

1 give us.

2 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: I see. And so, yeah, you know,
3 I -- I congratulate the Department for moving on
4 this station and for this Council providing the land
5 acquisition funds because certainly, even though
6 it's still far from Hana, at least it's closer than
7 Paia as far as assets, you know.

8 So maybe Keanae will be the next one, but
9 anyway, thank you for your answers. Mahalo,
10 Mr. Chair.

11 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, if you have -- if
12 you folks have any more questions regarding Haiku
13 Fire Station, you can forward that question to the
14 Chair and then we'll get response from the
15 Department.

16 The next CIP, that's on page 28-8, which is
17 the Lahaina Station addition, \$700,000 for design.
18 Thank you, Fire Fighter Jenkins.

19 MR. PASCUA: Thank you, Greg.

20 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Go ahead.

21 MR. PASCUA: Chair, Members, thank you again. The Lahaina
22 Fire Station addition, as you all know and by what
23 you can see here, is for planning, design, and we
24 are crossing our fingers that we could probably
25 start the grubbing for infrastructure with these

1 funds for a major addition to the Lahaina Fire --
2 Fire Station that includes lavatories, locker room,
3 dormitories, and one more additional two-deep
4 apparatus bay.

5 As you all know, the Lahaina Fire Station has
6 been -- our operations out there on the West side
7 have outgrown the station's capabilities many, many
8 years ago. Both myself and -- and -- and Chief
9 Murray have worked out there. It was small back
10 then for -- for what we were doing.

11 With the addition of a new rescue boat, that
12 rescue boat doesn't fit in the station, and we are
13 again presented with the problem of having apparatus
14 or resources that cannot be kept under cover and out
15 of the weather and in proper care.

16 Also, the -- the living conditions have been
17 cramped. We have two companies out there now. And
18 basically, we have -- there are two showers, yes,
19 but the two showers are in one small shower stall.

20 So, you know, we're -- we're dealing with a
21 locker room that cannot provide lockers for all
22 personnel, we're -- we're dealing with a facility
23 with deteriorating conditions, and we have tested,
24 and it's -- the facility has tested positive for
25 asbestos and lead paint.

1 It -- its design originally has been with a
2 flat roof, and -- and it -- it leaks all the time.
3 Even after our improvements to the roof and ceiling,
4 there's still through like the -- the December storm
5 has created some leaks again.

6 So this station is really in dire need of --
7 of remodeling, and maybe this Council can help me
8 answer this question.

9 I've been telling the -- the personnel at --
10 at Lahaina that future fire stations on the West
11 side is on the horizon, except the horizon might be
12 no less than eight years from now. And do we want
13 to live in the same conditions for that long and
14 just wait for new stations. Our common thread
15 and -- and in full agreement is no. We need to
16 expand, we need to renovate, and we need to remodel.

17 Therefore, the \$700,000, we're hoping that we
18 can come up with a great concept, a great design
19 that will facilitate what I've just told you with
20 locker rooms, lavatories, an additional apparatus
21 bay, and still be within the con -- confines of
22 future planning in that area.

23 I know we're having a -- the -- the West side
24 medical facility coming up, we have plans for the
25 improvement on the -- the highway that coming --

1 that's coming through there and so we'll have to
2 work with, of course, that long-range plan -- or
3 very near future plan and make sure that our
4 addition to the station will satisfy all setbacks
5 and all requirements and everything considered.

6 I'm open for any questions.

7 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Mateo?

8 COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Chief, I think I found the million
9 dollars to help you take care of this item. Or I
10 can ask you the same question, BCs or equipment.

11 On -- on this particular chart, for FY '09,
12 you indicate -- you show the -- the 700,000 --

13 MR. PASCUA: Yes.

14 COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: -- and you have been real clear in
15 recognizing the urgency in getting this station
16 needed.

17 Where on -- on this six-year Program do you
18 look at starting or initiating construction?

19 MR. PASCUA: Very good question. We -- we were hoping that
20 we could really diligently do our work starting this
21 -- this calendar year and hopefully getting the
22 design going.

23 We actually had it slated in FY '10 to come
24 back to this body to -- to request the funds that --
25 a realistic figure based on the planning and design

1 and architecture and -- and infrastructure, of
2 course.

3 We deferred that for one fiscal year based on
4 the -- on the facts that we -- we now have to deal
5 with all the -- all the long-range planning that's
6 going on there for the medical facility, the
7 highway.

8 We have two options to -- to this remodel and
9 addition and renovation. We can either use the
10 property that is on the Kaanapali side of the
11 station, or we can use the additional land that is
12 makai of the station.

13 We're looking at how it -- it -- those two
14 options will impact current operations because we
15 know that we can't move operations anywhere else.
16 We got to still live in the station while
17 construction is going on.

18 Therefore, it -- it will take us through FY
19 '10 to get that all straightened out and ready --
20 ready to come back to this body to request in FY 0
21 -- '11 additional funds for construction.

22 COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Okay. And -- and thank you for
23 recognizing your ability to look at the expansion of
24 the initial footprint because that would have been,
25 you know, another question because I thought you --

1 your only resolve was to go up.

2 MR. PASCUA: No.

3 COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: So I guess you have options in -- in

4 -- in --

5 MR. PASCUA: Yes.

6 COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: -- you know, still expanding to the

7 sides. Okay. Thank you. Thank you, Chairman.

8 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Medeiros?

9 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Mahalo, Mr. Chairman. And I -- I

10 have to agree with the Department that, right, this

11 station really, after all the years, it served its,

12 you know, staff well and equipment, but it needs to

13 expand as that district has expanded in population

14 and amount of buildings and -- and just everything.

15 So certainly, I -- I think this is a good

16 plan. Now we just have to find the money, and I

17 think Member Mateo has some ideas on finding --

18 finding the money. But, yeah, you know -- you know,

19 this being my first station way back in the '70s --

20 MR. PASCUA: Yes.

21 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: -- that was a long drive from Hana

22 to Lahaina.

23 MR. PASCUA: Oh, yes.

24 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: So --

25 MR. PASCUA: You always (inaudible).

1 COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: But -- but I -- I remember the
2 station well, and it -- it has been a good station
3 for that district, so congratulations on moving this
4 Project forward. Mahalo. Mahalo, Mr. Chair.

5 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank -- thank you. Member Molina?

6 COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: No questions, Chair.

7 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Member Hokama?

8 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Chiefs, when you are able to, if you
9 would give us a site plan with the prospective sites
10 that you've -- responding to Mr. Mateo's question so
11 we can --

12 MR. PASCUA: Be glad to.

13 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: -- be able to appreciate the -- the --
14 the siting and -- and some of the challenges you're
15 going to need to overcome.

16 But couple questions. Since you've moved this
17 Project forward, gentlemen, I am hoping that you had
18 discussions to see whether or not, then, it made
19 sense to split the needs of West Maui between your
20 Lahaina and Napili stations.

21 And, again, you know your physical limitations
22 better than -- than we do as -- as the Budget --
23 Budget Committee, but has -- was that part of the
24 consideration? Because, again, you know, we -- we
25 know Lahaina is a big station. You got --

1 MR. PASCUA: Yes.

2 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: -- 30 fire fighters out there.

3 MR. PASCUA: Uh-huh.

4 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: I think only Kahului is bigger than
5 Lahaina.

6 MR. PASCUA: Uh-huh.

7 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: So was that part of another way to
8 approach how you would respond to West Maui was by,
9 maybe, beefing up Napili and then still maintaining
10 current -- current capacities at Lahaina, or was
11 that not part of the due diligence of the
12 Department?

13 MR. PASCUA: Actually, it was. We had several discussions
14 about this, even with the previous Administrations.
15 And under Chief Kaupalolo, he had a vision of
16 building two more fire stations out on the West side
17 that would equally split all those -- the -- the
18 high-density proposed developments.

19 One more station in Puukolii, another station
20 toward Olowalu. And in that event, the Central
21 station, Lahaina Station as it exists now, there was
22 talk about it not existing any more, to just have
23 three stations on the West side. However, again,
24 that's way on the horizon, and we really need to
25 address the -- the -- the situation as it stands now

1 immediately.

2 In the future, if we -- if we are fortunate
3 enough to acquire some land both in Puukoolii and
4 further toward Maalaea, I mean, well, you know,
5 Launiupoko way, then we would consider with the
6 resources already existing, Napili and the Central
7 station, Lahaina at the Civic Center, what would be
8 the appropriate -- appropriate sizes of those
9 stations and how we should appropriately man them
10 based on the future protection of -- of population
11 and -- and commercial activity in Lahaina.

12 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Uh-huh. Okay. I am happy to hear that
13 it's at least part of the thought process the
14 Department went through, and I appreciate that
15 effort on your -- on your senior management's part.

16 My other question, since you've made us aware
17 of what Lahaina is living through currently, have
18 you also done some background work to see whether or
19 not for a temporary purpose portable buildings
20 would -- would serve the Department well on a
21 short-term basis or not, just to provide better
22 personal resources, whether it be just the simple
23 things of privacy for changing of uniforms, bathroom
24 -- personal bathroom requirements, whatever it be
25 that -- as another way to temporarily approach

1 the -- the needs of the men and women in the Lahaina
2 Station?

3 MR. PASCUA: Yes. We didn't talk about temporary
4 facilities, per se, trailers or -- or have -- those
5 kinds of things.

6 We actually had a long, drawn-out meeting once
7 we -- once we discovered that there was asbestos in
8 Lahaina Station to relocate the whole operation and
9 remodel the whole station. Close it down, move
10 operations to God knows where, maybe -- maybe use
11 trailers just like how the Police did when they
12 remodeled their station.

13 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, I remember that.

14 MR. PASCUA: You remember that? And remodel the whole
15 station in one fell swoop with -- with asbestos
16 abatement all in one fell swoop.

17 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Uh-huh.

18 MR. PASCUA: We actually -- I have a bunch of question
19 marks on my budget work sheet of just about that.
20 Those costs would be -- I -- I -- unpredictable.

21 I have no -- no idea how much that would have
22 cost our Department to actually move the entire
23 operation elsewhere, tear apart, gut the whole
24 station, and remodel it. And I -- I just have no
25 idea how long it would have taken.

1 Therefore, we are hoping that we can move
2 forward with this addition. And if we -- during --
3 during this process if we need to have temporary,
4 you know, sanitation or privacy-type facilities,
5 we'll -- we'll go ahead and get those and -- and
6 provide them for the men and women out there.

7 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: And I -- I offer that because, Chiefs,
8 I can see us utilizing the trailer for different
9 other departmental needs also.

10 MR. PASCUA: Yes.

11 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: You know, we may -- might want to
12 consider primarily for now the Fire Department
13 needs, but in the last few years we heard Finance
14 Department asking us for potentially three trailers.

15 We've had Parks Department ask us for
16 temporary consideration of trailers so it's not
17 something that we haven't been open to or we haven't
18 been requested of for some sort of consideration and
19 support.

20 So I -- I just put that forward to you as
21 another way to possibly address your existing issues
22 that your men and women face out -- out in Lahaina.

23 MR. PASCUA: Thank you.

24 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: The size of the addition is -- is some
25 -- is like a -- maybe a full-blown two-bay station,

1 you're looking at potentially another 10,000 square
2 feet?

3 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Excuse me, Member Hokama.

4 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Oh, I'm sorry.

5 CHAIR PONTANILLA: We're going to lose quorum. If you do
6 have any more questions, if you guys want to come
7 back tomorrow morning to cover the -- the Fire
8 Department, you know, the Chair is open to that.

9 Otherwise, if you have any more questions in
10 regards to this particular CIP item, as well as the
11 Countywide fire facility CIP item, if you want to
12 put it in writing, send it to the Chair for a
13 response from the Department, the Chair is also
14 willing to do that.

15 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Thank you, Chairman.

16 CHAIR PONTANILLA: So your preference? Continue tomorrow?

17 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: You -- you know the workload of the
18 Committee better than any of us, Chairman, so --

19 CHAIR PONTANILLA: Okay. Fine.

20 VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: -- we'll -- we'll defer to your
21 discretion.

22 CHAIR PONTANILLA: So if you can provide your questions to
23 the Chair for both items, the Chair would appreciate
24 that, and we'll get response from the Department on
25 both of the items.

1 So with that, thank you very much, Chiefs, for
2 being here --

3 MR. PASCUA: Thank you.

4 CHAIR PONTANILLA: -- Chief Cordeiro, Chief Pascua --

5 MR. CORDEIRO: Thank you, Chair.

6 CHAIR PONTANILLA: -- as well as our new Fire Chief Murray.

7 Thank you for being here. This meeting is
8 adjourned. ...(gavel)...

9 **ACTION: DEFER pending further discussion.**

10 **ADJOURNED: 4:54 p.m.**

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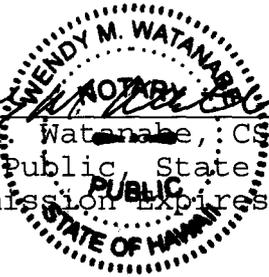
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