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**STATE FIRE COUNCIL (SFC)**  
**FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2013-2014**  
**SECOND QUARTER MEETING MINUTES**

Date of Meeting: December 12, 2013

Place of Meeting: Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) Headquarters  
636 South Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813-5007

Present:

Manuel Neves	SFC Chair Fire Chief, HFD
Jeffrey Murray	SFC Member Fire Chief, Department of Fire and Public Safety (MFD), County of Maui
Darren Rosario	SFC Member Fire Chief, Hawaii Fire Department (HCFD)
Socrates Bratakos	SFC Administrator Battalion Chief (BC), HFD
Lloyd Rogers	SFC Administrative Specialist
Gary Ige	Deputy Attorney General State of Hawaii (State) Department of the Attorney General (DAG)
Jade Butay	Deputy Director Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR)
Raymond Bizal	Southwest Regional Director National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)

I. Introduction

A. Chair Neves called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

B. Chair Neves welcomed everyone, and an introduction of attendees followed.

Vice Chair Robert Westerman was excused from the meeting.

C. Approval of the SFC FY 2013-2014 First Quarter Meeting Minutes

Motion: Member Murray motioned to approve the SFC FY 2013-2014 First Quarter Meeting Minutes. The motion passed.

D. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Member Rosario motioned to approve the agenda. The motion passed.

E. DLIR Deputy Director

An overview of the SFC's duties and responsibilities was given to the DLIR's newly appointed Deputy Director.

II. Unfinished Business and General Orders

SFC Member Reports/Updates

A. Report of Member Rosario

1. Grants

- a. The HCFD applied for a 2014 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) to install smoke detectors in elderly and high-risk homes.
- b. The 2013 AFG grant will be used for fire ground survival train-the-trainer training and props. Training is being scheduled.
- c. The Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) grant was utilized to fund wildland equipment, information on the Public Protection Classification program, wildland training, and tanker equipment.

- d. The Emergency Medical Services program on fall prevention corresponds with the smoke detector program. Research relating to smoke detectors and fall hazards is ongoing.

## 2. County Issues

- a. The HCFD submitted a supplemental budget for an apparatus and positions for four fire stations and one information technology position.
- b. The HCFD received a directive from the Hawaii County Council to reduce their current FY budget by five percent, which will involve cutbacks on fire equipment and utility savings (photovoltaic installations).
- c. The HCFD hosted the Hawaii Fire Chiefs Association annual conference. The keynote speaker was Woody Matthews, who is committed to fire ground safety training in Hawaii. A review was conducted following the conference.
- d. KME Kovatch accepted the HCFD's bid for one aerial and two pumper trucks. The HCFD will evaluate KME Kovatch's products when they are in service.

## B. Report of Member Murray

### 1. Grants

- a. A VFA grant of \$50,000 was utilized to fund wildland equipment and training.
- b. A State Homeland Security Grant (SHSG) of \$50,000 for an Incident Management Team (IMT) was utilized for back-burning training. The IMT consists of 32 individuals from different agencies. Seven individuals were sent to the Big Windy and Yosemite fires.
- c. A 2013 AFG grant for fire prevention was utilized for the smoke detector program to cover overtime costs for Fire Prevention and Fire Operations personnel. Notification of the smoke detector program was made through public service announcements, county fairs, and continuous sign-ups throughout the year at Maui fire stations.
- d. A Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response grant for additional positions was disapproved.

- e. A Department of Forestry and Wildlife (DOFAW) grant was utilized to purchase equipment.

## 2. County Issues

- a. The MFD will be receiving a 3,500-gallon Pierce tanker truck with a Peterbilt chassis for the Wailea Fire Station.
- b. The MFD completed their bid for two Pierce pumper trucks for the Makawao and Wailea Fire Stations.
- c. The Maui County Council directed departments to submit their budgets with no more than a 2-percent overage. The MFD's budget was submitted with a 26-percent overage that included their current needs and collective bargaining.
- d. The Ocean Safety merger is ongoing. Positions for a BC for Administrative Internal Affairs and Ocean Safety have not been filled.
- e. Member Murray provided a summary on the recent Makani Airlines landing on a highway and the environmental issues. Member Murray thanked Chair Neves for providing Public Information Officer (PIO) support.
- f. The MFD's Fire Fighter Recruit (FFR) Class consisting of 14 FFRs, including two from the State, will be graduating in December 2013. The MFD has four fire fighter vacancies.

## C. Report of Chair Neves

### 1. Grants

Chair Neves outlined the HFD's 2013 grant awards from the Department of Transportation (DOT), the DOFAW, and the SHSG:

- a. A DOT grant was utilized to purchase reciprocating saws on all fire trucks.
- b. A DOFAW grant was utilized for a rehabilitation program, including ambulance-type vehicles and trailers.
- c. The SHSG was utilized for Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, Explosive and All-Hazards Incident Management Team training.

2. County Issues

- a. The HFD is currently filling vacant Assistant Chief and BC positions.
- b. The new Strategic Plan is being finalized.
- c. The HFD's Capital Improvement Projects include:
  - (1) Seven low-profile Pierce Arrow engines
  - (2) Five KME engines
  - (3) One aerial
  - (4) Two additional ladders
  - (5) Redesigning the Charles H. Thurston Fire Training Center
  - (6) Replacement of the Hauula and Waiialua Fire Stations
- d. Chair Neves and a State Department of Health representative attended the *Remembering When*<sup>™</sup> conference held on December 2-3, 2013, in Boston, Massachusetts. The conference provided information on how to prevent fires and falls for the senior community. Chair Neves would like HFD personnel to be trained in fire and fall prevention. SFC staff will share the information obtained at the conference.
- e. A discussion ensued regarding community risk reduction opportunities. Information can be presented at shopping centers and after fires in respective neighborhoods. A discussion followed regarding community paramedicine and future services provided as part of the local healthcare system.

3. Other Matters

- a. There was a discussion on the PIO's duties.
- b. FFR classes will commence in January and April and consist of 24 FFRs each class to fill approximately 80 fire fighter vacancies. The April FFR class will be offered to federal and State fire departments.

### III. Unfinished Business and General Orders

#### A. SFC Administrator's Report

##### 1. SFC Update on the Fire Code

The State Fire Code was reviewed by the Legislative Reference Bureau, the Small Business Regulatory Review Board, and the State DAG. Recommendations were made by each agency and incorporated in the State Fire Code. The DLIR submitted a request to the Governor for approval to hold a public hearing.

##### 2. Status of the County Fire Codes

- a. The HFD, the HCFD, and the Kauai Fire Department have adopted the NFPA 1 Fire Code, 2006 Edition with state and county amendments. The MFD amendments were submitted to the Maui County Council for review.
- b. The Fire Prevention Committee (FPC) met on September 16-17, 2013, and discussed commercial hood systems, revisions to the fireworks statute, legislation to authorize state harbors to conduct fire inspections, Department of Education fire inspections, and SFC authorization to license individuals conducting maintenance testing of fire protection systems and appliances. The FPC continued to review consolidated county fire code amendments.

##### 3. State Building Code Council (SBCC)

- a. The SBCC continues to meet monthly. The SBCC implemented a legislative/budget committee to submit a DAGS administrative bill to clarify statute terminology, add new committee members, and obtain an appropriation for staff and operating expenses. The SBCC continues its review of the 2012 editions of the codes and standards.
- b. In compliance with House Resolution 47, House Draft 1, 2011 Legislative Session, the final report of the Investigative Committee on Fire Sprinkler Implementation in New One- and Two Family Dwellings has been transmitted to the legislature, the DAGS, and the Governor.

A recess was called at 11:45 a.m., and the meeting reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

4. Statewide Training and Education

Delivery began for the 2013-2014 courses approved by the National Fire Academy. The SFC did not apply for the 2014 State Training Grant.

5. Reduced Ignition Propensity Cigarette Program (RIPC)

Receipts from manufacturers now total approximately \$659,000 since the inception of the program. Work on administrative rules and field enforcement is pending additional funding and positions. The hiring of a Program Specialist is pending approval from the City and County of Honolulu's administration.

6. Fireworks

After meetings with the county fireworks auditors and the SFC, three fireworks bills have been submitted to the 2014 Legislative Session, which includes a limited consumer fireworks use for religious/cultural purposes only (ban) and housekeeping and nonhousekeeping measures.

7. Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) Data Collection Request

The DLNR's request to the SFC for incident data on rescues on DLNR land is pending an official letter from the DLNR.

8. First Quarter Meeting Issues Update

- a. The SFC submitted letters recommending revisions to the National Farm Bill, which originated from the National Association of State Fire Marshals, to Hawaii's four congressional delegates. The proposed language in the federal bill may have negated the RIPC requirement for all 50 states.
- b. Crowd manager training issues are being reviewed.
- c. A FirstNet representative from the SFC is on hold. Chair Neves and Administrator Bratakos met with the state representative, and planning for the program is still being developed.
- d. Recommended revisions from the SFC for the proposed NFPA 1730, Standard on Organization and Deployment of Fire Prevention Inspection

and Code Enforcement, were submitted to the NFPA as recommended by the FPC.

- e. The FPC is currently reviewing criteria for commercial cooking hood systems relating to accumulated grease build-up.

9. Other Matters

Chair Neves discussed data on smoke alarms that were installed, sprinkler systems, and properties and lives saved.

B. Conferences and Meetings

1. Vision 20/20 Model Performance in Fire Prevention Symposium on March 26-28, 2014, in Towson, Maryland
2. NFPA Conference on June 9-12, 2014, in Las Vegas, Nevada
3. National Association of State Fire Marshals Annual Conference on July 28-30, 2014, in St. Pete's Beach, Florida
4. Fire-Rescue International Annual Conference on August 13-16, 2014, in Dallas, Texas

IV. Adjournment

Motion: Member Murray motioned to adjourn the meeting at 3 p.m. The motion passed.



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MANUEL NEVES  
Chair





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**I. Introduction of Attendees**

A. Chair Neves called the meeting to order at 8:50 a.m.

B. Chair Neves welcomed everyone, and an introduction of attendees followed.

Vice Chair Robert Westerman was excused from the meeting.

II. Review of the December 12, 2013, Meeting Notes

Administrator Bratakos reviewed the December 12, 2013, meeting notes.

III. New Business

A. Discussion of the 2014 Legislative Agenda

SFC members reviewed the 2014 legislative bill proposals that were provided.

Motion: Member Murray motioned to include a cancer presumption bill similar to the one introduced in California. The motion passed.

Member Murray also motioned to introduce the State Building Code Council bill, if required, at the direction of the SFC Chair. The motion passed.

B. Residential Fire Sprinkler Update

SFC members reviewed and discussed strategic initiatives, action items, and other issues and concerns.

C. Next Quarterly Meeting

The next SFC quarterly meeting will be held in Hilo, Hawaii. Potential dates will be sent to members.

IV. Adjournment

Motion: Member Murray motioned to adjourn the meeting at 12 p.m. The motion passed.



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MANUEL NEVES  
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