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

Date of Meeting: June 26, 2014

Time of Meeting: 10:20 a.m.

Place of Meeting: Department of Fire and Public Safety (MFD)
Fire Prevention Bureau
313 Manea Place
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Present:

Manuel P. Neves	SFC Chair Fire Chief, Honolulu Fire Department (HFD)
Robert Westerman	SFC Vice Chair Fire Chief, Kauai Fire Department (KFD)
Jeffrey Murray	SFC Member Fire Chief, (MFD)
Darren Rosario	SFC Member Fire Chief, Hawaii Fire Department (HCFD)
Socrates Bratakos	SFC Administrator Assistant Chief (AC), HFD
Paul Haake	SFC Fire Prevention Committee (FPC) Chair Fire Captain, MFD
Adam Rosenberg	Deputy Attorney General State of Hawaii Department of the Attorney General

Raymond Bizal

Southwest Regional Director
National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)

I. Introduction

- A. Chair Neves called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m.
- B. Chair Neves welcomed everyone, and an introduction of attendees followed.
- C. Approval of the SFC FY 2013-2014 Third Quarter Meeting Minutes

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

Record of Votes: Chair Neves - Aye
Vice Chair Westerman - Aye
Member Murray - Aye
Member Rosario - Aye

D. Approval of Agenda

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

Record of Votes: Chair Neves - Aye
Vice Chair Westerman - Aye
Member Murray - Aye
Member Rosario - Aye

II. Unfinished Business and General Orders

SFC Member Reports/Updates

A. Report of Member Rosario

1. Grants

- a. A 2012 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) used to install smoke detectors in elderly and high-risk homes is ongoing. The HCFD was able to purchase smoke

detectors at a reasonable cost and is working with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers to install detectors.

- b. A 2012 AFG grant used for the fire ground survival train-the-trainer program and props was completed in March 2013.
- c. A Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) grant is being used to purchase tanker equipment.
- d. A United States Forest Service grant was used for wildland equipment and training.

2. County Issues

- a. The Hawaii County Council passed the HCFD's budget with a five percent cut, which was taken from their current expenses. The current budget includes the purchase of two Class A pumpers and a 3,000-gallon tanker.
- b. The 3,000-gallon tanker will be used as an alternate means to meet the fire code requirement for water supply in rural areas. A discussion ensued on utilizing NFPA Standard 1142 relating to this matter.
- c. The Kovatch Mobile Equipment Corp. (KME) completed the construction of one aerial and two pumper apparatuses. Community Development Block Grant funds were used to purchase the aerial apparatus.

B. Report of Member Murray

1. Grants

- a. A VFA grant was utilized to purchase equipment.
- b. Department of Homeland Security Grant (DHSG) funds were forwarded to the County of Maui.
- c. A 2013 AFG for Fire Prevention and Safety is being utilized for the smoke detector program.

- d. A Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant was not awarded.
- e. A Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), Division of Forestry and Wildlife (DOFAW) grant was utilized to build portable tanks and pumps.

2. County Issues

- a. The Maui County Council approved the MFD's budget containing a \$2.7 million premium decrease and deleted the higher bureau incentive.
- b. The MFD is expecting the delivery of two engines in 2015.
- c. The MFD is expecting delivery of an aerial ladder later this year.
- d. The MFD's newly promoted AC, Valeriano Martin, is currently managing training until a new Captain is selected.
- e. The MFD's two newly promoted Battalion Chiefs (BC) will be effective July 1, 2014.

3. Other Matters

A discussion ensued on SFC training and other committees being active. It was suggested that the committees meet at least once a year via video teleconference. Chair Neves directed Administrator Bratakos and SFC staff to organize the meetings.

C. Report of Vice Chair Westerman

1. Grants

- a. DHSG funds were utilized for turnout replacement, helmets, and boots. Procurement of these items were challenged by Purchasing staff.
- b. A 2013 AFG grant for fire prevention is being utilized for the smoke detector program. The KFD is currently working on obtaining a smoke alarm installation and home inspection grant.

- c. A SAFER grant with 100 percent funding was approved for two years and will be utilized for a new class for six Fire Fighter Recruits (FFR).
- d. A DOFAW grant was utilized for a wildland conference, training, and equipment.
- e. A VFA grant was utilized for training and equipment.

2. County Issues

- a. The Kauai County Council reviewed the KFD's FY 2015 budget which did not contain major cuts.
- b. The KFD developed Rank-for-Rank Standard Operating Guidelines.
- c. The KFD is planning an ocean safety conference.
- d. Vice Chair Westerman attended the National Fire Academy's (NFA) financial management course and reported that the NFA is moving toward online courses/distance learning.
- e. Vice Chair Westerman will attend the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials 2014 Conference on August 3-6, 2014, in New Orleans, Louisiana, and the Fire-Rescue International 2014 Annual Conference on August 13-16, 2014, in Dallas, Texas.
- f. The KFD's contract with Pierce Manufacturing for one engine was received.
- g. The KFD submitted commendations to the Kauai County Council for individuals involved in the rescue of hikers in the Hanakapiai River.

D. Report of Chair Neves

1. Grants

Chair Neves outlined the HFD's 2014 DHSG, DOFAW, and AFG grant awards:

- a. The HFD received a \$6,500 grant from the Fireman's Fund Insurance Company's Heritage Program.

- b. The HFD received DOFAW funding of \$37,500, which will be utilized for wildland fire equipment, training, conferences, and All-Hazards Incident Management Team (AHIMT) and rescue training.
- c. The DHSG was utilized for Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive and AHIMT training.
- d. The HFD was awarded a DHSG of \$300,000 which will be utilized to purchase rapid response vehicles.
- e. The HFD was awarded a \$200,000 Urban Area Security Initiatives grant.

A discussion ensued on emergency response vehicles and protocols.

2. County Issues

- a. The HFD promoted 8 BCs and 17 Captains. Promotions within the HFD will continue.
- b. The 99th FFR Class consisted of 25 FFRs who will be graduating in August 2014. The 100th FFR Class will consist of 24 FFRs and commence in July 2014.
- c. The Honolulu City Council passed the HFD's \$112 million budget.
- d. The Capital Improvement Program is ongoing with the Hauula Fire Station as the first priority. A related court case will be held in July. The Waiialua Fire Station will be the second priority.
- e. The updated Strategic Plan (SP) is completed. Chair Neves discussed the development process and the assignments for the SP.

A discussion ensued on accreditation and the SP's new mission statement.

- f. The HFD's 2015 reaccreditation is in progress, and gaps that must be addressed are being identified.
- g. The HFD is awaiting receipt of six KME apparatuses which did not pass inspection. The seven Pierce Arrow apparatuses received last year have ongoing challenges.

E. SFC Administrator's Report

1. Status of State and County Fire Codes

A public hearing for the proposed State Fire Code was held on June 20, 2014, at the HFD Headquarters. Immediately following the public hearing, testimony regarding the proposed State Fire Code was reviewed and discussed. The oral testimony presented by Mr. David Tworkowski of the National Fire Protection and the Automated Fire Alarm Association was reviewed. His testimony supported the adoption of the NFPA 1 Fire Code, 2012 Edition as the next State Fire Code.

There was a decision-making meeting on the public hearing regarding the proposed State Fire Code. The SFC was informed that there was a typographical error citing Section 11.12.1 instead of 11.12.2.2. A correction will be made.

2. Statuses of the County Fire Codes

- a. FPC Chair Haake presented an update on the FPC's two previous meetings. A final review was completed for all county amendments. Several county amendments were eliminated and consolidated into the State Fire Code, NFPA 1 Fire Code, 2012 Edition.
- b. Chair Haake discussed the NFPA 1124 Fireworks Standard's retail requirements. Mr. Bizal informed SFC members that these provisions were deleted from NFPA 1124 and NFPA 1 Fire Code, 2015 Edition.
- c. The FPC discussed pyrotechnic licensing. The Department of Labor and Industrial Relations' (DLIR) Occupational Safety and Health Division currently issues the Class C licenses for outside pyrotechnics, interior pyrotechnics, and flame propagation. The DLIR handles the single testing. Discussions ensued in relation to these issues. It was recommended that the FPC be aware of these issues and check on individual operators.
- d. Hawaii is currently not a chapter member of the International Fire Marshals Association. Mr. Bizal proposed that the HCFD could become a chapter member.

- e. The NFPA's Technical Committee must replace AC Martin of the MFD. Administrator Bratakos recommended FPC Chair Haake. Administrator Bratakos will draft a letter to the Hawaii Fire Chiefs Association and the Western Fire Chiefs Association.
- f. AC Gantry Andrade of the HCFD is looking for a replacement for the Western Region Code Development Committee.

Motion: Member Rosario motioned for a recess at 12.30 p.m. The motion passed.

Record of Votes: Chair Neves - Aye
Vice Chair Westerman - Aye
Member Murray - Aye-
Member Rosario - Aye

The meeting reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

3. State Building Code Council (SBCC)

The SBCC continues to meet monthly. In addition to the State Fire Code, public hearings were held for the next State Elevator Code. The SBCC continues its review of the latest editions of the plumbing, electrical, energy, building, and residential codes.

4. Statewide Training and Education

Delivery is in progress for the 2013-2014 courses approved by the NFA. The course selections for the 2014-2015 year are in progress. The SFC did not apply for a 2014 state training grant.

5. Reduced Ignition Propensity Cigarette (RIPC) Program

Receipts from manufacturers now total over \$676,000 since the program's inception. Ongoing research and administrative rules are being developed for roll-your-own cigarettes and e-cigarettes. A discussion ensued regarding improving quarterly reports for RIPC operations. SFC staff will be responsible for submitting a comprehensive report on the program.

6. Fireworks

- a. Temporary or permanent storage buildings or redistribution activities for fireworks shall comply with the adopted building or fire code or nationally recognized standards. Four other fireworks bills did not pass in the 2014 Legislative Session.
- b. A Public Safety Committee hearing was held on June 24, 2014, for the Honolulu City Council's proposed Bill 5, which would allow the use of sparklers and fountains with a permit and provide a refund for unused permits. The HFD testified in opposition.

7. DLNR Data Collection Request

There is no change to the DLNR's request to the SFC for incident data on rescues on DLNR property. An official letter from that agency is pending.

F. Legislation

A status update for the 2014 Legislative Session was provided. On June 30, 2014, a bill signing ceremony was held for the following bills at the Office of the Governor:

1. Senate Bill (SB) 2300 authorizes the SFC to establish statewide qualifications and procedures for testing, certifying, and credentialing individuals who conduct maintenance and testing of portable fire extinguishers, fire protection systems, and fire alarm systems.
2. SB 2581 modifies the composition, quorum, and duties of the Hawaii SBCC and revises the state building code, including clarifying terminology, code adoption process, and staggering of code adoptions. The bill prohibits the adoption of provisions that conflict with laws governing contractors and makes an appropriation for staff.

G. Response Plans to Natural and Manmade Disasters

There are no updates at this time.

H. National Fire Issues/Concerns

A discussion ensued on NFA issues and the FirstNet progress.

I. Conferences and Meetings

1. Chair Neves will attend the National Association of State Fire Marshals Annual Conference on July 28-30, 2014, in St. Pete's Beach, Florida
2. Vice Chair Westerman, MFD staff, and the MFD's Fire-Rescue Commissioner and staff will attend the Fire-Rescue International Annual Conference on August 13-16, 2014, in Dallas, Texas
3. Chair Neves will attend the 2014 State Fire Marshals Forum on September 23-25, 2014, in Boston, Massachusetts.

III. Adjournment

Motion: Vice Chair Westerman motioned to adjourn the meeting at 3 p.m. The motion passed.

Record of Votes: Chair Neves - Aye
Vice Chair Westerman - Aye
Member Murray - Aye
Member Rosario - Aye



MANUEL P. NEVES
Chair



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Raymond Bizal	Southwest Regional Director National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)

I. Introduction of Attendees

- A. Chair Neves called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.
- B. Chair Neves welcomed everyone, and an introduction of attendees followed.

II. Review of the June 26, 2014, Meeting Notes

Administrator Bratakos reviewed the June 26, 2014, meeting notes.

III. Unfinished Business

Continuation of the June 20, 2014, Meeting on the Proposed State Fire Code

A. Review and Discussion of Public Hearing Testimony on the Proposed State Fire Code

The oral testimony presented by Mr. David Tworkowski of the National Fire Protection and the Automated Fire Alarm Association at the public hearing was reviewed and discussed.

The typographical error that cited Section 11.12.1 instead of Section 11.12.2.2. will be corrected.

B. Decision Making on Public Hearing Testimony on the Proposed State Fire Code

Motion: Vice Chair Westerman motioned to modify the agenda heading for item 3, Adoption of the Proposed State Fire Code to Repeal of Old Code and adding item 4, Adoption of the Proposed State Fire Code. The motion passed.

Record of Votes: Chair Neves - Aye
Vice Chair Westerman - Aye
Member Murray - Aye
Member Rosario - Aye

C. Repeal of Old Code

Motion: Vice Chair Westerman motioned to repeal the old fire code. The motion passed.

Record of Votes: Chair Neves - Aye
Vice Chair Westerman - Aye
Member Murray - Aye
Member Rosario - Aye

D. Adoption of the Proposed State Fire Code

Motion: Vice Chair Westerman motioned to adopt the new fire code and have the clerical typographical error citing Section 11.12.1 instead of Section 11.12.2.2. be corrected. The motion passed.

Record of Votes: Chair Neves - Aye
Vice Chair Westerman - Aye
Member Murray - Aye
Member Rosario - Aye

IV. Legislation

A. Discussion of the 2015 Legislation

Motion: Member Rosario motioned to enter into Executive Session. The motion passed.

Record of Votes: Chair Neves - Aye
Vice Chair Westerman - Aye
Member Murray - Aye
Member Rosario - Aye

A discussion ensued regarding the following potential bills to be submitted for the 2015 Legislative Session:

1. Requirements for Fireworks Shippers, Labeling Size, Defines Redistribution
2. Clarification of Fireworks Storage, Exemptions for Movie Productions
3. Increase of Display Permit Fee from \$110 to \$300
4. Prohibition of Consumer Fireworks Use on Three Holidays
5. Repeal of Act 83 Prohibiting Counties Requiring Residential Sprinklers

6. Cancer Presumption for Fire Fighters
7. Residential Kitchen Fire Safety Task Force
8. Allowing billing for emergency medical treatment

Chair Neves directed SFC Administrator to research bills and their issues.

Motion: Member Rosario motioned to go forward with the 2015 legislative bills.
The motion passed.

Record of Votes: Chair Neves - Aye
Vice Chair Westerman - Aye
Member Murray - Aye
Member Rosario - Aye

B. Designation of Authority/SFC Designee for the 2015 Legislative Session

Motion: Member Murray motioned to authorize Chair Neves and Vice Chair Westerman as alternates to work on the 2015 Legislative Session bills. The motion passed.

Record of Votes: Chair Neves - Aye
Vice Chair Westerman - Aye
Member Murray - Aye
Member Rosario - Aye

V. New Business

A. Fire Fighter's Safety Guide (FFSG)

1. Administrator Bratakos provided an update on the 29th Annual FFSG.
2. Sparky the Fire Dog, the NFPA's mascot, will not be introduced locally.
3. The SFC will research using a local dog as a mascot for the 2015 FFSG.

B. SFC Statewide Programs

1. Fire/Life Safety Educational Initiatives

A discussion ensued regarding the Vision 20/20 and the NFPA's Education Hawaii group with Battalion Chief Terry Seelig as liaison.

2. Hawaii Fire Data Collection/Analysis

A discussion ensued on data collection and analysis and Crystal Report templates. The data issues include incidents involving tourists, smoke alarm activation, military personnel, and other related issues.

C. Next Quarterly Meeting

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

VI. Adjournment

Motion: Member Rosario motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 a.m. The motion passed.

Record of Votes: Chair Neves - Aye
Vice Chair Westerman - Aye
Member Murray - Aye
Member Rosario - Aye



MANUEL P. NEVES
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