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STATE FIRE COUNCIL (SFC)
FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2018-2019 THIRD QUARTER MEETING MINUTES

Date of Meeting: March 8, 2019

Time of Meeting: 8:30 a.m.

Place of Meeting: Hawaii County Fire Department (HCFD)
25 Aupuni Street
Hilo, Hawaii 96720

Present:

Manuel P. Neves	SFC Chair Fire Chief, Honolulu Fire Department
David Thyne	SFC Member Fire Chief, Department of Fire and Public Safety, County of Maui
Kilipaki Vaughan	Deputy Fire Chief, Kauai Fire Department
Robert Perreira	Assistant Fire Chief, HCFD
Lloyd Rogers	SFC Administrative Specialist
Adam Rosenberg	Deputy Attorney General State of Hawaii (State), Department of the Attorney General
Troy Samura	Civil Engineer, Hawaii County Department of Water Supply (DWS)
Gary Honold	Regional Director National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)

I. Introduction

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

II. Unfinished Business

A. Discussion of 2019 Legislative Bills

1. Members discussed the statutory revision proposals related to the SFC administrative staffing, adopting the state fire and building codes without administrative rules, adopting state building code amendments without the unanimous agreement by the four county building officials, and authorizing the SFC to use money from the Reduced Ignition Propensity Cigarette (RIPC) special fund together with clarifying RIPC violations and penalties.
2. Bills for automatic fire sprinklers include a State tax credit for sprinkler installation and related costs, repeal the county prohibition to require residential sprinklers, and a resolution to create a task force to study the costs to install fire sprinklers were discussed.
3. Fireworks proposals included adding two exceptions to prohibited fireworks uses; revising the labeling requirements for display fireworks; increasing the display permit fee from \$110 to \$300; prohibiting the use of fireworks on the three designated holidays; requiring shippers of imported fireworks to notify the fire department; and clarifying property owner liability and allowing videos, photos, or witness statements for the arrest of fireworks violators. The bill to prohibit fireworks use on the three holidays was revised to create a task force to study the import of illegal fireworks into the State.
4. Other bills being supported or monitored include establishing a State Fusion Center, energy training for county personnel, and transferring City property to the Department of Education.

B. Grant Working Group

There was no discussion on this issue.

III. New Business

A. Meeting with DWS Officials

Members discussed residential fire sprinklers in new one- and two-family dwellings with Mr. Samura. The points covered were the manufacturer specifications of a 5/8-inch meter that could be used together with 8 gallons per minute sprinkler heads that are spaced 12 feet apart.

Mr. Samura was asked to explain the DWS costs for the standard 5/8-inch meter. The facility reserve charge is the total cost to obtain water service, which includes the source and storage and transmission facilities. The installation charge varies and is dependent on whether the residence is on a county or State road and which side of the road the service main is located in relation to the house. The facility reserve charge is the total cost to obtain water service, which includes the source, and ranges from \$3,000 to \$17,000. Mr. Samura stated that these charges would apply to the home builder for any new domestic water service with or without a sprinkler system.

B. State Emergency Support Function

Members reviewed a State Emergency Support Function (SESF) Annex from the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency (HIEMA) that was sent to the SFC for comment. The SESF is a planning tool to quantify available resources before and during an emergency event. The annex specifically addresses statewide wildland fire fighting capabilities. After a discussion, the SFC staff will inform HIEMA to coordinate with each county's Department of Emergency Management, as this agency plans and coordinates first responder resources and activities in any type of emergency, including request(s) for intrastate mutual aid assistance.

C. Other New Business

1. Chair Neves stated that rapid response vehicles (RRV) were deployed at certain stations in a one-year pilot project. The RRVs were used primarily for emergency medical service calls. There are several advantages, including an RRV cost of about \$70,000, as compared to a \$1.7 million aerial apparatus.
2. Mr. Honold presented the latest updates to the NFPA codes, standards, and new projects. New projects include contamination control of personal protective equipment, remote inspections, low-pressure dispensing containers, and hazardous waste disposal. The 2019 editions

are available for NFPA 13, 13D, 13R, and 72. Updates to NFPA standards, codes, and guides continue to be developed to improve community and fire fighter health and life safety. More information can be found at <https://www.nfpa.org/Codes-and-Standards/Resources/NFPA-News>.

D. Next Quarterly Meeting

The next quarterly meeting will be held on Maui. Proposed meeting dates will be solicited.

IV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.



MANUEL P. NEVES
Chair