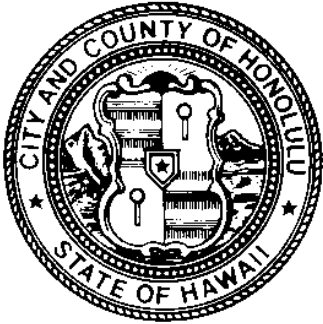


# Department of Human Resources Newsletter

Bringing personnel news to our City's workforce

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## City Career Expo at the Workforce 2008 Job Fair Wednesday, May 21, Neal Blaisdell Center, Pikake Room 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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### Help us spread the word!

The City and County of Honolulu will be at the Workforce 2008 Job Fair.

The impromptu Aloha Airlines Job Fair was a wonderful success due to media coverage and advertising by

employees. We will once again need your help to inform potential applicants about City jobs. Word-of-mouth advertising has been proven time and again to be the most effective form of recruiting, especially here in Hawaii.

Spreading the word about City jobs and the benefits of working for the City, will give others an opportunity to grow in their chosen careers or to explore new careers in public service.

Your active involvement will also help to proliferate the City's workforce of dedicated and hard-working public employees, and ensure that the City and County of Honolulu has quality workers for years to come.



## City Career Expo

Representatives from all City departments will be there to discuss job opportunities and showcase award winning displays and current projects.

- “Can You Take The Heat?” Featuring women from the Honolulu Fire Department; equipment displays, physical fitness demonstrations, and information on becoming a firefighter
- Numerous career opportunities for both prospective and current employees
- Computer Information Center: Register on our online application system



## Operation Ohana Hale Kinai Ahi

Members of the Honolulu Fire Department created “Operation Ohana Hale Kinai Ahi” to provide a support system for firefighters currently serving as guardsmen or reservists. These firefighters have to cope not only with the uncertainty of deployment, but also with the separation from their family for at least a year. Their phone calls are limited and they are constantly worrying about their family.

Operation Ohana Hale Kinai Ahi’s primary goal is to give “peace of mind” to both the deployed HFD soldier and his family. These volunteers keep in contact with deployed HFD soldiers and their families to let

them know that they are not forgotten as part of the HFD Ohana. They give emotional support and also assist families with household maintenance. Deployed firefighters are updated on HFD activities through email and can even request specialty items to be sent to them. One example was a HFD guidon flag sent to Firefighter I (Major) Mark Inouye to display in his camp.

The HFD Ohana is committed to honoring and helping those who are protecting us at home and abroad.

Through this program the department hopes to express their support for these soldiers, and try to make a difference in someone’s life.

HONOLULU FIRE FIGHTERS  
GUARDSMAN & RESERVISTS



Protecting US Both at Home and Abroad

## Remembering a Role Model

Brian Mohr was a Safety Specialist for the Department of Parks and Recreation who passed away on April 26, 2008. The work he did was phenomenal, and it touched the lives of countless individuals throughout the city. As one of three certified playground inspectors in the county, his knowledge greatly improved the safety of play equipment across the state. He was known to be a “tough inspector” when it came to final inspections on



**Brian Mohr**

**“The work Brian has done for this department has truly been a life saver”**

various building projects, and he personified the true essence of safety. He never faltered to pressure and his ethical standards were impeccable, consistent, and of the highest quality.

Brian was also outstanding in his Civil Defense duty. He was the department’s first responder no matter what the situation, activating shelters, alerting shelter managers, and making people

comfortable as possible. He also coordinated counseling services with the American Red Cross and other relief agencies to provide services for the affected victims. His safety unit usually consisted of only 2 people– that was possible because he essentially performed the duties of multiple workers. He oversaw the Random Drug Screening program for CDL drivers and HSPT employees, working overtime setting up random drawings and notifying the appropriate supervisors as needed. His work with the Driving Training Coordinator and Driver Trainer ensured our special drivers were properly and meaningfully trained. This led to the reduction of vehicle accidents over a span of 3 years. The work Brian has done for this department has truly been a life saver. His unwavering dedication to his civil duties exemplified what we should strive to be, and his legacy will live on through the lives that he touched.

## **Employees Commended for a Job Well Done**

A Honolulu resident wrote a letter of thanks for the courteous and professional work of **Mike Yuen, Engineer, and David Goya, Construction Inspector, from the Department of Design and Construction.** Upon noticing that her sidewalk planting area and stone wall had been damaged during a sidewalk improvement project, she called the department. After speaking with Mike, the resident was immediately contacted by David, who worked diligently to get the area repaired. She was very

impressed with the way the situation was handled and expressed her most sincere thanks and appreciation.

One Hawaii resident expressed her “most genuine admiration for **Richard Carriera, a Truck Driver with the Department of Environmental Services.** When she found a dead cat’s rotting carcass in her driveway, she feared for everyone’s safety. Richard arrived shortly and removed the carcass. He completed his job with “good grace and humor”, and even received this compliment:

“Whatever your salary, it isn’t nearly enough. I’m proud to contribute whatever small position of my taxes that goes your paycheck. I value your daily contribution to our city.”

**Virginia Bishop, Planner IV, of the Department of Transportation Services** impressed her colleagues by having a positive influence on everyone she comes in contact with due to her enthusiasm, good attitude, and willingness to learn. She has also received numerous commendations from her public transit customers.

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**Clinton “CJ” Jamile, a Recreation Specialist from the Department of Parks and Recreation,** works tirelessly with volunteers coordinating the huge island-wide community programs. With his Adopt-A-Park program he enlists public and private organizations and individuals to volunteer their services to maintain over 300 park facilities.

With the Community Service volunteer program, CJ assists and coordinates cleanups and beautification projects during the year. Major projects include “Keep America Beautiful Day”, “Day of Caring”, “Get the Drift and Bag It”, Fourth of July volunteer projects and other island-wide projects. These community-wide projects have generated over 9,500 volunteers who contributed over 25,000 hours of community service projects in beach and litter cleanups during the year.

It is people like him that improve the lives of our citizens and communities, and truly make Honolulu a great place to live.

## Artist Extraordinaire

Ever wonder how the spectacular annual Honolulu City Lights display on the grounds of Honolulu Hale during Christmas is possible? Well, Alex Ching plays a great part in the crowd-pleasing display.

His artistic specialty, working with various media forms in two or three dimensions, led to him sculpting huge holiday icons like sleighs, trains, music instruments and the honu swimming in front of the giant “shaka” waving Santa. He has been delighting the public with his work for the past 14 years and in 2004, accepted a promotion as a Recreation Specialist II in the Department’s Culture and Arts section.

The annual City Lights display has become a tradition over the past few years, creating lasting memories and bringing smiles to hundreds of thousands of Hawaii residents and visitors each year. The diligent work and dedication of volunteers and City staff, such as Alex Ching, ensure that the event will be enjoyed for generations to come.

