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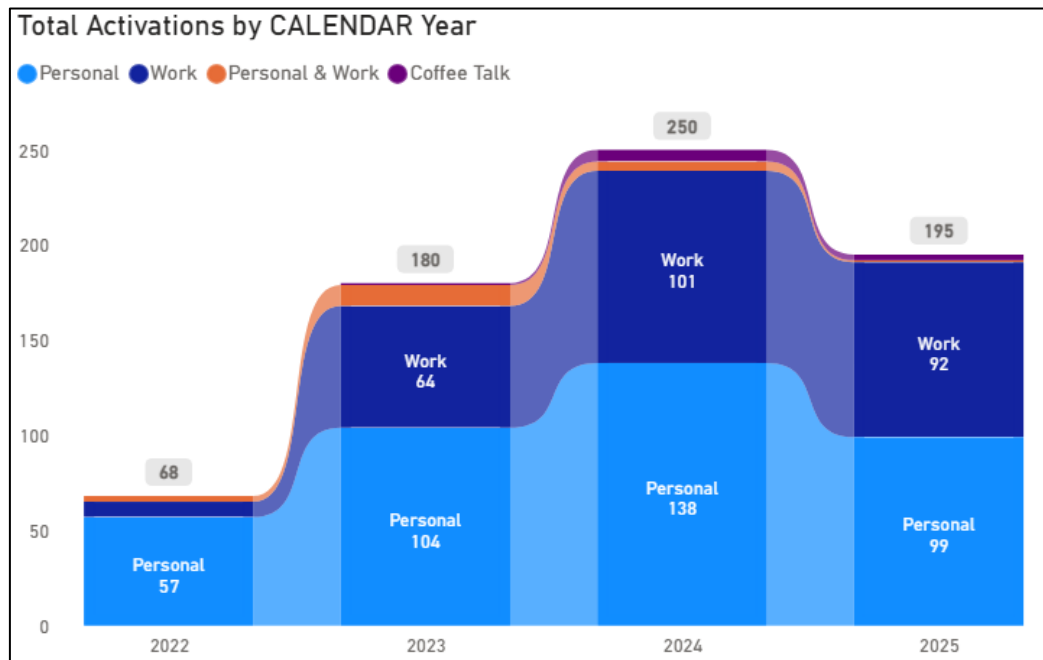
Report from the Fire Chief August 2025

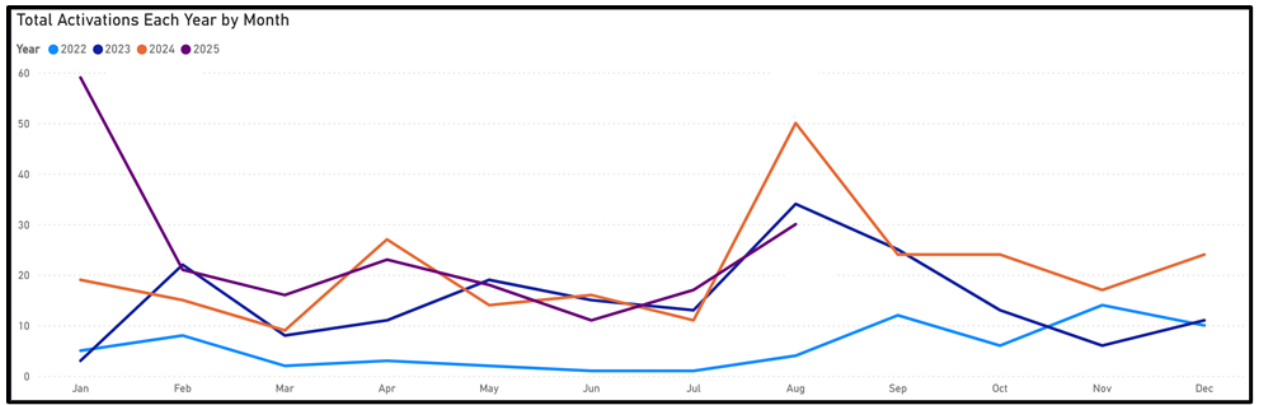
A. Workforce

1. Morale, Welfare, Recreation

- a. In August 2025, there were 30 peer support activations.
- b. The following charts are a compilation of statistical data on Peer Support callouts (activations) from calendar years 2022 through 2025.

An “activation” can include single peer-to-peer consults, visits to single or multiple stations/worksites, and single or multiple periodic check-ins.





2. Vacancies as of August 31, 2025

Uniformed Vacancy Count by Rank	
<u>Rank</u>	<u>Count</u>
Fire Chief	0
Deputy Fire Chief	0
Assistant Chief	0
Battalion Chief (BC)	0
Senior Fire Helicopter Pilot	0
Fire Helicopter Pilot	3
Fire Captain	2
Fire Fighter (FF) III	17
FF II	2
FF I	<u>71</u>
Total	95
Count of Fire Fighter Recruits (FFR) in Training	
<u>Rank</u>	<u>Count</u>
FFR I	
Honolulu Fire Department (HFD)	61
Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting unit (ARFF)	<u>7</u>
Total	68

Uniformed Vacancies Minus FFRs in Training	
Uniformed Vacancy Total	95
FFRs in Training	<u>61</u>
	34
Civilian Vacancy Count	
<u>Rank</u>	<u>Count</u>
Fire Equipment Mechanic	1
Fleet Mechanic II	1
Property Inventory Clerk II	1
Radio Technician I	2
Storekeeper II	1
Secretary II	1
Total	7

3. Grievance Filings for August 2025

Bargaining Unit	Filed at Step 1 (HFD)	Filed at Step 2 (Department of Human Resources)	Filed at Step 3 (Arbitration)	Closed Grievances	Pending Grievances
1	0	0	0	0	0
2	0	0	0	0	0
3	0	0	0	0	0
4	0	0	0	0	0
11	0	0	0	0	16
13	0	0	0	0	0

4. FFRs

118th FFR I Class

- Currently has 33 FFRs (25 HFD, 8 ARFF)
- The FFRs are currently in the hazardous materials (HM) portion of the recruit training program.

119th FFR I Class

- Currently has 35 HFD FFRs
- Group A is currently in the driver training portion of the recruit training program.
- Group B is currently in the fire fighting portion of the recruit training program.

5. Training

a. Apparatus Operation Section

- Initiated City Operator Certificate B for the 119th FFR Class Group A, Recruit Driver Training

b. Certification Section

- On August 11-15, 2025, performed administrative duties for the Fire Captain orientation. Thirteen students were in attendance.
- On August 22, 2025, the HFD administered the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC) HM Awareness (HM-A) knowledge and skills testing for the 118th FFR Class. There were 33 members of the 118th FFR Class who fulfilled the IFSAC requirements to earn their HM-A certification.
- On August 29, 2025, the HFD administered the IFSAC Basic Driver Skills testing for the 119th FFR Class Group A. The testing results will be announced in next month's report.

c. Fire Operations (OPS) Section

- Conducted 10 auto extrication drills for 17 companies, 2 high-rise drills for 2 companies, 1 hose-handling drill for 1 company, and 1 forcible entry drill for 1 company
- Assisted the Recruit Training section with Fire Ground Survival and Rapid Intervention Team training for the 118th FFR Class Group A and instruction and logistics for multiple fire fighting disciplines for the 119th FFR Class Group B

- Assisted the OPS division with training manual development, acquired structure set up, and logistics at the former Kamehameha Drive Inn site
- Assisted the Live Fire Program with training, logistics, and equipment mobilization for upcoming live fire training

d. Special Operations Section

- HM/Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD)
 - On August 2-4, 2025, new equipment training for the Pendar X10 Handheld Raman Spectrometer was held for HM1, HM2, and Training and Research Bureau HM personnel.
 - On August 8, 2025, FF III Verena Jackson (HM2/3) attended the Kapolei Local Emergency Action Network full-scale exercise. This exercise simulated an evacuation of Campbell Industrial Park to test and improve organizational plans and procedures.
 - On August 14, 2025, BC Carlton Yamada and Captains Eric Boyles and Sean Chun attended the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Livewire Tabletop Exercise at the University of Hawai'i (UH)-Manoa. This exercise simulated a WMD event on the UH campus.
 - On August 20, 2025, 33 members of the 118th FFR Class began HM First Responder Awareness and Operations training. The training concludes with a live propane burn on September 5, 2025.

e. Medical Section

- Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)/First Responder
 - On August 11-13, 2025, the Fall 2025 Medical Refresher for the Active Threat instructor rollout was completed at the former Saint Francis School. Instructors were presented with the lesson plans/contents and scenario layout in preparation for the annual medical refresher for the Department. The four-hour training will start on September 3-October 10, 2025. Refer to Special Notice SN-25-194 for additional information.

- On August 7, 2025, 15 FFRs from the 118th FFR Class Group B successfully completed the National Registry Emergency Medical Technician program.
- The Medical section met with the Honolulu Emergency Services Department's Emergency Medical Services Division's Quality Assurance (QA) officer to view their charting system. Information was exchanged, and our goals were discussed for the proposed QA program.
- On August 25-26, 2025, the QA/Quality Improvement (QI) program held its train-the-trainer instructor rollout. Attendees were provided with chart review examples and briefed on the Medical section's goals for the QA/QI documentation review.
- The Pulsara program has been approved for use by the Medical section. It is being routed through the Hawaii Fire Fighters Association (HFFA) for review and acceptance.
- The current FF III vacancy will be filled on next month's promotion process.
- Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)/Automated External Defibrillator (AED)
 - In August 2025, CPR section personnel conducted training for 75+ community members at the Honolulu Fire Museum and Education Center.
 - From July 25 to August 24, 2025, the HFD performed 59 AED applications, of which 38 patients were male and 21 were female. Of those, ten patients were defibrillated. The Honolulu Police Department (HPD) performed two AED applications.
 - The survival statistics for August 2025 reflect cases where the HFD was first on scene and our AED was attached - 59 AED applications with 14 total returns of spontaneous circulation (ROSC) and one confirmed save; 17 patients have dispositions unknown.
 - The LUCAS 3 (LUCAS) device performance usage from July 25 to August 24, 2025, was closely monitored, and their contribution to patient outcomes has been significant.

- Total ROSC Incidents: 14
- ROSC Incidents with LUCAS Device: 10 with 2 cases undetermined as to whether the LUCAS was utilized
- Total LUCAS applications: 29 of the 59 CPR cases with 6 unconfirmed cases.
- Confirmed saves with LUCAS Device: 0

6. Injuries - Report of Industrial Injury or Illness for August 2025

INJURY/ILLNESS TYPE	LOCATION	SIDE	INCIDENT TYPE	ACTIVITY	LOSS TIME
Abrasion	Head; Eye	Left	Fire; Brush	Advancing Hose Line	No
Abrasion	Head; Eye	Left	Service	Carrying Equipment	Yes
Bruise/Contusion	Leg; Shin	Left	Medical	Mounting/Dismounting	No
Bruise/Contusion	Torso; Ribs	Right	Training	Carrying Equipment	Yes
Pain/Stiffness	Head; Ear	Left	Equipment Maintenance	SCBA	No
Pain/Stiffness	Torso; Upper Back		Fire; Brush	Advancing Hose Line	Yes
Pain/Stiffness	Torso; Lower Back		Medical	Carrying/Lifting Patient	No
Pain/Stiffness	Torso; Lower Back	Left	Medical	Carrying/Lifting Patient	No
Pain/Stiffness	Leg; Knee	Left	Medical	Carrying/Lifting Patient	No
Pain/Stiffness	Leg; Knee	Left	Medical	Mounting/Dismounting	No
Sprain/Strain	Ankle	Left/Right	Fire; Structural	Advancing Hose Line	Yes
Sprain/Strain	Arm; Wrist	Right	Medical	Carrying/Lifting Patient	Yes
Sprain/Strain	Leg; Knee	Right	Medical	Carrying/Lifting Patient	No
Sprain/Strain	Hand; Finger	Right	Medical	Carrying/Lifting Patient	No

INJURY/ILLNESS TYPE	LOCATION	SIDE	INCIDENT TYPE	ACTIVITY	LOSS TIME
Sprain/Strain	Torso; Lower Back		Medical	Carrying/Lifting Patient	No
Sprain/Strain	Leg; Hamstring	Left/ Right	Training	Other; Physical Fitness	No

7. Exposure Reports for August 2025

INJURY/ILLNESS TYPE	LOCATION	# OF INCIDENTS	INCIDENT TYPE	ACTIVITY	LOSS TIME
Exposure- Comm. Disease	Hand; Finger	1	Medical	Patient Treatment	No
Exposure - HM	Respiratory	8	Fire; Brush	Extinguishment	No
Exposure - HM	Respiratory	6	Fire; Structural	Extinguishment	No
Exposure - HM	Respiratory	1	HM	Other; Emergency	No
Exposure - HM	Respiratory	13	Training	Extinguishment	No

B. Facilities

1. The HFD Headquarters (HQ) arcade roofing project is complete.
2. The installation of gutters and downspouts, which is a continuation to complete the roofing project that commenced in July 2025 for the HQ 3rd floor, will begin in early September.
3. The Kalihi Kai Fire Station kitchen cabinet installation is complete.
4. The fitting of storm paneling for the 'Aikahi Fire Station is complete.
5. The fitting of storm paneling for the Central Fire Station will begin in September.

C. Equipment

1. The HFD received and placed in service a 2024 Ford Interceptor. This vehicle was assigned to Fire 5.
2. The three remaining Ford Interceptors (CT-HFD-2300081) are currently at the upfitter and are expected to be completed by October 2025.

3. The HFD is in the process of executing the purchase option from the pumper apparatus contract to purchase four additional pumpers. The contractor and the HFD have submitted all required documentation and are awaiting approval from the Department of Budget and Fiscal Services' (BFS) Purchasing Division.
4. The HFD will be submitting solicitation requests for two pumper apparatuses as well as the rescue boat and trailer in September 2025.
5. Two personnel from the HFD Apparatus Committee will be traveling to Los Angeles, California to conduct a final inspection of Quint 31 before its shipment to Hawai'i. There was a delay in delivery due to transmission issues that arose on the initial transport of the apparatus from Pennsylvania to California.

D. Budget

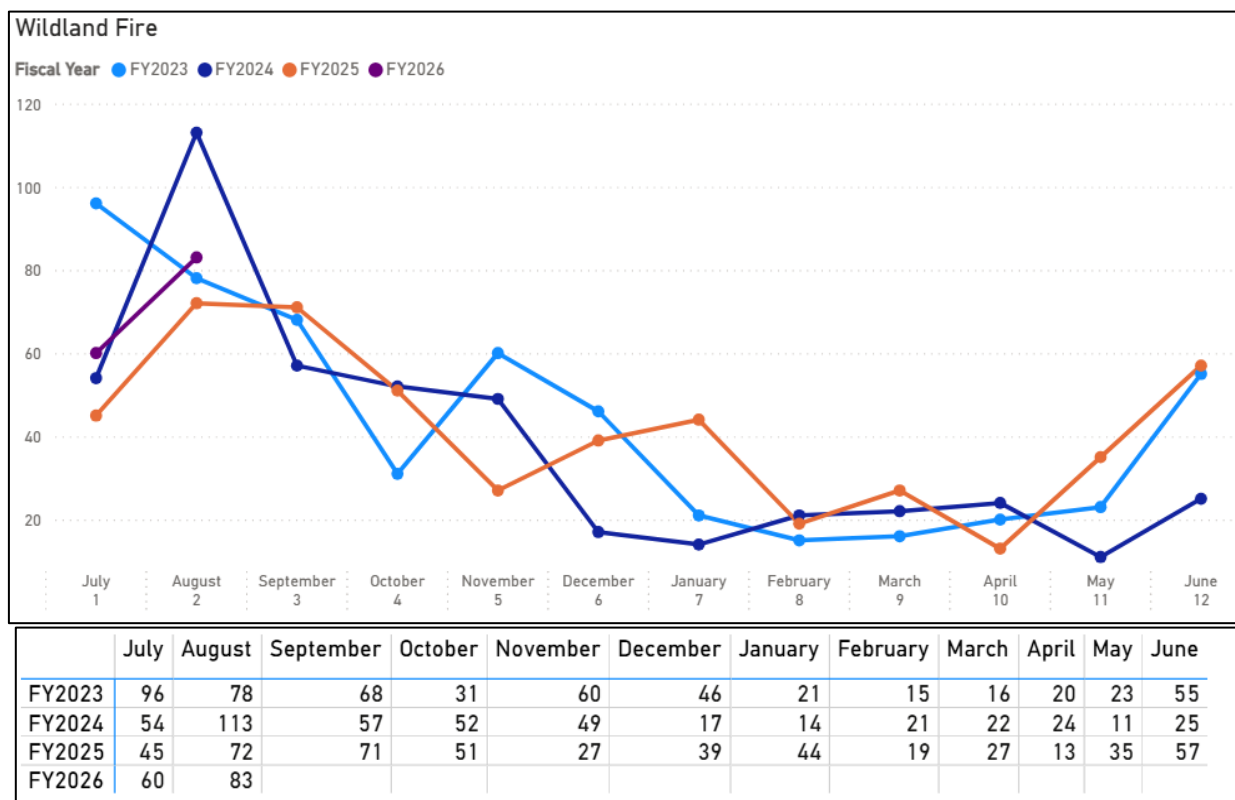
1. The HFD is executing the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 budget as planned.
2. The HFD submitted its FY 2027 Capital Improvement Program packet to the BFS on August 28, 2025.
3. The HFD is currently in the process of finalizing the FY 2027 Operating Budget. Submittal of the budget is due on September 8, 2025.

E. HFFA

- Met with the HFFA and the Department of Human Resources three times regarding drug and alcohol testing
- Met with the HFFA regarding various other issues

F. Internal/External Stakeholder Matters

- Attended the Mayor's commemoration of National Purple Heart Day
- Attended the State Fire Council's First Quarter Meeting
- Attended the Hawai'i Fire Chiefs Association's Third Quarter Meeting
- Attended an informational meeting with the City Council's Committee on Housing, Homelessness, and Parks
- Greeted newly promoted Captains at a Captains orientation
- Met with the Mayor and the BFS Director
- Met with the Department of Emergency Management and other City agencies
- Meet/greet with the Philippine Consul General



The incidents below include structure fires in which first and second alarm companies reached the scene and performed actions; wildland fires involving evacuations of areas; and any fire in which the Fire Investigator conducted an investigation.

- a. On August 8, 2025, the HFD received a call at 9:45 a.m. and responded to a building fire at 2646 Kilihau Street in Māpunapuna with 14 units staffed with 54 personnel. The first unit arrived on scene at 9:52 a.m. to find a working fire involving a large, two-story warehouse.

FFs secured a water supply and commenced with a defensive fire attack. Upon initial knockdown, the structural integrity was further assessed, and it was deemed safe to make entry on the Diamond Head side. FFs made entry and were challenged with contents within the building blocking access throughout the fire area. The fire was brought under control at 12:48 p.m. and extinguished at 4:46 p.m.

- b. On August 19, 2025, the HFD received a call at 1:41 a.m. and responded with two companies staffed with five personnel to a sight of smoke in an empty lot

near the train tracks close to Kapolei Commons. The first unit arrived on scene at 1:42 a.m. A small corrugated structure and its contents were on fire.

The fire was brought under control at 2:02 a.m. The HPD was notified of a body found at 2:11 a.m.

- c. On August 19, 2025, the HFD received a call at 12:03 p.m. for a wildland fire near Kunia Camp on Kunia Road and initially responded with three units staffed with nine personnel. The first unit arrived on scene at 12:14 p.m., reported an active wildland fire, requested additional resources, and commenced an offensive fire attack.

At 2:07 p.m., the Incident Commander ordered the evacuation of Kunia Camp and Head Start. The HPD and the Department of Emergency Management (DEM) quickly and effectively carried out the evacuation.

A total of 21 HFD units, along with ground units from the Federal Fire Department (FFD) and the Department of Transportation (DOT), worked diligently to contain the fire. The HFD, the Department of Land and Natural Resources' Division of Forestry and Wildlife (DOFAW), the U.S. Army, and the Hawai'i Army National Guard (HIANG) provided six air assets that focused waterdrops on the mauka side of the fire until sundown. These efforts were closely coordinated with our City and County of Honolulu emergency response partners, including the Honolulu Emergency Services Department's Emergency Medical Services Division (EMS), the HPD, and the DEM. The HFD's drone team provided fire watch throughout the evening.

The HFD resumed fire fighting operations early in the morning on August 20, 2025, with state and federal partners. A total of six air assets from the HFD, the DOFAW, and the HIANG continued to focus waterdrops on the mauka side of the fire until sundown while ground units from the HFD, the DOFAW, and FFD addressed hot spots from the base of the mountain to Kunia Road.

The HFD resumed fire fighting operations near the Kunia Village area on August 21, 2025, with state and federal partners. A total of six air assets from the HFD, the DOFAW, and the HIANG continued to focus waterdrops on the mauka side of the fire while ground units from the HFD and the DOFAW addressed hot spots from the base of the mountain to Kunia Road. The DOT provided two water tanker trucks that efficiently refilled HFD tankers that shuttled water to fire engines. Fire fighting operations were suspended due to darkness at 7:09 p.m.

On August 22, 2025, the HFD resumed fire fighting operations in Kunia with state partners. A total of five air assets from the HFD and the DOFAW continued to focus waterdrops on the mauka side of the fire while ground units from the HFD and the DOFAW addressed hot spots near the base of the mountain. Fire fighting operations via air were suspended at sundown due to impending darkness while ground units worked until approximately 8 p.m.

The fire was reported as 75% contained as of 9 p.m. An HFD unit will remain on fire watch throughout the evening.

Later in the night, the HFD's Drone 1 was able to fly directly over the mountain area of the fire in nearly smokeless conditions. This allowed for a more accurate mapping of the impacted area, which has now been measured at approximately 250 acres. The initial estimate of 600 acres was based on a rapid map calculation of the general area and not a detailed outline of the fire perimeter.

DOFAW ground units continue to address hot spots, and one private air asset focused on waterdrops throughout the day. The HFD remains on standby if more resources are needed.

The Fire Investigator classified the cause of the fire as incendiary. The fire impacted approximately 250 acres of wildland adjacent to agricultural land parcels.

- d. On August 23, 2025, the HFD received a call at 11:02 a.m. for a wildland fire reported near Kunia and Plantation Roads and initially responded with three units staffed with nine personnel. The first unit arrived on scene at 11:10 a.m., reported an active wildland fire, requested additional resources, and commenced an offensive fire attack. A total of 20 units staffed with 60 personnel responded to the fire.

The fire was reported as 80% contained at 12:06 p.m. and 95% contained at 1:25 p.m., with five to seven acres involved in the fire.

- e. On August 24, 2025, the HFD resumed fire fighting operations in Kunia with state partners. A total of four air assets from the HFD and the DOFAW focused waterdrops on the mauka side of the fire and supported ground units from the HFD and the DOFAW who addressed hot spots on the east end of the fire near the base of the mountain. HFD units were reassigned throughout the day, as other wildland fire incidents occurred. Fire fighting

operations via air were suspended at sundown due to impending darkness while ground units worked until approximately 8 p.m.

The fire was reported as 80% contained as of this evening and is still estimated to be about 250 acres. An HFD unit will remain on fire watch throughout the evening. The fire's origin and cause has not yet been determined.

- f. On August 23, 2025, the HFD received a call at 7:30 p.m. and responded to a building fire at 46-270 Kahuhipa Street in Kāne'ohe with 12 units staffed with 46 personnel. The first unit arrived on scene at 7:35 p.m. and reported no signs of smoke or fire from Kahuhipa Street. As the first unit investigated further, they reported smoke and flames emanating from a sixth floor unit on the other side of the building.

FFs proceeded to the sixth floor to initiate an aggressive fire attack while other units secured a water supply. Once units arrived on the sixth floor, they witnessed neighbors using the building's fire fighting hose to control the fire and assisted with evacuating the occupants. FFs provided basic life support for the occupants, and patient care was transferred to the EMS at 7:50 p.m. The fire was brought under control at 7:53 p.m. and extinguished at 8 p.m. The Red Cross was requested to assist the displaced occupants.

An investigation has been initiated to determine the fire's origin and cause.

- g. On August 24, 2025, the HFD received a call at 3:34 a.m. and responded to a reported tree fire at 3986 Kaulio Place in Kahala with one unit staffed with four personnel. The first unit arrived on scene at 3:41 a.m. to find a working fire in the rear of an abandoned, single-story, residential structure with the doors and windows secured with sheets of plywood. Additional resources were requested, and a total of 11 units staffed with 42 personnel responded to this incident.

FFs secured a water supply and gained entry through several boarded up doors to initiate a fire attack. Once entry was made, hoarding conditions were encountered. A combination of hoarding conditions and a partially collapsed roof made fire fighting operations challenging. The fire was brought under control at 4:39 a.m. and extinguished at 6:10 a.m.

An investigation has been initiated to determine the fire's origin and cause.

On August 26, 2025, the HFD received a call at 12:18 a.m. and responded to a building fire at 91-1364 Karayan Street in 'Ewa Beach with 10 units staffed

with 35 personnel. The first unit arrived on scene at 12:25 a.m. and reported smoke from the second floor of a small, single-family, two-story residence.

FFs proceeded to the second floor to initiate an aggressive fire attack while other units secured a water supply. Primary and secondary searches were conducted to ensure all occupants had safely exited the structure. The fire was brought under control at 12:29 a.m. and extinguished at 12:38 a.m. The Red Cross was requested to assist the displaced occupants.

The Fire Investigator classified the cause of the fire as accidental due to an unattended candle. Damage to the structure and its contents was estimated to be \$180,000.

- h. On August 27, 2025, the HFD received a call at 10:57 p.m. and responded to a building fire reported at 46-126 Kahuhipa Street in Kāneʻohe with 6 units staffed with 22 personnel. The first unit arrived on scene at 11:07 p.m. to find smoke emanating from an abandoned warehouse. FFs forced entry into the building and found that an active fire was quickly extinguished at 11:08 p.m.

The Fire Investigator classified the cause of the fire as incendiary. The fire originated near the front door where the HFD Accelerant Detection Canine produced multiple alerts for ignitable liquids. Damage to the building and its contents was estimated to be \$50,000.

- i. On August 28, 2025, the HFD received a call at 4:40 a.m. and responded to a building fire at 668 Lawelawe Street in ʻĀina Haina with 10 units staffed with 38 personnel. The first unit arrived on scene at 4:46 a.m. to find a home fully involved in fire.

FFs secured a water supply and initiated a defensive operation. The fire extended to an adjacent home, and an offensive fire attack was simultaneously initiated at that location. The fire at the second home was brought under control at 5:13 a.m. and extinguished at 8:11 a.m. The fire at the primary home was brought under control at 5:26 a.m. and extinguished at 8:48 a.m.

An investigation has been initiated to determine the fire's origin and cause.

- j. On August 28, 2025, the HFD received a call at 11:18 p.m. for a building fire reported at 770 Auloa Road in Kailua and responded with 9 units staffed with 34 personnel. The first unit arrived on scene at 11:30 p.m. to find multiple golf carts on fire on the first floor of the parking structure. FFs secured a

water supply and commenced with an offensive fire attack. The fire was brought under control at 12:20 a.m. and extinguished at 1:19 a.m. One person was treated by the EMS for smoke inhalation.

The Fire Investigator was requested to determine the fire's origin and cause.

- k. On August 30, 2025, the HFD received a call at 11:05 a.m. for a brush fire on the Ala Aolani Trail in Moanalua and initially responded with 6 units staffed with 16 personnel. The first unit arrived on scene at 11:20 a.m.

A contractor witnessed a downed power line starting a small brush fire; the size was approximately 100' x 100'. Air 1 transported ground assets to the area and proceeded to perform coordinated waterdrops to the affected areas. The fire was contained and released to the DOFAW, who assume control and monitor for hot spots or flare-ups.

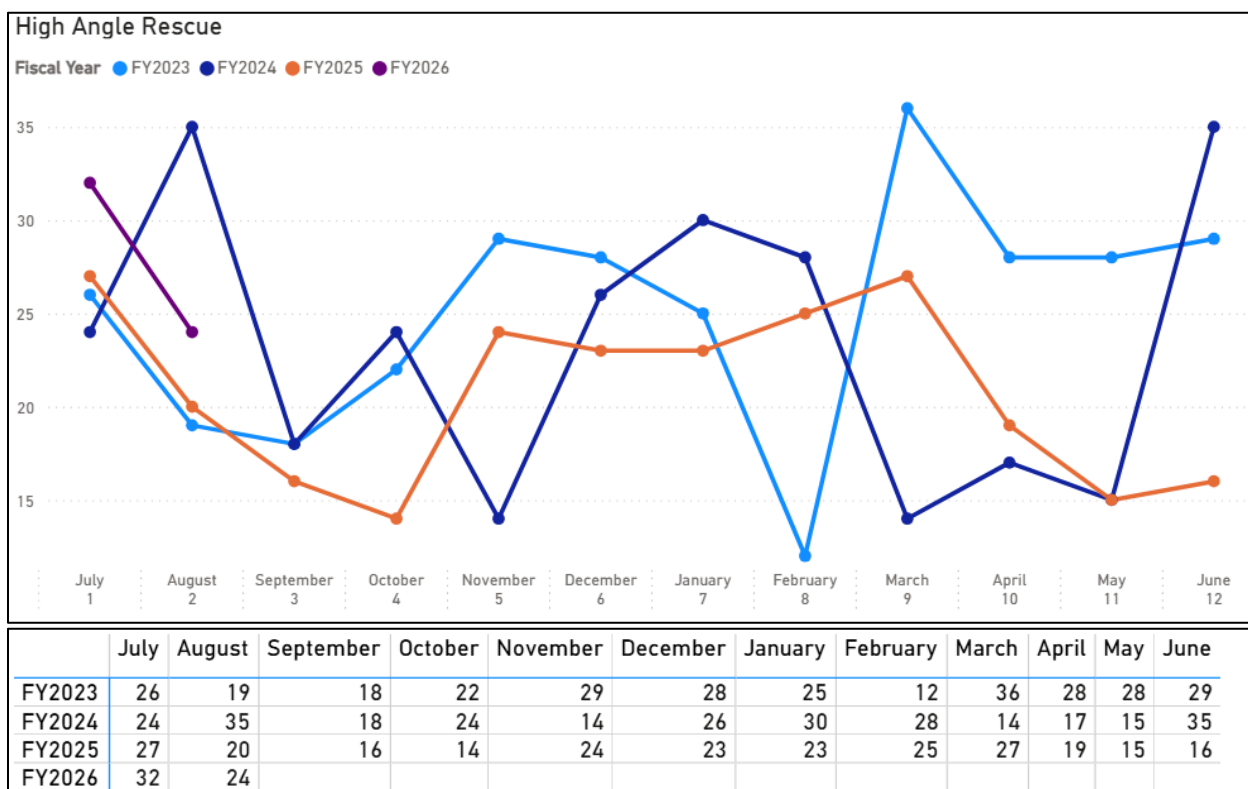
- l. On August 30, 2025, the HFD received a call at 10:54 p.m. and responded to a building fire at 425 'Ena Road in Waikīkī with 10 units staffed with 35 personnel. The first unit arrived on scene at 10:59 p.m. and reported a mid-level apartment building with no indication of fire showing. The building's security reported flames on the penthouse level.

FFs proceeded to the penthouse floor to initiate an aggressive fire attack while other units secured a water supply. The fire was brought under control at 11:06 p.m. and extinguished at 11:07 p.m. Two patients were transferred to the EMS.

The Fire Investigator classified the cause of the fire as accidental due to unattended cooking. Damages to the structure and its contents were estimated to be \$105,000.

2. Rescues

Incident Data and Trends



The incidents below include rescues for hikers in distress, who were injured and/or lost, in which a rescue company and an HFD helicopter were deployed and performed actions.

- a. On August 1, 2025, the HFD received a call at 5:05 p.m. and responded to a report of a person falling from the Lānai Lookout in Hawai'i Kai with 7 units staffed with 22 personnel. The first unit arrived on scene at 5:11 p.m., established command, and descended to the bottom of the Lānai Lookout on foot.

It was reported that a couple climbed over the wall when the female in her 30s fell approximately 25 feet. HFD personnel arrived at the female's location at 5:16 p.m., conducted a medical assessment and provided basic life support. The female's boyfriend was located on a steep, slippery slope after attempting to get to her location. FFs utilized rope to get to his location and assisted him in climbing back to the top. The female was packaged in a litter

and transported on foot back to the parking lot, where medical care was transferred to the EMS at 5:30 p.m.

- b. On August 2, 2025, the HFD received a call at 11:35 a.m. and responded to an injured hiker on the Ko'olau Summit Trail in Hawai'i Kai with 6 units staffed with 18 personnel. The first unit arrived on scene at 11:47 a.m. and secured a nearby landing zone to prepare for air operations.

It was reported that a female in her 40s was part of a group of seven hikers when she fell, was injured, and unable to descend the trail on her own. Air 1 inserted rescue personnel at the hiker's location at 12:25 p.m., conducted a medical assessment, and provided basic life support. The hiker was safely transported via Air 1 to the landing zone, where medical care was transferred to the EMS at 12:44 p.m.

- c. On August 4, 2025, the HFD received a call at 10:48 a.m. and responded to a hiker in distress on the Lanikai Pillbox Trail in Kailua with 6 units staffed with 18 personnel. The first unit arrived on scene at 10:57 a.m., established command, and ascended the trail on foot. The second-arriving company secured a nearby landing zone to prepare for air operations.

It was reported that a female hiker in her 60s suffered an injury and was unable to descend the trail on her own. HFD personnel arrived at the hiker's location at 11:23 a.m., conducted a medical assessment, and provided basic life support. The hiker was safely transported via Air 1 to the landing zone, where medical care was transferred to EMS at 11:48 a.m.

- d. On August 9, 2025, the HFD received a call at 12:46 p.m. for a sick hiker off the Crouching Lion Trail in Ka'a'awa and responded with 6 units staffed with 18 personnel. The first unit arrived at 1 p.m., established command, and gathered information. The second-arriving unit secured a landing zone to prepare for air operations.

It was reported that a female in her 20s became ill and was unable to descend the trail with the help of her hiking companion. Air 1 made visual contact and inserted a rescue person to her location at 1:32 p.m. A medical assessment was conducted to confirm the hiker was uninjured then airlifted to the established landing zone at 2:02 p.m., where she declined medical attention. The second hiker was also airlifted to the landing zone.

- e. On August 10, 2025, the HFD received a call at 11:22 a.m. and responded to a sick hiker on the Diamond Head Crater Trail with 6 units staffed with 19

personnel. The first unit arrived on scene at 11:34 a.m. and ascended the trail on foot. The second-arriving unit secured a nearby landing zone to prepare for air operations.

It was reported that a 49-year-old female hiker became ill and was unable to descend the trail on her own. HFD personnel arrived at the hiker's location at 11:46 a.m., conducted a medical assessment, and provided basic life support before safely airlifting her to the landing zone. Medical care was transferred to the EMS at 12:13 p.m.

- f. On August 14, 2025, the HFD received a call at 11:41 a.m. and responded to a sick hiker on the Diamond Head Crater Trail with 6 units staffed with 18 personnel. The first unit arrived on scene at 11:47 a.m. and ascended the trail on foot. The second-arriving unit secured a nearby landing zone to prepare for air operations.

It was reported that a male hiker in his 60s became ill and was unable to descend the trail on his own. HFD personnel arrived at the hiker's location at 12:03 p.m., conducted a medical assessment, and provided basic life support before safely airlifting him to the landing zone. Medical care was transferred to the EMS at 12:26 p.m.

- g. On August 14, 2025, the HFD received a call at 7:02 p.m. and responded to an injured hiker on the Moanalua Middle Ridge Trail with 6 units staffed with 18 personnel. The first unit arrived on scene at 7:19 p.m., established command, and gathered information. The second-arriving unit secured a nearby landing zone to prepare for air operations.

It was reported that a 19-year-old male hiker had been hiking for approximately six hours and was unable to descend the trail, even with the assistance of three others in his hiking party. HFD personnel were inserted near the hikers' location, and patient contact was made at 7:58 p.m. HFD personnel conducted a medical assessment before assisting the hiker to an open area where he could be extracted. The hiker was safely airlifted to the nearby landing zone, and medical care was transferred to the EMS at 8:58 p.m.

- h. On August 30, 2025, the HFD received a call at 4:35 p.m. and responded to an injured hiker off the Pali Notches Trail in Kailua with 6 units staffed with 18 personnel. The first unit arrived on scene at 4:48 p.m. and ascended the trail on foot. The second-arriving unit secured a nearby landing zone to prepare for air operations.

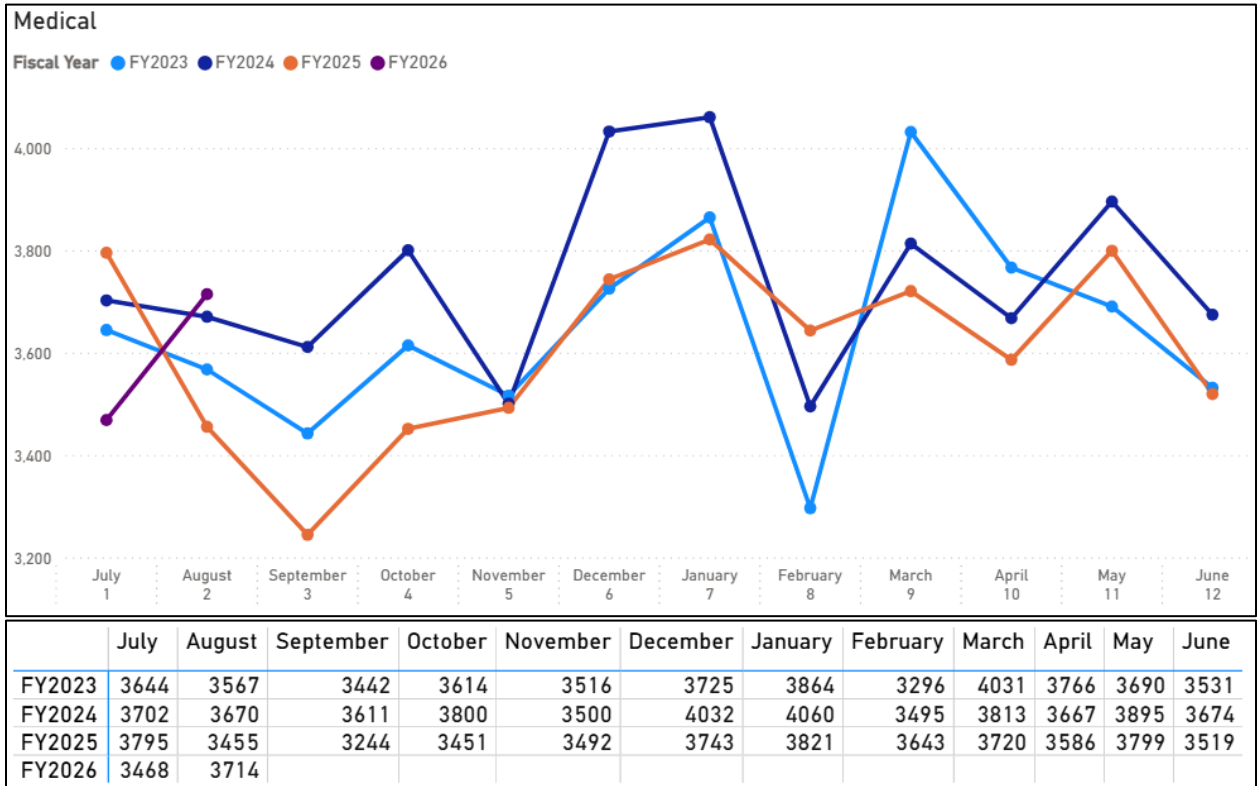
Water rescues include ocean and swift water rescues and boaters in distress in which a rescue company and an HFD helicopter were deployed and performed actions.

- a. On August 9, 2025, the HFD received a call at 7:09 p.m. and responded to a swimmer in distress at Spitting Caves in Hawai'i Kai with 7 units staffed with approximately 22 personnel. The first unit arrived on scene at 7:16 p.m., established command, and descended the trail to the water's edge.

It was reported that a male swimmer in his 30s was swept off the rocks and unable to swim back to shore due to the large surf and impending darkness. A Good Samaritan threw a rescue tube to the swimmer in distress. HFD personnel entered the water and arrived at the swimmer's location about 200 yards offshore at 7:22 p.m. At the same time, rescue personnel launched the rescue boat from the Hawai'i Kai boat ramp while Air 1 provided light to assist with navigating in darkness and through the large surf. The HFD rescue boat then brought the uninjured swimmer and two HFD personnel safely to shore. Medical care was transferred to the EMS at 8:04 p.m.

- b. On August 14, 2025, the HFD received a call at 4 a.m. and responded to a boater in distress in Kāne'ōhe Bay with 5 units and 13 personnel. The first unit arrived at the He'eia Kea Boat Harbor at 4:12 a.m. to investigate.

It was reported that a ten-foot Livingston boat with two boaters onboard began to take on water and started to sink. The boaters were able to stay afloat with a floatation device until rescue boats made face-to-face contact at 4:45 a.m. Rescue personnel confirmed no injuries and rigged the disabled vessel for towing. The HFD's rescue boat safely towed the vessel to the He'eia Kea Boat Harbor at 5:27 a.m., where the vessel docked under its own power.



Major HM incidents include those in which there are major evacuations of a building and/or area and include injuries that require advanced medical care. Major medical incidents include those which involve mass casualty and active shooter.

There were no HM incidents to report.

4. Auto Extrication

There were no automobile extrication incidents to report.

H. Complimentary Correspondence Received

A citizen left a message and gave a shout out to fire personnel from the Kalihi Kai Fire Station (Rescue 2) who were passing by and stopped to render aid to a female on a moped on August 23, 2025. The caller said fire crews were amazing and they were a great team with a great group of guys.

I. **Complaint Received**

There were no complaints received.

J. **Upcoming Events**

- 118th FFR Class Graduation at 11 a.m. on September 26, 2025, at the Hawai'i Okinawa Center
- Fire Prevention Week is October 5-11, 2025. The HFD Family Day is being planned for October 4, 2025.



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