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Report from the Fire Chief
July 2026

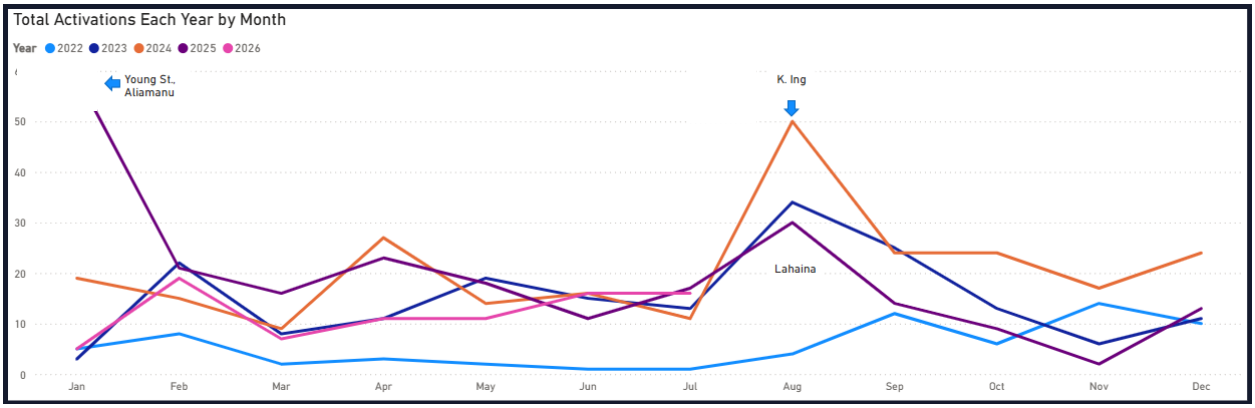
A. **Workforce**

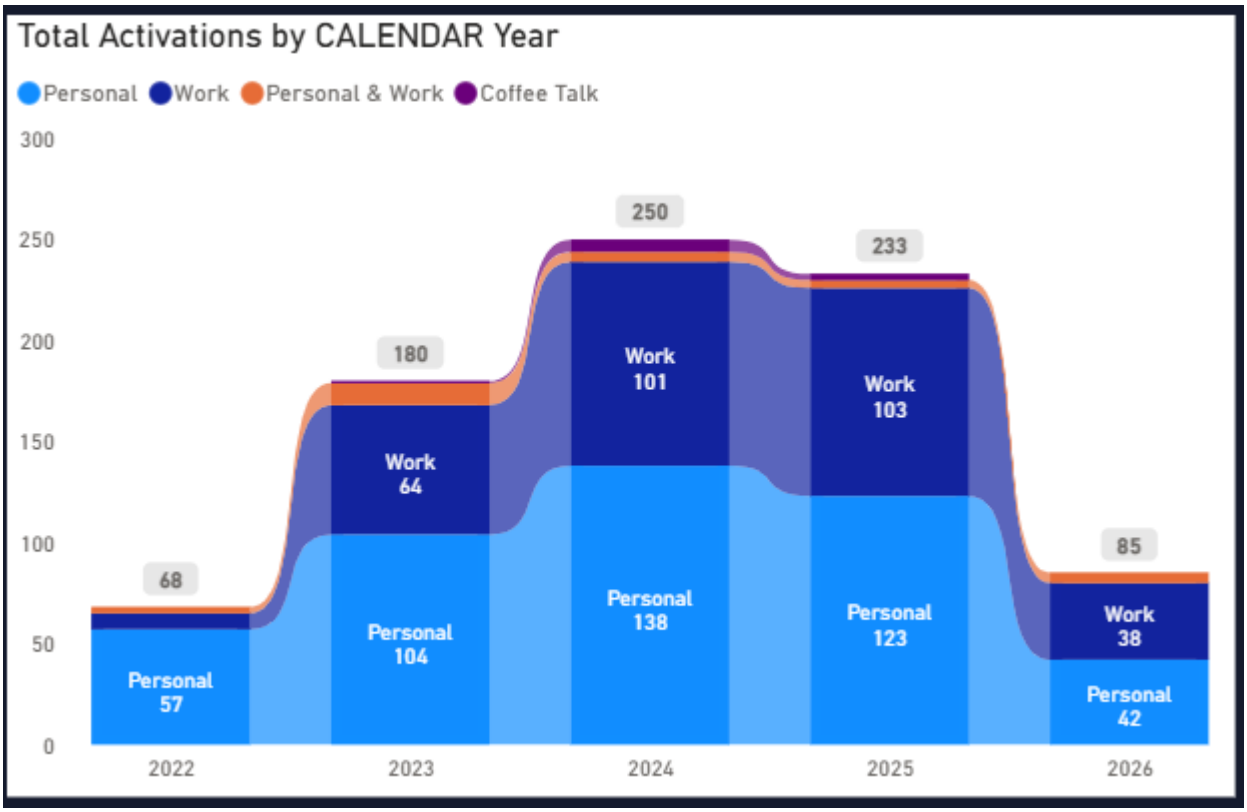
1. Morale, Welfare, Recreation

a. There were 16 peer support activations in July.

b. The following charts are a compilation of statistical data on Peer Support callouts (activations) from calendar years 2022 through 2026.

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 July 31, 2026

Uniformed Vacancy Count by Rank	
Rank	Count
Fire Chief	0
Deputy Fire Chief	0
Assistant Chief	0
Battalion Chief (BC)	1
Senior Fire Helicopter Pilot	0
Fire Helicopter Pilot	1
Fire Captain	1
Fire Fighter (FF) III	15
FF II	9
FF I	73
Total	**100**

Total uniformed full-time employee (FTE) count: 1,140
(Includes 20 budgeted/unfunded FF I relief positions)

Count of Fire Fighter Recruits (FFR) in Training	
Rank	Count
FFR I	
Honolulu Fire Department (HFD)	85
Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting unit (ARFF)	9
Total	76
Uniformed Vacancies Minus FFRs in Training	
Uniformed Vacancy Total	100
HFD FFRs in Training	76
	24
Civilian Vacancy Count Bargaining Units 01, 03, and 13	
Rank	Count
Automotive Stores Clerk	1
Fire Equipment Mechanic	3
Fleet Mechanic II	1
Mechanical Repairer	1
Office Assistant III	2 *
Planner IV	1
Property Inventory Clerk II	1 *
Radio Technician I	1 *
Total	**11**

Total civilian FTE count: 73.5 (Includes 1.5 contracts)

Status of Civilian Vacancies

- Automotive Stores Clerk: Hiring on hold pending reallocation
- Fire Equipment Mechanic: On continuous recruitment since August 21, 2024. The list has been expended, and there are no new applicants. Currently, the

Department of Human Resources (DHR) started a new aggressive recruitment push, including social media.

- Fleet Mechanic II: New recruitment opened; interview and assessments pending

- Mechanical Repairer: Hiring on hold pending reallocation

- Office Assistant III: Both vacancies filled on August 3, 2026.

- Planner IV: Recruitment currently closed. Last opened for recruitment in March 2026. There are no viable candidates. The Administrative Services Bureau (ASB) is in discussion to reallocate the position to a Procurement Specialist.

- Property Inventory Clerk II: Pending reallocation to Assistant Property Supply Manager. In the meantime, hired an individual via a personal services contract who is anticipated to start on September 1, 2026.

- Radio Technician I: The candidate will be starting on August 17, 2026.

3. Grievance Filings for July 2026

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	1	0	0	0	6
13	0	0	0	0	0

4. Training and Research Bureau (TRB)

a. FFRs

120th FFR I Class

- There are currently 41 FFRs (36 HFD and 5 ARFF)

- Group A is currently in the fire fighting portion of the recruit training program.

- Group B is currently in the medical portion of the recruit training program.

<u>121st FFR I Class</u>

- There are 44 FFRs (117 HFD and 4 ARFF) who started on July 20, 2026.

b. Certification Section

- On July 2, 2026, the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC) testing procedures were presented to the 120th FFR Class, Group A to prepare for their IFSAC FF I knowledge and skills testing.

- On July 7-9, 2026, the HFD IFSAC FF I certification knowledge and skills testing was administered for the 120th FFR Class, Group A. There were 21 Fire FFRs who met the IFSAC requirements to earn their FF I certification.

- On July 20, 2026, an Introduction to the IFSAC certification was presented to the 121st FFR Class.

- On July 27-28, 2026, the IFSAC FF II certification knowledge test and skills testing were administered for the 120th FFR Class, Group A. There were 21 FFRs who met the requirements to earn their FF II certification.

c. Special Operations Section

- On July 22, 2026, the Hazardous Materials (HM) section and HM 2/2 attended the 93rd Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD)-Civil Support Team Change of Command Ceremony to welcome their new Lieutenant Colonel and continue to build a working relationship.

- On July 23-24, 2026, 29 FF IIIs received their HM Incident Management (HMIM) training and are now able to work in an Acting Fire Captain capacity as necessary.

- The HMIM Refresher/HM First Responder Operations Competency Testing makeups are ongoing for personnel who missed the makeups in June. HM/WMD sections, HM 1, and HM 2 are able to assist in scheduling personnel who must attend an in-person makeup session.

- In July and August, HM 1 and HM 2 personnel will attend a State of Hawai'i (State) Department of Health-sponsored sampling and simplified HazCat™ training.

d. Fire Operations Section

- Delivered 13 auto extrication drills for 17 companies

- Conducted Genesis Hydraulic Rescue Tool and Rescue 43 Tele-crib Strut familiarization training for Engine 3 personnel

- Assisted with the following:

  - Hose-Handling and Fire Ground Survival/Rapid Intervention Training for the 120th FFR Class

  - The Live Fire Program with Departmentwide Live Fire Training logistics, site maintenance, site preparation and began training for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 Hose-Handling Live Fire Departmentwide training

e. Medical Section

- Emergency Medical Technician/First Responder

  - The Fall 2026 Medical Refresher will include the American Red Cross Basic Life Support certification. Training will be coordinated with the Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) section.

  - The National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) for the 120th FFR Class is scheduled on July 30, 2026.

  - The 121st FFR Class, Group A will be starting the medical portion of FFR training on September 2, 2026.

  - Honolulu Ocean Safety Department personnel will be joining the 121st FFR Class to complete the NREMT-Basic certification.

  - An incumbent FF returning to work from extended leave was unsuccessful in passing the psychomotor examination and will attempt a second time with the 121st FFR Class.

- An incumbent FF returning to work from extended leave will be joining the 121st FFR Class in the medical portion to fulfill return-to-work requirements.

- Pulsara implementation is ongoing for Battalions 3 and 4, 3rd Platoon. Training has been temporarily paused, pending the implementation of the First Due ePCR (or electronic patient care report), which is scheduled to go live on August 1, 2026. Further Pulsara implementation plans will be determined following the First Due ePCR rollout.

First Due ePCR

- Ongoing First Due ePCR coordination continues through monthly project meetings.

- Departmentwide training was provided for Captains and FF IIIs from June 16 to 22, 2026.

- The tentative go-live date has been postponed to August 1, 2026, with the potential for additional delays if necessary.

- Per BC Russell Youth, the quality assurance module has been indefinitely postponed.

- CPR/Automated External Defibrillator (AED)

  - On June 25-July 4, 2026, the HFD responded to 110 cardiac arrest incidents, of which 49 had AED applications.

  - The survival statistics for July 2026 reflect cases where the HFD was first on scene and our AED was applied - 49 AED applications with 4 total returns of spontaneous circulation (ROSC) and 1 confirmed save; 35 patients have unknown dispositions.

  - The LUCAS 3 (LUCAS) device performance data usage from June 25 to July 24, 2026, was closely monitored, and its contribution to patient outcomes has been significant.

  - Total ROSC Incidents: 4

  - ROSC Incidents with the LUCAS device: 3 with 0 undetermined cases

- Total LUCAS applications: 19 of the 49 CPR cases with 22 unconfirmed cases

- Confirmed saves with the LUCAS device: 1 patient save, with 0 unconfirmed cases

6. Injuries - Report of Industrial Injury or Illness for July 2026

The Occupational Safety and Health Office (OSHO) is actively researching and addressing lifting and carrying injuries that occur during medical calls. To mitigate these risks, the OSHO is evaluating enhanced training in safe lifting techniques, exploring new patient-handling equipment, and integrating wellness and fitness initiatives to strengthen FFs' physical readiness. Additionally, the office is developing technical advisories, producing educational videos, and reinforcing best practices in body mechanics and team coordination during patient transport. These initiatives aim to reduce injury rates, improve safety, and support HFD personnel's long-term health and performance.

INJURY/ILLNESS TYPE	LOCATION	SIDE	INCIDENT TYPE	ACTIVITY	LOSS TIME
Dislocation	Hand; Finger	Right	Medical	Slip/Trip/Fall	Yes
Fall	Leg; Achilles	Right	Training	Advancing Hose Line	Yes
Pain/Stiffness	Shoulder	Right	Medical	Carrying/Lifting Patient	No
Pain/Stiffness	Torso; Lower Back	Left	Medical	Carrying/Lifting Patient	No
Pain/Stiffness	Leg; Knee	Left	Fire; Structural	Carrying Equipment	No
Pain/Stiffness	Torso; Lower Back		Medical	Carrying/Lifting Patient	Yes
Pain/Stiffness	Shoulder	Left	Medical	Carrying/Lifting Patient	No
Pain/Stiffness	Shoulder	Right	Training	Forcible Entry	No
Pain/Stiffness	Shoulder	Right	Medical	Carrying/Lifting Patient	No
Pain/Stiffness	Leg; Knee	Left	Training	Advancing Hose Line	No
Pain/Stiffness	Shoulder	Right	Training	Advancing Hose Line	Yes

INJURY/ILLNESS TYPE	LOCATION	SIDE	INCIDENT TYPE	ACTIVITY	LOSS TIME
Pain/Stiffness	Body	Left	Other; Nonemergency	Slip/Trip/Fall	No
Sprain/Strain	Ankle	Right	Other; Emergency	Walking/Jogging	Yes
Swelling	Head		Apparatus Maintenance	Slip/Trip/Fall	Yes
Sprain/Strain	Leg; Calf	Right	Fire; Brush	Extinguishment	No

7. Exposure Reports for July 2026

INJURY/ILLNESS TYPE	LOCATION	# OF INCIDENTS	INCIDENT TYPE	ACTIVITY	LOSS TIME
Exposure - HM	Dermal	4	Other; Emergency	Extinguishment	No
Exposure - HM	Dermal	1	Fire; Vehicle	Extinguishment	No
Exposure - HM	Dermal	1	Training	Extinguishment	No

B. **Facilities**

1. The exterior cleaning of various fire stations and the HFD Headquarters are ongoing.

2. The TRB tower improvement project is completed and a blessing was conducted by Kahu Kordell Kekoa on July 21, 2026. Permitting and inspection of the tower restrooms are still pending.

3. The range hood and ducting projects for the Kāneʻohe Fire Station are continuing on schedule and nearing completion.

4. The Makiki Fire Station generator improvement project has begun with mobilization and demolition work.

5. The Olomana Fire Station cesspool to sewer system project will commence soon, pending the Memorandum of Agreement from the State.

6. The HFD's Facility Committee selected its new members which increased the committee's size from six to ten members. The first committee meeting is scheduled on July 31, 2026.

7. The HFD was awarded a grant from the City and County of Honolulu's (City) Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency's Climate Resiliency Fund to fund window replacements at the Nānākuli and Makakilo Fire Stations.

8. The ASB has been meeting with the Federal Emergency Management Agency to pursue reimbursement for unanticipated costs associated with the Kona low events.

Open Facility Repair Requests for FYs 2025, 2026, and 2027
(as of 7/25/2026)

Severity	Urgent	Moderate	Minor	Total Requests
Open Repair Requests	232	460	373	1,065

C. **Budget**

The HFD is in the process of submitting the FY 2027 Capital Improvement Project budget equipment requisition to the Department of Budget and Fiscal Service's (BFS) Purchasing Division.

- One pumper apparatus
- Three mini pumper apparatuses
- One quint aerial apparatus
- Two tanker apparatuses
- Three mid-sized sport utility vehicles

D. **Contracts**

A requisition was submitted to solicit for a new Medical Director contract. The current contract has been extended through December 26, 2027.

E. **Equipment**

1. The award for the quint aerial apparatus contract is estimated to occur in early August 2026.

2. Apparatus Status Report

Apparatus Type	Frontline In Service	Frontline Out of Service	Relief Apparatus In-Use	Relief Apparatus Available
Engine/Pumper	43	5	5	4
Aerial	16	3	3	1
Hazmat	2	0	0	1
Rescue	2	0	0	1
Tanker	5	1	0	1
Tender	1			N/A
Brush Truck	2			N/A
Prime	1			N/A
Command Vehicle	2			N/A

a. Engines 32, 11, and 36 and Ladders 5 and 7 are expected to return to service the first two weeks of August 2026.

b. Engines 21 and 25 are currently out of service due to major repairs and comprehensive preventive maintenance.

c. Quint 34 is out of service for major body repairs and emergency light retrofitting maintenance.

F. **Hawai'i Fire Fighters Association (HFFA)**

HFD representatives met with the HFFA twice regarding a grievance and the Accelerant Detection Canine Team Standard Operating Guidelines.

G. **Internal/External Stakeholder Matters**

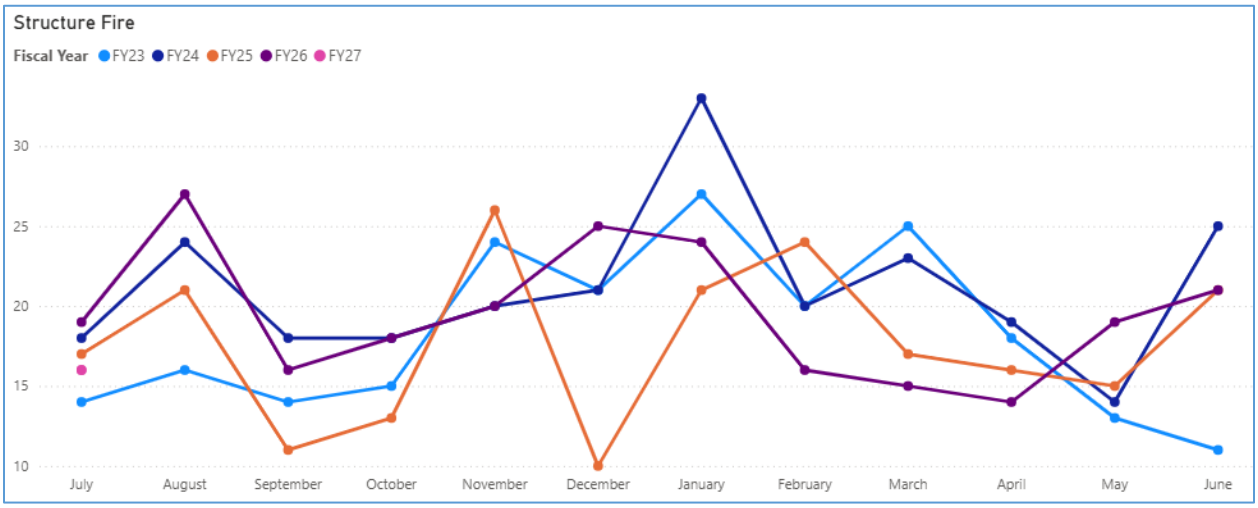
- Attended a swearing-in ceremony for the Honolulu Police Department's (HPD) new Chief of Police
- Attended a new Captains Workshop
- Attended an After Action Review Facilitator Training for City departments
- Conducted BC Interviews
- Met with the 121st FFR Class
- Met with the Mayor, Managing Director, and Deputy Managing Director
- Met with the City's new Chief of Police
- Met with BFS staff regarding the FY 2028 Budget

H. **Major Incidents**

The numbers represented in the Incident Data and Trends are not all inclusive due to open pending reports.

1. Fires

Incident Data and Trends



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FY23	14	16	14	15	24	21	27	20	25	18	13	11
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FY25	17	21	11	13	26	10	21	24	17	16	15	21
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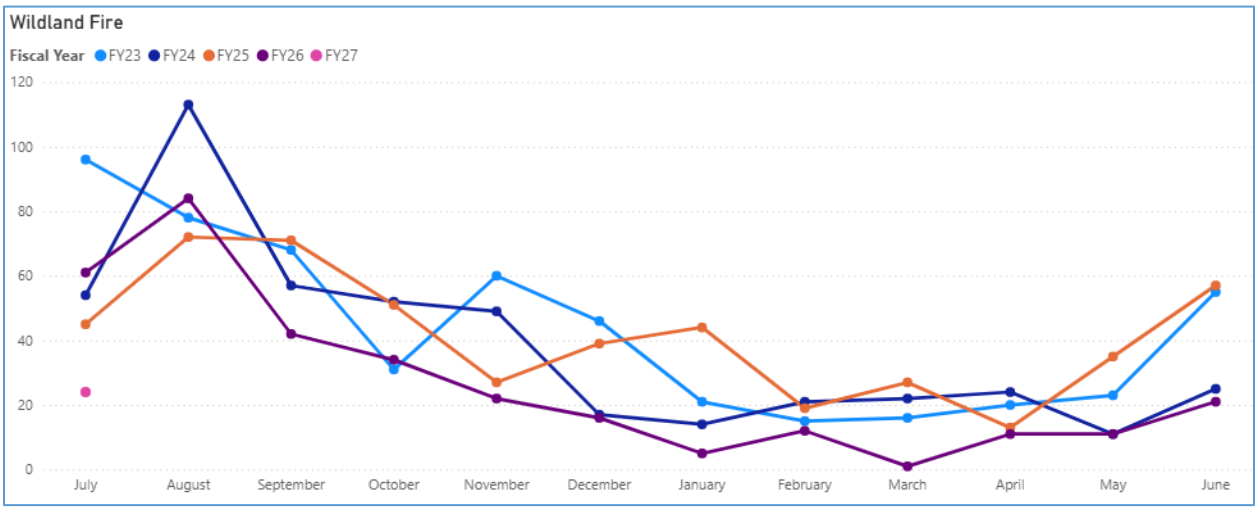
FY27	16											



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FY23	96	78	68	31	60	46	21	15	16	20	23	55
FY24	54	113	57	52	49	17	14	21	22	24	11	25
FY25	45	72	71	51	27	39	44	19	27	13	35	57
FY26	61	84	42	34	22	16	5	12	1	11	11	21
FY27	24											

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 July 4, 2026, the HFD received a call at 10:23 a.m. and responded to a building fire reported at 1903 Pālolo Avenue in Kaimukī with 10 units staffed with 37 personnel. The first unit arrived on scene at 10:30 a.m. to find smoke and flames emanating from a first-floor room of a two-story building.

   FFs established a water supply and initiated an aggressive, offensive fire attack, bringing the fire under control at 10:42 a.m. Primary and secondary searches confirmed no occupants were inside the building at the time of the fire. The fire was extinguished at 10:51 a.m. FFs then conducted overhaul operations to extinguish remaining hot spots and check for hidden fire within walls and other concealed spaces to ensure the fire had not spread.

b. On July 6, 2026, the HFD received a call at 12:49 p.m. regarding a building fire at 1662 Gulick Avenue in Kalihi. HFD responded with 12 units staffed with 45 personnel. The first unit arrived on scene at 12:54 p.m. and reported

smoke and flames emanating from the front of a one-story residence with multiple sublevels.

FFs established a water supply, initiated an aggressive fire attack, and conducted a search for occupants on each level of the residence. Two occupants were located on a sublevel and safely escorted outside. A secondary search confirmed that no other occupants were inside the structure. FFs assisted in securing the resident's dogs. The fire was brought under control at 1:32 p.m. and extinguished at 1:40 p.m.

The Emergency Medical Services (EMS) were available on scene and assumed medical care of the two occupants.

The Fire Investigator classified the cause of the fire as accidental. It was determined the fire originated in the kitchen when arcing from the power cord of a desktop fan ignited the cord's insulation and spread to nearby combustible materials. Damages were estimated to be $110,000 to the property and $10,000 to the contents.

c. On July 8, 2026, the HFD received a call at 2:31 a.m. and responded to a commercial building fire at 91-444 Komohana Street in Kapolei staffed with 7 units and 23 personnel. The first unit arrived on scene at 2:35 a.m. and reported smoke and flames emanating from a medium-sized warehouse.

   FFs established a water supply, initiated an aggressive fire attack, and conducted primary and secondary searches to confirm no occupants were inside the structure. The fire was brought under control at 2:50 a.m. and extinguished at 3:55 a.m.

   The Fire Investigator classified the cause of the fire as accidental. It was determined the fire originated in a trash container on the mezzanine when the heat generated by the spontaneous chemical reaction of oil- or varnish-soaked rags ignited the rags. Damages were estimated to be $5,000 to the property and $300,000 to the contents.

d. On July 20, 2026, the HFD received a call at 4:25 a.m. and responded to a building fire near 92-715 Nēnēleʻa Street in Makakilo with 11 units staffed with 35 personnel. While en route, the first responding officer observed heavy smoke and flames rising into the air and upgraded the incident to a second-alarm and requested additional resources before arriving on scene. The first unit arrived at 4:31 a.m. and encountered heavy smoke and flames emanating from a two-story, residential structure.

FFs established a water supply, initiated an aggressive, offensive fire attack, made entry, and applied water to the fire at 4:38 a.m. The fire was brought under control at 4:56 a.m. During a primary search, FFs located an unconscious male in a second floor room and removed him from the structure. Patient care was transferred to the on-scene EMS unit. FFs then conducted overhaul operations to extinguish remaining hot spots and checked for hidden fire within walls and other concealed spaces. The fire was extinguished at 6:14 a.m.

The Fire Investigator was requested to determine the origin and cause of the fire and assess the damage.

e. On July 23, 2026, the HFD received a call at 5:53 a.m. and responded to a building fire reported at 700 Bishop Street, Topa Tower, in Honolulu with 6 units staffed with 22 personnel. The first unit arrived on scene at 5:59 a.m., established command, reported no visible signs of fire from the exterior of the high-rise building, and initiated an investigation.

   FFs established a water supply, performed standpipe operations, and positioned crews to respond if necessary. Occupants were evacuated while FFs searched multiple floors and areas of the building for fire or other hazardous conditions. Smoke was discovered in the basement, possibly due to an electrical issue; however, no fire or visible flames were found.

   At approximately 6:40 a.m., Hawaiian Electric (HECO) was requested to deenergize the building. Several occupants required assistance evacuating as a result of the power outage. At 6:50 a.m., one occupant was transferred to the on-scene EMS unit after being assisted to safety.

   HECO arrived on scene at 7:53 a.m. With their assistance, FFs determined the room containing the affected electrical equipment was safe to enter and applied a water stream to cool the area. HFD, HECO, and building representatives will continue to coordinate efforts to improve conditions at the Topa Tower as needed.

   An investigation has been initiated to determine the fire's origin and cause, and provide damage estimates.

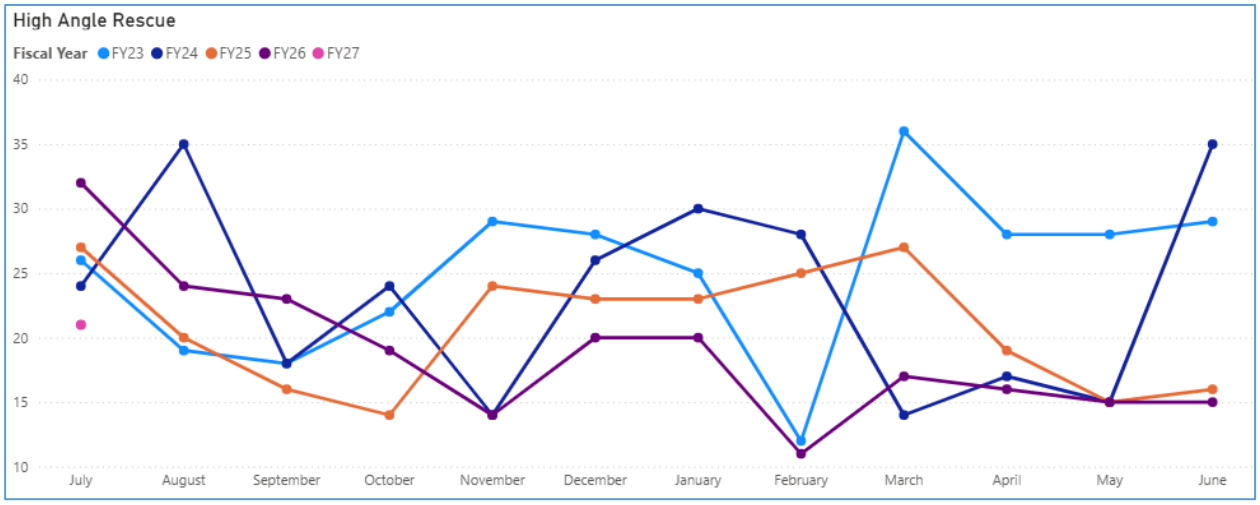
f. On July 25, 2026, the HFD received a call at 11:13 p.m. and responded to a building fire at 901 Kekaulike Street in downtown Honolulu with 11 units staffed with 40 personnel. The first unit arrived on scene at 11:17 p.m. to find a three-story, mixed-use structure involved in fire.

FFs established a water supply, initiated an offensive fire attack, and conducted a search to confirm no occupants were inside. The fire was brought under control at 12:28 a.m. Crews conducted overhaul operations to eliminate remaining hot spots by checking for hidden fire within concealed spaces. The fire was extinguished at 12:40 a.m.

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

2. Rescues

Incident Data and Trends



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FY27	21											

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 July 1, 2026, the HFD received a call at 2:32 p.m. and responded to a hiker in distress on the Koko Head Crater Trail with 6 units staffed with 18 personnel. The first unit arrived on scene at 2:42 p.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 20s was experiencing medical issues and unable to descend the trail on his own. Rescue personnel on foot arrived at the hiker's location at 2:53 p.m. where they conducted a medical assessment, provided basic life support, and packaged the hiker for air extraction. The hiker was hoisted into the aircraft and safely transported to the nearby landing zone. Medical care was transferred to the EMS at 3:25 p.m.

b. On July 3, 2026, the HFD received a call at 12:15 p.m. and responded to lost hikers on the Moanalua Middle Ridge Trail with 6 units staffed with 18 personnel. The first unit arrived on scene at 12:31 p.m., established command, and used a Utility Terrain Vehicle to drive as far as possible along the trail before hiking on foot. The second-arriving unit secured a nearby landing zone to prepare for air operations.

   It was reported that two hikers in their 30s, one male and one female, were stuck on the trail due to difficult terrain and unable to descend on their own. Air 1 located the hikers at 12:52 p.m and inserted rescue personnel near their location. Rescue personnel arrived at the hiker's location at 1:06 p.m. and confirmed there were no injuries. Both hikers were safely airlifted to the landing zone with the second hiker arriving at approximately 2:15 p.m.

c. On July 3, 2026, the HFD received a call at 7:55 p.m. and responded to a hiker in distress on the Kapālama Trail in Nu'uanu with 5 units staffed with 15 personnel. The first unit arrived on scene at 8:08 p.m. and secured a landing zone to prepare for an aerial search.

   It was reported that a male in his 20s began hiking alone at 2:30 p.m. During the hike, he slid approximately 20 feet, was uninjured, but ended up in a precarious location. Air 1 attempted to locate the hiker by air but was unable to do so due to poor visibility in the area. Rescue personnel entered the trail from the Pali Lookout to reach the hiker. Due to trail conditions in the area, rescue personnel were unable to make it to the hiker's location. The hiker was advised to seek shelter in the area, and units would return at first light.

   On July 4, 2026, the HFD resumed the search at 6:38 a.m. for a hiker in distress on the Kapālama Trail in Nu'uanu with 5 units staffed with 15 personnel. Air 1 was able to locate the hiker just before 7 a.m. Rescue

personnel were inserted at the hiker's location and confirmed the hiker was uninjured. The hiker was then airlifted to a nearby landing zone at 7:15 a.m.

d. On July 5, 2026, the HFD received a call at 11:44 a.m. for an injured hiker on the ʻEhukai Pillbox Trail in the Sunset Hills area and responded with 5 units staffed with 13 personnel. The first unit arrived on scene at 11:51 a.m. to ascend the trail on foot and secure a nearby landing zone to prepare for a search and rescue operation by air.

   It was reported that a 29-year-old female was hiking on the trail for about one hour near the first pillbox, experienced an injury to her lower leg, and could not continue on her own. Rescue personnel on foot arrived at her side at 12:08 p.m., performed an initial medical assessment, administered basic life support treatment, and prepared her for extraction. Air 1 hovered over the open area, hoisted her safely onboard, and transported the hiker to the nearby landing zone, where medical care was transferred to the EMS at 12:44 p.m.

e. On July 9, 2026, the HFD received a call at 2:26 p.m. and responded to an injured hiker on the Puʻu Manamana Trail in Kaʻaʻawa with 6 units staffed with 17 personnel. The first unit arrived on scene at 2:34 p.m. and ascended the trail on foot to begin the search by ground. An additional unit secured a nearby landing zone to prepare for a search and rescue operation by air.

   It was reported that a male in his late 30s was hiking, sustained a lower-leg injury, and was unable to continue on his own. Rescuers on foot arrived at his side at 3:01 p.m., performed an initial medical assessment, provided basic life support treatment, and prepared him for extraction. Air 1 arrived and performed the extraction and transported him to a nearby landing zone where care was transferred to the EMS at 4:15 p.m.

f. On July 11, 2026, the HFD received a call at 10:29 a.m. and responded to a hiker in distress on the Diamond Head Crater Trail in Kāhala with 6 units staffed with 18 personnel. The first unit arrived on scene at 10:43 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 female hiker in her 30s experienced a medical emergency at the top of the trail and was unable to descend on her own. Air 1 inserted rescue personnel to the hiker's location, where they conducted a medical assessment and provided basic life support. The hiker was safely

airlifted to the nearby landing zone where medical care was transferred to the EMS at 11:08 a.m.

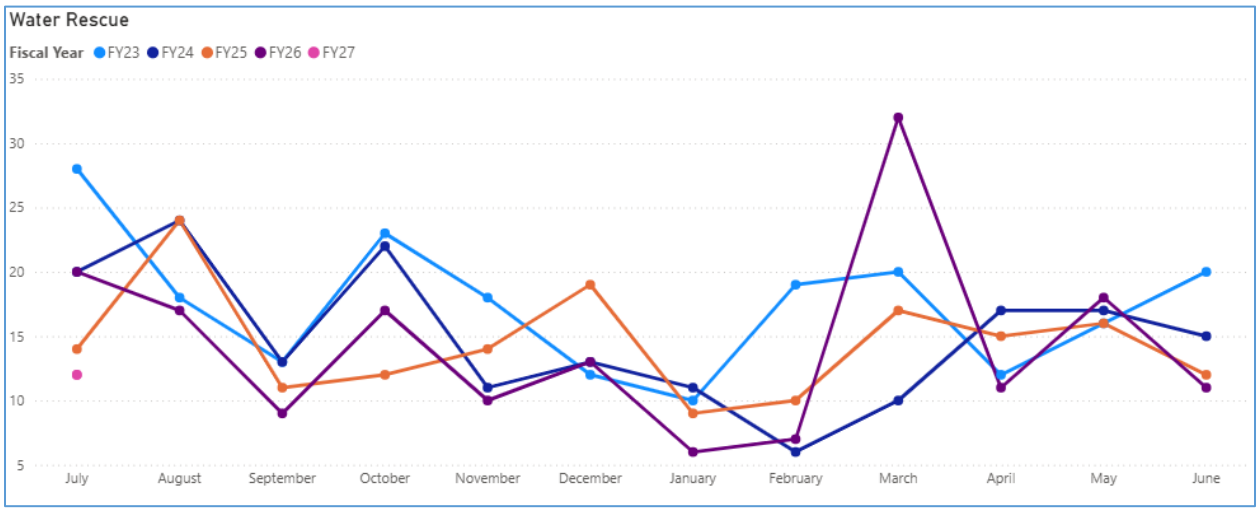
g. On July 17, 2026, the HFD received a call at 1:58 p.m. and responded to a report of lost hikers on the Ka'au Crater Trail in Pālolo with 5 units staffed with 13 personnel. The first unit arrived on scene at 2:10 p.m. and established command. An additional unit secured a nearby landing zone to prepare for an air search and rescue operation.

   It was reported that a male in his 50s and a female in her 40s had been hiking for approximately three hours when they became lost and were unable to continue on their own. Air 1 located the hikers at 2:26 p.m., and rescue personnel were inserted near their location. Rescuers arrived at their side at 2:36 p.m., performed an initial medical assessment, and prepared them for extraction. Air 1 hoisted both hikers safely on board and transported them to the nearby landing zone at 3:05 p.m. The hikers declined medical care.

h. On July 22, 2026, the HFD received a call at 11:44 a.m. and responded to a hiker in distress on the Diamond Head Crater Trail in Kāhala with 6 units staffed with 18 personnel. The first unit arrived on scene at 11:55 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 female hiker in her teens was experiencing a medical emergency at the top of the trail and unable to descend on her own. FFs reached the hiker at 12:09 p.m., conducted a medical assessment, provided basic life support, and prepared her for air extraction. Air 1 safely airlifted the hiker to the nearby landing zone where medical care was transferred to the EMS at 12:31 p.m.

   During the rescue operation for the initial hiker, FFs identified a second male hiker in his 30s at 12:28 p.m. who was in need of rescue assistance. The second hiker was also experiencing a medical issue and unable to descend on his own. FFs conducted a medical assessment, provided basic life support, and prepared him for air extraction. Air 1 safely airlifted the second hiker to the nearby landing zone where medical care was transferred to the EMS at 12:44 p.m.



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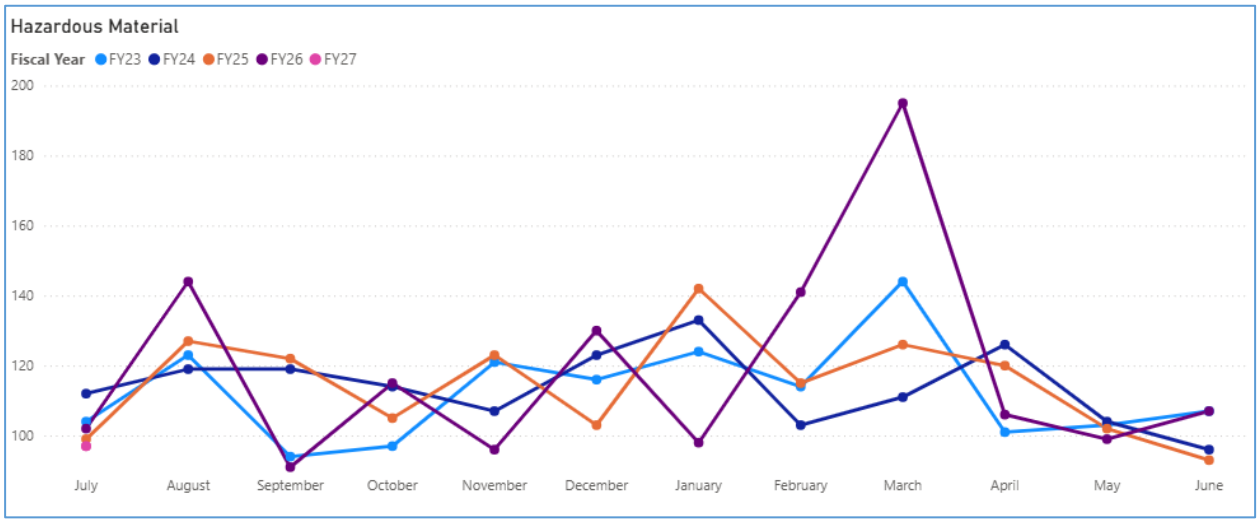
FY25	14	24	11	12	14	19	9	10	17	15	16	12
FY26	20	17	9	17	10	13	6	7	32	11	18	11
FY27	12											

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.

There were no major water rescues to report.

3. HM and Medicals

Incident Data and Trends



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FY23	104	123	94	97	121	116	124	114	144	101	103	107
FY24	112	119	119	114	107	123	133	103	111	126	104	96
FY25	99	127	122	105	123	103	142	115	126	120	102	93
FY26	102	144	91	115	96	130	98	141	195	106	99	107
FY27	97											

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.

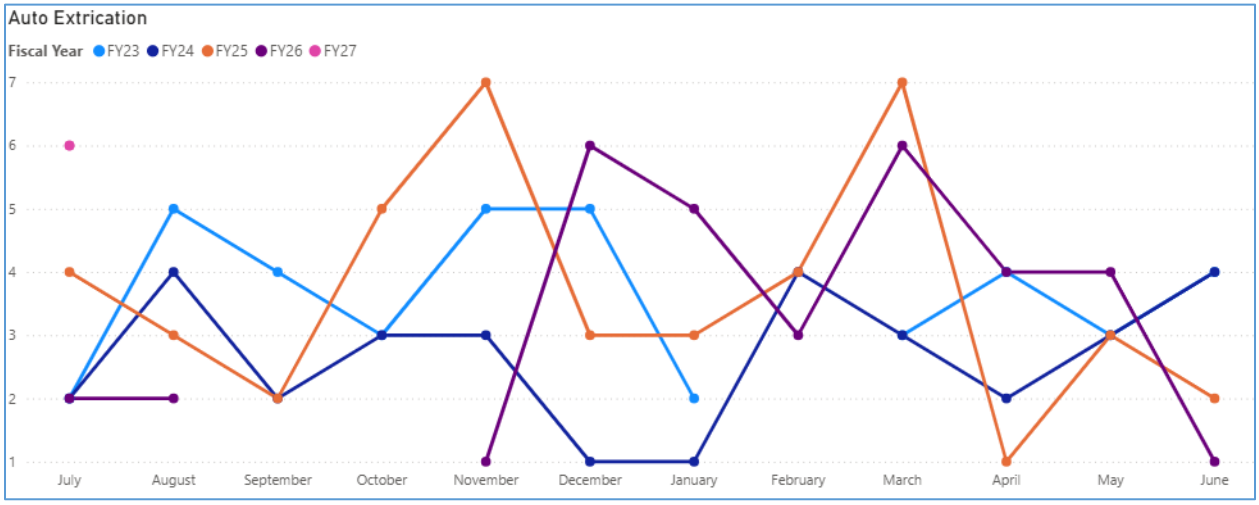
On July 14, 2026, the HFD received a call at 10:13 a.m. and responded to a gas leak reported at 3618 McCorriston Street in Kapahulu with three units, including an HM unit. staffed with 11 personnel.

The first unit arrived on scene at 10:21 a.m., established command, isolated the immediate area, and confirmed an active gas leak from damaged piping outside where construction was underway. FFs used air sampling equipment to identify affected areas, and nearby residents were notified of elevated readings as a precaution. Hawai'i Gas technicians arrived on scene at 10:28 a.m. to mitigate the leaks. HFD HM personnel conducted follow-up air sampling to confirm no elevated readings remained. Residents were updated accordingly.

Major medical incidents include those which involve mass casualty and active shooter.

There were no major medical incidents.

4. <u>Automobile Extrications</u>



Fiscal Year	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
FY23	2	5	4	3	5	5	2		3	4	3	4
FY24	2	4	2	3	3	1	1	4	3	2	3	4
FY25	4	3	2	5	7	3	3	4	7	1	3	2
FY26	2	2			1	6	5	3	6	4	4	1
FY27	6											

a. On July 11, 2026, the HFD received a call at 2:15 a.m. and responded to a motor vehicle collision at the intersection of Moanalua Road and Ho'omalu Street in Pearl City with 4 units staffed with 14 personnel. The first unit arrived on scene at 2:20 a.m. to a single vehicle accident with one occupant still inside.

   HFD personnel stabilized the vehicle and used hydraulic rescue tools to extricate the occupant. Medical care was transferred to the EMS at 2:31 a.m. HFD personnel secured the scene and transferred command to the HPD.

b. On July 20, 2026, the HFD received a call at 5:17 a.m. and responded to a motor vehicle accident for a rollover near the Olomea and Kohou Streets intersection in Kalihi with 4 units staffed with 18 personnel.

The first unit arrived at 5:20 a.m. to find one vehicle on its roof with the driver pinned inside. Crews stabilized the vehicle, utilized hydraulic rescue tools, and extricated the driver at 5:38 a.m. Medical care was quickly transferred to the on-scene EMS unit.

I. Complimentary Correspondence Received

The entire membership of the Hui Nalu Canoe Club was extremely grateful to the HFD for the life-saving assistance paddlers received during a multivessel swamping incident on June 27, 2026.

During a challenging morning on the water, three of their canoes became swamped in rough seas off the coast between Maunalua Bay and Hanauma Say. HFD crews provided swift, seamless coordination with the Honolulu Ocean Safety Department and Good Samaritan boaters and ensured all paddlers returned to shore safely.

J. Complaints Received

1. The HFD received a complaint regarding a FF assigned to the Sunset Beach Fire Station who yelled, used foul language, and intimidated his son and his son's friends who were hanging out with their dirt bikes at the basketball court. He said the FF came at them in an aggressive and wild manner. He feels the FF does not belong on the North Shore with his anger issues.

   An investigation was conducted and the timeline of events appear to match what the complainant reported; however, the details are different. The FF stated he witnessed three boys on dirt bikes performing unsafe maneuvers on the basketball court next to the station. The FF approached the boys and told them what they were doing was unsafe and to stop. The boys used profanity at which time the FF removed himself. The FF again encountered them on the bike path and approached them to ask the names of their parents so he could talk to them. The boys refused and again used profanity. The FF left the area.

   The FF was counseled by his BC and reminded to summon the HPD when it is a police matter. He was also reminded to act professionally and courteously while on duty and representing the HFD.

2. The HFD received a complaint regarding the fire truck from the Kaka'ako Fire Station sounding their horn in his ear three times while he was crossing the street at the intersection of Ward Avenue and Queen Street.

After questioning the caller, it was discovered the complainant heard the sirens sounding, saw the oncoming fire truck, but decided to cross anyway because he thought he could beat the fire truck. The complainant was counseled on his poor decision, as he put himself in harms' way and in so doing, could have caused an accident that would have prevented the fire truck from responding to the intended emergency incident. He was also educated on the impossibility of stopping an apparatus that weighs thousands of pounds without someone kind of accident. He was told to be more aware of his surroundings. He appreciated the opportunity to vent, but understood the HFD's point of view.

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