

KAUA'I CIVIL DEFENSE AGENCY

I. Mission Statement

To protect lives and property on Kaua`i by coordinating efforts among agencies at all levels of government and the private sector to prepare for, respond to and recover from emergencies, hazards and disaster events.

II. Department Goals

1. Increase public awareness regarding emergency preparedness and Civil Defense programs, and initiatives.
2. Improve emergency operations efficiency and effectiveness.
3. Enhance the readiness of emergency responders with a comprehensive training and exercise program.

III. Program Description

The Kauai Civil Defense Agency has the responsibility for administering and operating the various local, State and Federal civil defense programs for the County. This includes planning, preparing, and coordinating civil defense operations in meeting disaster situations and coordinating post-disaster recovery operations involving State and/or Federal assistance. The agency is responsible for coordinating Federal Department of Homeland Security (DHS) grant funds for first responders for weapons of mass destruction incidents (WMD). This agency is the point of contact for the newly formed State Office of Homeland Security as provided by Hawai'i revised Statutes.

1. Program Objectives

- a. Improve the operating efficiency of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC).
- b. Train staff, governmental and non-governmental emergency responders by their participation in exercises and attendance at formal training sessions.
- c. Improve the timeliness and efficiency of the local disaster warning and notification procedures.
- d. Promote public awareness, education and outreach of the civil defense programs through public presentations, public relations news releases, a "storm ready / tsunami ready community program, maintenance and updating of the Civil Defense web site, and distribution of emergency preparedness literature.

2. Program Highlights

- a. Conducted preparedness educational training and outreach in communities, public schools, elderly care home, neighborhood associations, visitor industry stakeholders and other non-governmental organizations entities.
- b. Conducted and/or hosted first responder trainings and multi-agency exercises
- c. Managed, implemented and/or coordinated various Federal Emergency Management Administration/ Department of Homeland Security (FEMA/DHS) related grants to enhance multi-hazard, and Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) protection, mitigation/prevention, response and recovery capabilities.

IV. Program Measures – Accomplishments/Evaluation

The agency was successful in renewing the “Storm Ready / Tsunami Ready community program status. County met the minimum federal standards for the designation by National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s criteria.

The agency has gained a new employee, a “Telecommunications Officer”, who is tasked with overseeing the County’s telecommunication needs for public safety. The position was formally with Finance Department’s Information Technology Division. The ability for public safety members to communicate with each other and all of our many partners is paramount to successful operations. This additional position brings the total staffing to four (4) full time civil servant positions and one (1) grant funded contract hire.

The FEMA and Department of Homeland Security grants and training/exercise programs continue to support the enhancement of emergency management, our public safety first responders and multi-hazard stakeholders. We have continued to gain capabilities, equipment, and training that we could not have afforded from general fund.

The Kauai Civil Defense Agency has worked with the University of Hawaii, State Civil Defense, the scientific community, as well as local, state, federal and private-sector stakeholders toward updating our tsunami evacuation map layer based on the latest, cutting-edge tsunami inundation modeling. As of this writing, the island-wide map is in final draft form, ready for review and acceptance by the Mayor.

Following the formal acceptance of the new evacuation map layer, the semi-concurrent/overlapping tsunami evacuation route and signage project will proceed. Here, signs and materials, traffic control points and coordination with partner agencies have already been prepared for expeditious implementation once the new evacuation zone is accepted.

KCDA’s training and exercise component has provided and/or has been involved in a wide range of training and exercises this year with participants from County, State, Federal and non-governmental organizations.

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	CFY 2012 Actual	CFY 2013 Actual	CFY 2014 Appropriation
Equivalent Personnel (E/P)	4.0	4.0	4.0
Salaries & Wages	392,802	457,675	461,614
Operations	150,878	165,671	831,942
Equipment/Furniture	17,797	10,091	12,001
Vehicle	17,400	31,300	29,000
Program Total	455,137	569,945	1,334,557

	CFY-2012 Actual	CFY-2013 Actual	CFY-2014 Estimated
Total Sirens & Simulators Installed	48	48	48
Total Sirens Upgraded	0	0	11
EOC Activation	7	4	10
Disaster Threats Monitored	114	100	100
CD Exercises	5	5	0
Total Count of Personnel Trained	137		0
CD Training Sessions	5	5 classes 2 workshops	0
CD Public Presentation	11	10	15
CD Media Releases	9	PENDING	0
Blackboard Connect (BBC) Notifications	9	Weather – 4 DoW -5 Fire Evac - 2	0
Total Count of BBC Notified	136,245	Weather: 74,767 Water: 5,784 Fire: 27,587 Test: 24,770	150,000
Number of Public Shelters	19	19	19
Disaster Publications Distributed	Newspaper	Newspaper	Newspaper