

DRIP Committee

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Cc: Nohe M. Uu-Hodgins; DRIP Committee
Subject: RE: Fire Prevention

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Aloha Council Member Paltin,

I recently received an email from Fire Inspector Nicholas Tanaka of the Fire Prevention Bureau's Public Education Division. I reached out to learn more about the fire prevention programs they have in place and how I might be able to assist.

It appears that they are collaborating with the Hawaii Wildfire Management Organization (<https://www.hwmo.org/>) and working with various community organizations to educate the public. Many of the resources I previously recommended are already available through their social media channels and other platforms. However, it seems that there hasn't been as much marketing and outreach as there could be.

Pls. see website with link to many resources- <https://www.mauicounty.gov/1806/Fire-Education>

Fire Inspector Tanaka mentioned that South Maui has established a fire prevention task force, and he regularly makes presentations on fire prevention through those organizations. A potential idea could be for each community organization to create its own task force to disseminate these resources locally. I highly recommend inviting Mr. Nicholas Tanaka to the next council meeting so that he can share more about the services and education programs his department offers.

I believe it would be beneficial to create a Maui-wide fire prevention task force with representation from each community. These volunteers could take the lead in their respective areas, but someone will need to coordinate and guide this effort.

This suggestion focuses primarily on education and communication. If there is a need to develop or update fire prevention plans, that might require additional personnel or expertise.

If West Maui is interested in setting up a task force similar to South Maui's, perhaps we could collaborate with the West Maui Taxpayers Association. Each community association could form its own task force, with Mr. Nicholas Tanaka's involvement to assist with fire prevention education.

I also feel that the Fire Prevention Bureau could benefit from someone dedicated to overseeing the broader scope of fire prevention efforts. The County Council might want to connect with them to coordinate and ensure that efforts are not duplicated. I think every year before fire season we should have public announcements, training programs and links to resources on fire prevention. This is part of community outreach. I call it marketing a marketing campaign to get the word out. I am happy to assist in that process if that is of interest.

I offered my help to Mr. Tanaka in supporting public communication and outreach to build more task forces. However, he indicated that he is the only person assigned to this role and encouraged us to reach out if we need assistance. His contact information is below:

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Mahalo Nui Loa!
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Aloha e Capt Purdy,
This is Saman Dias contact info from last Wednesday she would like to be a resource for you folks, she's good at research and applying for grant funding too.
Mahalo,
Tamara

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Aloha Council members,

I highly recommend partnering with this organization.
<https://www.hwmo.org/>

There are plans developed for Maui and other Islands it just they need to update. But great starting point. I know Maui Fire department have been working with them.
<https://www.hwmo.org/wildfire-plans#CommunityWildfireProtectionPlan>
Under this link you can download plans.

i.e

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5254fbe2e4b04bbc53b57821/t/65b2b0cb2e7cb d341ea0f9df/1706209507176/Western+Maui+CWPP.pdf>

Community education is big part of their program.

Great educational content-

<https://www.hwmo.org/learn-about-wildfires-materials#videos>

Mahalo!

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