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For Transmittal to:
Honorable Tamara Paltin, Chair
Disaster, Resilience Affairs, and Planning Committee
County of Maui
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Dear Chair Paltin,

**SUBJECT: RESOLUTION 26-5 AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A
DONATION OF COMPACT RAPID DEPLOYMENT TOWERS FROM
STCOMMS, INC, FOR USE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND PUBLIC
SAFETY**

The integration of Compact Rapid Deployable (CRD) Towers is directly aligned with the Maui Emergency Management Agency's adopted Strategic Plan and Integrated Preparedness Plan.

Maui County's geographic separation across multiple islands and its exposure to high-risk hazards—including wildfire, hurricane, high winds, flooding, and tsunami—create a structural vulnerability in communications infrastructure.

During major incidents, cellular degradation or failure impairs coordination between Incident Command and the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), delays public warning dissemination, and reduces situational awareness.

Under Strategic Plan Goal 3 – Enhance Emergency Response Capabilities, MEMA prioritizes strengthening EOC readiness, operational coordination, and field connectivity.

CRD Towers provide deployable redundancy that sustains communication between field operations, ESFs, and partner agencies during infrastructure disruption.

Under Goal 4 – Enhance Public Information, Alerts, and Warning Systems, MEMA commits to improving the reliability of public alerting systems.

Modern alerting platforms depend on telecommunications infrastructure. Deployable cellular capability ensures that Wireless Emergency Alerts, evacuation messaging, and digital public communications remain functional during disasters.

The IPP identifies Operational Coordination, Public Information and Warning, and Situational Assessment as core preparedness priorities

CRD Towers directly support these priorities by preserving real-time information flow, sustaining alert dissemination, and protecting the County’s investment in advanced situational awareness technologies.

In summary, CRD Towers strengthen life-safety communications, enhance multi-agency coordination, protect public warning capabilities, and improve resilience across Maui, Moloka‘i, and Lāna‘i. Their deployment represents a strategically aligned capability enhancement consistent with MEMA’s long-term preparedness and response framework.

Me Ka ‘Oiai’o no,



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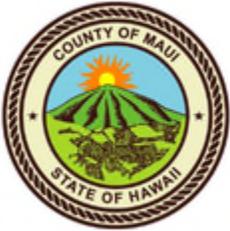
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Aloha,

Please see attached transmittal dated February 13, 2026, from MEMA Administrator Amos Lonokailua Hewett regarding the above subject matter.

Thank you and have a great day!

Mahalo,
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