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CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
Department of Emergency Management

Māʻili Fire
July 6, 2025 – July 9, 2025

August 19, 2025

DEPT. COM. 640 HHP

Incident Overview and Summary



Bias for Action

Initiative

Teamwork

Incident Overview and Summary

Time	Action
2:33 pm	911 call received/HFD/HPD Dispatched
2:40 pm	HPD identified risk to life/commenced evacuations
2:42 pm	HFD arrives on scene
2:50 pm	HPD expand evacuation area
2:56 pm	Fire Communications contacts DEM
3:07 pm	EOC activation initiated
3:12 pm	DEM requested to issue evacuation alert
3:23 pm	EOC activation notification to EOC partners
3:32 pm	Emergency Alert System and Wireless Emergency Alert issued
3:39 pm	Initial HNL alert issued to all HNL Alert users
4:27 pm	Critical patient transported to hospital

Incident Overview and Summary

Improvement Area	Recommended Action	Agency
Alert & Warning	Established a staffed 24/7 Watch Office at the JTMC	DEM
Alert & Warning	Train all field incident commanders in alert & warning protocols	HFD & HPD (Supported by DEM)
Incident Management	Initiate Honolulu Incident Management Team proactively	DEM (Supported by all departments)
Incident Management	Ensure protocols for a unified command post	HFD & HPD
Situational Awareness	Integrate AI and modern technologies to support situational awareness and a common operating picture	DEM (Supported by all departments)
Communications	Improve protocols and tools for real-time transfer of information and resource requests from Field to EOC	DEM
Disaster Recovery	Establish a program that evaluates victim needs and aid in recovery	DEM



Māʻili Wildland Fire

Date: July 6, 2025

Time of Alarm: 2:33 p.m.

Dispatch location: 87-253 Paʻakea Road

Arrival of first HFD unit: 2:42 p.m

Containment: 100% contained at 01:25 am on July 7, 2025

Last unit cleared scene: 9:07 pm on July 7, 2025

Total Acres Burned: Approximately 55 acres

Victim: 94-year-old female

Property damage: Two residential structures, secondary structures, shipping containers, carnival rides, and vehicles.

Fire Fighting Resources: 26 Honolulu Fire Department and 8 Federal Fire Department units (34 total)



Wildfire Critical Factors

Weather

- Wind: Northwest 5-15 mph with gusts up to 25 mph
- Temperature: 78°F - 85°F
- Relative Humidity: 65-75%
- No precipitation during the incident

Fuel

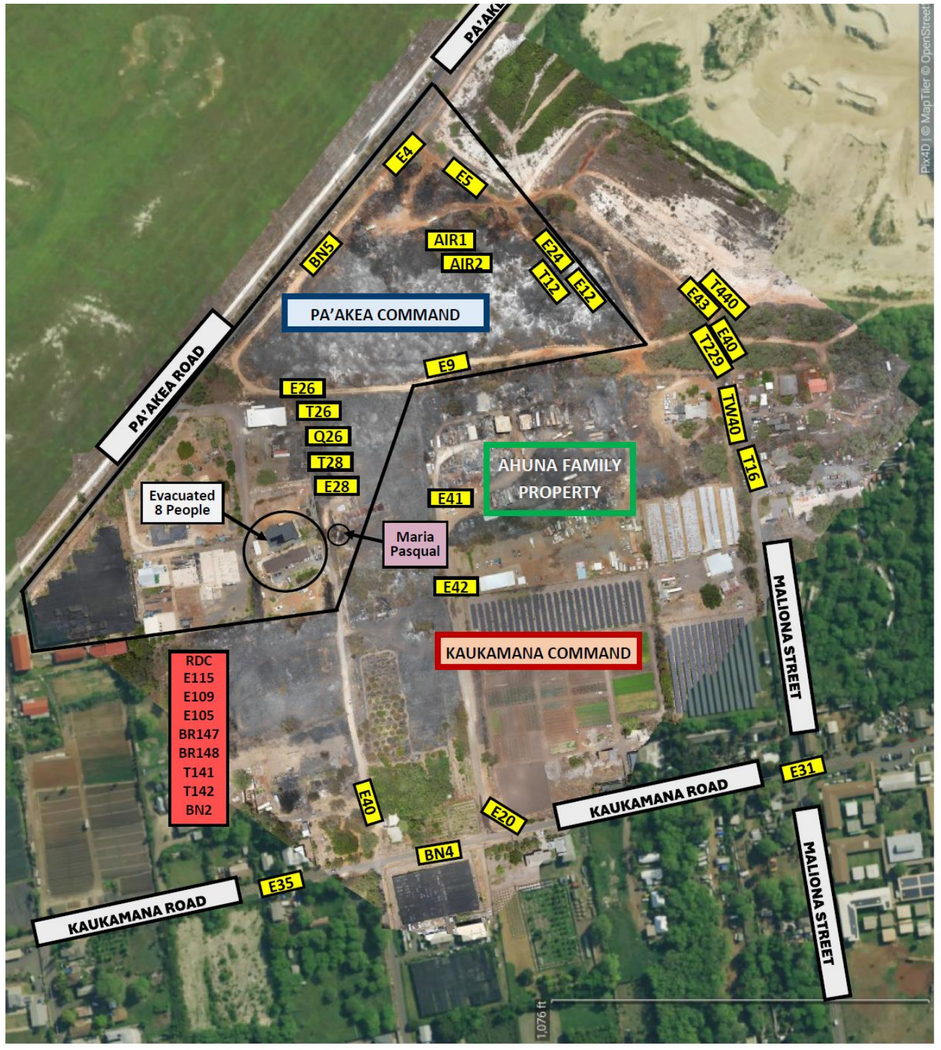
- Fuel moisture was estimated as low due to recent dry conditions

Topography

- Relatively flat with elevation changes as you move mauka to makai

HONOLULU FIRE DEPARTMENT

Pride, Service, Dedication





Honolulu Police Department

Time	Action
2:33 pm	911 call received/HFD/HPD Dispatched
2:40 pm	HPD identified risk to life/commenced evacuations
2:50 pm	HPD Supervisor on-scene/expands evacuation area
3:14 pm	HPD expand evacuation area again
4:15 pm	HPD Departmental Operations Center activated
4:20 pm	ICP established at Maili Beach Park
4:35 pm	Evacuation shelter established at Waianae Intermediate School
6:40 pm	HPD Drone Launched/Sharing video with EOC
12:29 am	HPD demobilized



Participating Units

HPD Participating Units
District 8 Patrol
Major Events Division
Community Affairs Division
District 1 Crime Reduction Unit
District 2 Crime Reduction Unit
District 3 Crime Reduction Unit
District 4 Crime Reduction Unit
District 5 Crime Reduction Unit
District 6 Crime Reduction Unit
District 7 Crime Reduction Unit
District 8 Crime Reduction Unit

Honolulu Emergency Services Department

Time	Action
4:27 pm	Patient in critical condition transported to hospital
4:38 pm	EMS staging at Maili Elementary School
4:49 pm	EMS 2 SUV on-scene
4:55 pm	EMS Director on-scene
4:59 pm	EMS Command and special HAZMAT vehicle on-scene
5:26 pm	EMS supports HPD with smoke inhalation health check

Emergency Operations Center

Department/Organization
Office of the Mayor/Managing Director
Department of Emergency Management
Honolulu Police Department
Honolulu Fire Department
Honolulu Emergency Services Department
Department of Transportation Services
Department of Parks and Recreation
Board of Water Supply
Hawaii Food Bank
American Red Cross
Salvation Army

PUBLIC ALERT AND WARNING TIMELINE

3:12 PM
HFD Notifies DEM
Evacuations Required

3:32 PM
Emergency Alert to all Oahu Radio and TV Stations

Wireless Emergency Alert Sent to All Cell Phones within Alert Area

3:39 PM
Text and Email Alert Sent to All Subscribers of City's Mass Notification System – HNL Alert

3:54 PM
Corrected HNL Alert Sent with Correct Link to Evacuation Map

Message Content

WEA Text Message	WILDLAND FIRE EMERGENCY in MAILI. EVACUATE NOW -C&C HNL
WEA Long Text Message	From Honolulu Department of Emergency Management: WILDLAND FIRE EMERGENCY in MAILI. LEAVE NOW if you are receiving this message. The fire poses immediate threat to lives/property. Monitor local TV or radio for updates
Headline	Immediate evacuation ordered due to a wildland fire emergency
Description	This is Honolulu Department of Emergency Management with a mandatory evacuation order due to a WILDLAND FIRE EMERGENCY located in MAILI and moving mauka (toward the mountain). Evacuate NOW from areas of Maili mauka of Kulaaupuni St. Wildland fires can cause injury/death, burn homes and structures. Take the following protective actions and LEAVE NOW. 1. Gather all family members. Drive a neighbor who has no transportation if you can. 2. Bring pets if you can locate and secure them quickly. 3. Do not delay packing belongings. Take only essential items and medications you have ready to go. Monitor local radio and television stations for updates.



Polygon 1

Alert & Warning

Non-Emergency Alerts

Opt-in systems



HNL ALERTS

Sent to anyone who signs up at at hnlalert.gov via text, email, or app.

Used in both routine and emergency situations.

HNL Alerts about emergency situations are sent to all subscribers.

Uses a system provided by a City vendor.



OFFICIAL SOCIAL MEDIA

Alerts are posted on official social media accounts including City, State, and trusted partners.

@oahudem

@oahu_dem

Emergency Alerts

Notifies everyone in affected area



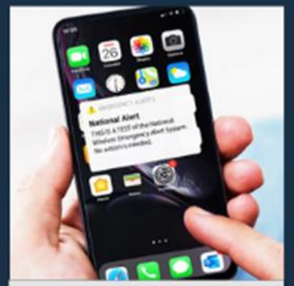
EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM (EAS)

Alerts that interrupt programming to deliver urgent emergency info on:

- Broadcast TV
- Cable
- Radio
- Satellite radio

Tested the first business day of the month.

Uses a system provided by FEMA.

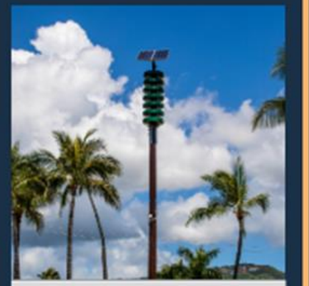


WIRELESS EMERGENCY ALERTS (WEA)

Alerts that deliver urgent emergency info to all cellphones in affected geographic areas - no sign up required.

Short, text-like messages.

Uses a system provided by FEMA.



OUTDOOR WARNING SIRENS

Warning sirens are located primarily along coastal areas for use in tsunami warnings. Can be used for other events.

Loud “Steady Tone”.

Tested the first business day of the month at 11:45 a.m.

Sirens are installed/maintained by the state.

Emergency Management Reserve Corps



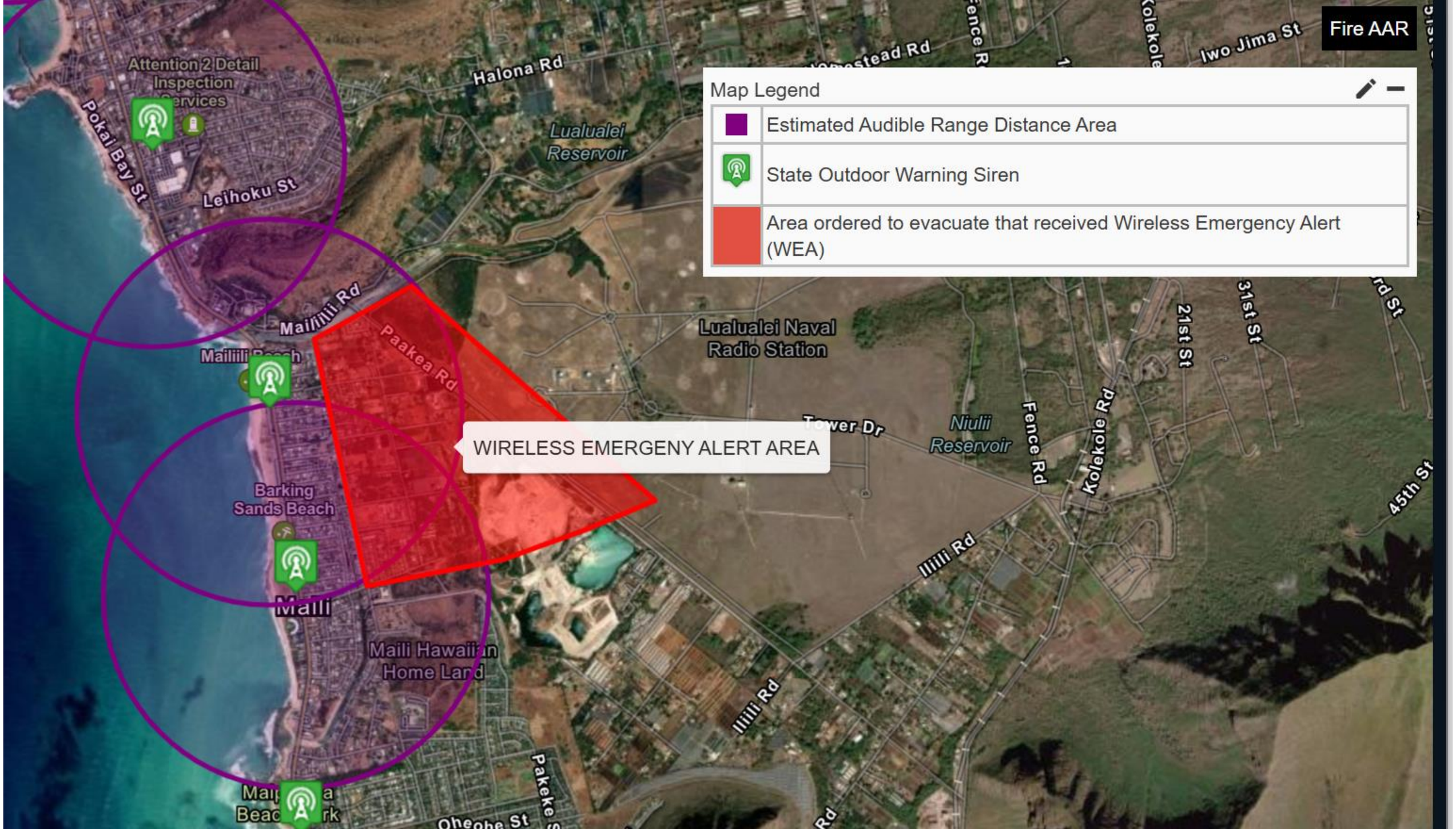
Requested by HPD at 7:58 pm

Briefing Conclusion

This fire was a major incident. It was fast. It was dangerous. It was chaotic, as all major incidents are, but the public safety agencies did not hesitate. They acted with initiative and purpose. Operations remained aggressive and adaptive. Communications stayed open. Resources were moved fast and used well. Leadership at all levels pushed decisions down and supported the frontlines. No one waited for orders they didn't need. They acted because lives were at risk. This was a successful outcome because we work together. This is how you manage crisis. This is how we serve O'ahu.

What are your questions?

Mahalo


Fire AAR
Map Legend
Estimated Audible Range Distance Area
State Outdoor Warning Siren
Area ordered to evacuate that received Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA)
WIRELESS EMERGENY ALERT AREA
Attention 2 Detail Inspection Services
Pokai Bay St
Halona Rd
Lualualei Reservoir
Leihoku St
Mailiili Rd
Mailiili Beach
Paakea Rd
Lualualei Naval Radio Station
Tower Dr
Niulii Reservoir
Fence Rd
Kolekole Rd
21st St
31st St
45th St
Iwo Jima St
Barking Sands Beach
Maili
Maili Hawaiian Home Land
Iliili Rd
Pakeke
Oheohe St