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Campbell Local Emergency Action Network Celebrates 10th Anniversary and Honors Community Leaders

The Campbell Local Emergency Action Network (CLEAN) celebrated its 10th anniversary by honoring those who have contributed to the coalition's accomplishments over the past decade at Hawaiian Waters Adventure Park on September 21.

CLEAN has been effective in bringing together representatives of business, emergency response agencies and the community to collaboratively address issues that affect the Kapolei and Makakilo areas. One of CLEAN's major accomplishments is the development of the Emergency Resource Guide, a manual that contains valuable emergency response information, checklists and contact information. The guide was first published in 1997 and has been updated and distributed annually since then. In addition, CLEAN was instrumental in establishing an environmental specialist position within the Clean Air Branch of the Hawaii Department of Health

to keep the community informed about events within Campbell Industrial Park and to operate an emergency hotline.

"The anniversary event was an excellent opportunity for businesses in Campbell Industrial Park to find out about CLEAN, talk to members, and find out how the benefits we bring to the table could help their businesses. Our organization is unique in the state. We are part of a dynamic network of businesses, emergency responders and regulators working together on a common goal: to increase emergency planning and preparedness in and around the Park. However, in order to be more effective in attaining this goal, we need more participation from Park businesses to make this happen," said **Bruce Schlieman**, CLEAN's president.

Doug Genty, Chevron's operations manager and CLEAN board member, served as emcee

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From left: Willie Nagamine, Hawaii Department of Health Clean Air Branch chief; Doug Genty, Chevron operations manager and CLEAN board member; Leland Nakai, Honolulu Local Emergency Planning Committee coordinator; Ruedi Tobler, Kalaeloa Partners general manager; Maeda Timson, Makakilo/Kapolei/Honokai Hale neighborhood board chair; Sen. Brian Kanno; and Bruce Schlieman, CLEAN president.

Photo by Emerson Lee.

Interactive Hazmat Program for Keiki

CLEAN and the Honolulu LEPC are now working in collaboration with the Hawaii Department of Education and private schools to distribute a children's educational computer-based program to increase awareness about hazardous materials. The Honolulu LEPC purchased the copyright for the Fire Pal program called "Stop, Leave It Alone, Get A Grown-Up" on behalf of the Hawaii State Emergency Response Commission.

In each state, the governor designates a State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) that is responsible for implementing Emergency Planning and Community-Right-to-Know provisions within their state and SERCs supervise and coordinate the activities of LEPCs.

"It's never too early to learn about the potential dangers of hazardous materials," said **Leland Nakai**, Honolulu LEPC coordinator, who also represents Oahu Civil Defense and has been involved with CLEAN since its inception. The interactive program is designed to engage children from kindergarten through the third grade and provide them easy-to-understand information on hazardous materials in the home, school and workplace. The program teaches children to identify hazardous materials in such places as their kitchen, bathroom, laundry room, backyard or garage. The CD also includes lesson plans that teachers can use as part of their curriculum or for parents to review with their children. Children can print out a certificate upon completing the program as well.

EPA Seminar

Mark Your Calendar

Join us for informative sessions on Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act (EPCRA) led by **Janice Witul**, of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 9, on Tuesday, January 23, 2007. There will be two sessions, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Both sessions will be held at the Kapolei State Office Building (Kakuhihewa Building) in Conference Room 11A and 11B.

CLEAN is sponsoring these sessions to enhance emergency preparedness within Campbell Industrial Park and the surrounding areas. Sessions are free, but reservation is required. Space is limited, so sign up early. For more information or to RSVP, contact **Beryle Ekimoto** of the Hawaii State Department of Health at 586-4695 or 780-6867, or email at beryl.ekimoto@doh.hi.gov.

HFD Returns from Hazmat Conference with Wealth of Knowledge

Honolulu Fire Department **Captain Sonny Maguire** recently returned from the 17th Annual Continuing Challenge Hazmat Workshop in Sacramento, California, armed with a wealth of knowledge to enhance emergency response on Oahu.

CLEAN provided \$8,000 to cover the airfare and expenses for Capt. Maguire and four other HFD representatives to attend the annual Hazmat workshop. This is third consecutive year that CLEAN has underwritten the costs for their attendance because of the value that it provides for the community.

There were 104 classes taught by some of the nation's most respected instructors over a four-day period, and this year, Capt. Maguire was selected to be a member of the conference staff. He was so impressive that he has been asked to return to teach again next year.

U.S. Navy Rear Admiral M. Stewart O'Bryan, Director, Standing Joint Force Headquarters, spoke on the response to Hurricane Katrina, which covered the problems encountered by responders during rescues and with onshore and offshore oil facilities, including petroleum products that reached the Mississippi River. James Lee Witt, former head of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), also spoke on Katrina, focusing on the costs associated with the response and reasons FEMA should operate as a separate entity.

In addition to the classes, there were 75 exhibitors that provided information and displays on the latest equipment and technology available for response to hazardous materials, man-made and natural disasters, and terrorist activities. There was also new material that can be used in training the firefighters in Kapolei and the adjoining communities.

As in previous years, there is also tremendous value in networking at the conference because when HFD personnel return to Hawaii they can contact hazmat technicians, instructors, vendors and guest speakers they met for more information, if necessary. "It's a great opportunity to help build friendships and a support network for emergency response," said Capt. Maguire.

The HFD team was also able to squeeze in some recreation: They won the annual golf tournament at the conference!

Islands Rock to Loss of Power

By Peter Rosegg HECO Corporate Communications

Hawaii's October 15th earthquake that registered a magnitude of 6.7 on the Richter scale fortunately did not result in any injuries or fatalities and most of us had to manage without power for only a day, at the most. The following is an overview of HECO's response efforts and recommendations to prepare for the future.

At Hawaiian Electric, we appreciate everyone's considerable patience during the October 15 earthquake outage. We hope our customers understand that protecting the electric system from potential damage, which could have resulted in longer term power problems, was the overriding reason for the generators going offline initially and for the subsequent careful, methodical restoration of electricity.

(For a more detailed explanation of how long restoration takes after an island-wide outage, visit our www.heco.com and click on the outage link).

Still, every major emergency provides lessons and the earthquake and resulting outage drove home the importance of emergency preparedness at all levels, from government authorities to the power plants, to large and small businesses, and to each one of us in our own homes.

At HECO, immediately after the outage we pledged to complete a thorough investigation by year end, using an outside utility industry expert firm, and to make the findings public. Subsequently, the Consumer Advocate asked for a more formal investigation by the Public Utilities Commission and we support that decision.

As those reviews are being completed, we already know one big lesson learned, and that is how much we have come to rely on communication devices such as wireless phones.

At HECO, our internal communications systems – which uses mostly microwave radio – successfully worked to keep our operations employees at the power plants, in the field and at the central operations dispatch center well coordinated. But problems – from clogged lines to intermittent service – with our land lines and wireless phones contributed to major challenges in our communications with the public and the media. We have committed to work with the Governor and the communications task force she convened.

When it comes to what the public wants to hear, we know the bottom line is that the public wants to know exactly what time power will be restored to their homes or businesses.

While it may be difficult to provide that specific information, especially during a major emergency, we are evaluating how

we can better explain the restoration process and plans in general. We want to keep people informed but we also know that many variables can change restoration timelines and causing people to count on power being restored at a certain time can create problems as well.

At the same time, there are some steps we can all take in our own homes to prepare for the possibility of another outage, island-wide or not and whatever the cause.

- *Keep a working battery- or crank-powered radio plus some flashlights handy and in good repair. Keep the batteries fresh.*
- *Invest in an "old-fashioned" phone. Cordless phones, office phone systems, cable phones and answering machines depend on electric power.*
- *Consider buying a solar- or crank-powered cell phone charger.*
- *Keep on hand some canned food that does not require cooking (tuna, Vienna sausages, etc.) and ample bottled water.*
- *If you are more adventuresome, a camp stove with butane supply or canned heat can be handy, but refrain from cooking with live flames indoors.*

And if an outage occurs:

- *Resist opening the refrigerator or freezer as much as possible, as food will keep cold or frozen for many hours if the cold air is not allowed to escape.*
- *Unplug sensitive electronic equipment including computers, televisions, VCRs, microwaves and the like so they are not damaged by a possible surge when power is restored.*
- *Turn off water heaters at the circuit breaker panel, so when the power is restored to you and your neighbors, the sudden in-rush of power does not blow the fuses in your home or on nearby utility poles.*

Many more emergency preparedness tips can be found on our website at heco.com.

We hope there will never be another island-wide blackout, but we are committed to finding ways to improve our response if there is one. And we want to encourage our customers to be as prepared as possible.

Win an iPod!

CLEAN has updated its Emergency Resource Guide and will be distributing the guide on CDs. You will be receiving a CD in the mail along with an emergency preparedness survey. Please take a few moments to complete the survey and you'll automatically be entered into a drawing to win a free Apple iPod. There is no cost to enter. Two iPods will be given away and the winners will be notified in early 2007. The winners will be published in the next issue of the CLEAN newsletter.

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for the event. During the celebration, **Mary Emerson**, Campbell Estate asset manager and CLEAN board secretary, read proclamations from both **Governor Linda Lingle** and **Mayor Mufi Hannemann** praising CLEAN for its achievements. In addition, former **Senator Brian Kanno**, who represents the Kapolei region, presented Senate certificates to each of the honorees.

The celebration honored representatives from business, government, and the community as well as a government agency. The honorees included: **Ruedi Tobler**, general manager of Kalaeloa Partners; **Leland Nakai**, hazardous materials officer, Oahu Civil Defense Agency and coordinator of the Honolulu Local Emergency Planning Committee; **Maeda Timson**, chair of the Makakilo, Kapolei, Honokai Hale neighborhood board; and the **Clean Air Branch** of the Hawaii State Department of Health. Representing the Clean Air Branch was **Willie Nagamine**, branch chief. CLEAN presented each of the honorees with a certificate, commending them for being instrumental in furthering CLEAN's mission and for elevating the importance of emergency preparedness in the growing Kapolei region.

"We are pleased that as a result of the event, we saw an immediate increase in membership. I want to welcome St. Francis Medical Center and Occupational Training to CLEAN." said **Annie Lam**, 10th Anniversary coordinator and CLEAN vice president.

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