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Corps, Schofield Open New Federal Fire Station

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(SCHOFIELD BARRACKS, HI – NR 22-07) The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Honolulu District, U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii and Federal Fire Department Hawaii opened Schofield Barracks' new Federal Fire Station Friday with a Hawaiian Blessing and grand opening ceremonies at Schofield Barracks.

“The opening of this facility marks another chapter in the history of the Federal Fire Department and U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii,” said Deputy Fire Chief Gayland Enriques. “This building and its state-of-the art facilities are a template for future federal firehouses.”

“The construction and opening of this magnificent facility is clearly a handshake between the Navy and the Army to protect our Soldiers and their families,” said U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii Commander Col. Howard J. Killian. “Just knowing that this facility is here will help me, Schofield's Soldiers and their families sleep well at night.”

The original Station #15 on Schofield traces its roots back to 1924 when a fire station was established. A photograph of the station in 1927 was prominently displayed today as part of the ceremonies.

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The new Federal Fire Department Station #15, located at the corner of Road A and Waianae Avenue near Foote Gate, was built by Niking Corporation for \$5.105 million and is now fully operational.

Col. Killian and Deputy Fire Chief Enriques uncoupled the ceremonial “maile fire hose” while Kahu and retired federal fire captain Richard “Keke” Papa blessed the new station and its firefighters.

A two-company satellite fire station includes three drive-through bays for six fire trucks that features a state-of-the-art fire truck engine exhaust fume ventilation system that removes harmful carbon monoxide fumes from inside the truck bays.

At nearly 10,000 square feet in size the spacious facility includes staff offices, a training room, a large kitchen, laundry, 11 on-site dormitory rooms for on-duty firefighters, a command and control center, an Emergency Medical Service, plus a multi-purpose dayroom. In addition, the facility will also be equipped with a state-of-the-art mobile decontamination station capable of decontaminating up to 700 people per hour.

“I want to thank the Corps of Engineers – specifically Cora Shimabukuro and Tyler Miyamoto – and our contractor Niking Corporation, for their diligence in making this firehouse a reality,” said Enriques.

“This is a great new addition to our fire protection capabilities on Oahu,” said District Chief Glenn Ka’auwai. “The Corps (of Engineers) built us a model facility that will only make our firefighters and their fire protection skills stronger and our response time faster.”

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“The historic opening of this magnificent firehouse clearly shows our District’s continuing strong support and partnership with the Army Garrison,” said Honolulu District Commander Lt. Col. Charles H. Klinge.

The Federal Fire Department Hawaii provides fire protection and emergency medical services to a total of 69,188 acres of military installations and facilities. The consolidation of the U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps and the U.S. Army fire departments comprises 22.2 percent of Oahu’s 380,000 acres. Currently the department consists of 245 trained civilian personnel, 13 fire stations, 28 firefighting apparatus and 13 specialized response vehicles.

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