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**Maalaea Special Response Vehicle --- Testimony in Support**

The people of Maui will be healthier and safer with the addition of a Maalaea Special Response Vehicle (SRV) to the Maui County EMS system. The Maalaea SRV unit will reduce morbidity and mortality among residents and visitors, particularly in the busiest regions of West, South, and Central Maui. The last time new EMS units were added in Maui was nine years ago in 2004. The last four years in particular have brought a steady increase in EMS call volume, adding approximately 1,000 calls per year, from 2009's total of approximately 14,300 calls for service to 2012's total of approximately 17,200 calls for service. Again, this 20% increase in call volume was handled by an EMS system that has had no addition of medic units in the last nine years. The island of Maui still relies on only one full-service hospital, Maui Memorial Medical Center. People of West Maui are particularly affected. They are served by only two ambulances that typically have transport times of 45 minutes to 1 hour or more. When those two busy ambulances are unavailable, the next ambulance responds from South Kihei, with a typical response time to Lahaina and Napili of 40 to 50 minutes, and only if the Kihei ambulance is available. These "out-of-district" responses, especially into West and South Maui, have increased 25% over the past four years, from 160 in 2009 to 200 in 2012 just for those two districts alone. Not only may illness worsen or death ensue during these prolonged responses, the removal of ambulances from their own districts merely creates a repercussion of depleted EMS resources.

Placing a SRV unit in Maalaea will markedly improve this situation. It will be staffed by a highly trained, experienced, and specialized Paramedic. From Maalaea, the SRV unit will be well situated to arrive at calls in the West, South, and Central areas in 10 to 15 minutes or less. Once on scene, the SRV medic will be equipped to provide life-saving Advanced Life Support (ALS) at – or potentially even beyond – the capabilities of a traditional ambulance. This ALS care will mean lives saved and patients stabilized in the critical first moments of an illness, injury, or cardiac arrest. Currently, even when Fire Department personnel are present as first responders, only basic care is provided, as they are not able to offer any of the ALS interventions that would be available from a SRV medic unit. By utilizing a single Paramedic, the SRV unit will not only be cost effective and very inexpensive compared to a traditional ambulance, but it will also be a highly adaptable resource available for field triage, incident command, and other public health and safety functions. The SRV unit would be emblematic of a truly intelligent use of EMS resources, from collaboration with the Maui Medevac helicopter, to utilization of the most appropriate of the various ground transport modalities available now and in the future. The precedent for single-paramedic response vehicles already exists in Honolulu, and models for innovative use of expanded-scope, special response Paramedics are available from North Carolina to Toronto, Canada. As populations and healthcare demands in Hawaii continue to grow, a Maalaea Special Response Vehicle will emerge as a key element of effective prehospital medicine in Maui County.

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Carole Duncan Small	Individual	Support	No

Comments: 23 years ago we needed another ambulance in the Maalaea area. It is way past time to have a permanent ambulance there.

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Cassie Chow	Individual	Support	No

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Chris Arnold	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, My name is Chris Arnold and I am a 20 year resident of Lahaina as well as a full time EMT at Medic 4 ambulance station in Lahaina. Please support this bill 100%. As long as the West Maui Hospital dream drags on we will be using only two ambulances to serve up to 80, 000 residences and visitors. When I was hired 10 years ago Maui county barely reached 11,000 calls. In 2012 we cleared over 17,000 and have only added a South maui ambulance in that time as well as extending the hours at the Kula station. The West side has the same two rigs to handle all the rest. We are a out to open the Lahaina Bypass and I am certain that the amount of critical calls will be at an all time high. Please support an additional ALS unit with medicine a d skill that MPD & MFD do not have. Those agencies are terrific but are BLS at best. So please vote in favor of this bill. The life you save may very well be your own. Mahalo Nui Loa. Chris Arnold

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Chris Rose		Support	No

Comments: On behalf of Maui County Paramedics Association I am writing to support SB 498. The increase of 911 calls in Maui County has been steady. The time it takes to transport a patient from the Westside to the hospital has lengthened because of increased traffic. It also takes longer for an ambulance to return to its district because of traffic. This evolving situation is exacerbated by increased calls for all ambulances in Maui County. When both ambulances on the Westside are out an ambulance from either Kihei or Kahului moves to Maalaea to cover the Westside. Right now, a little more than every other day an ambulance is pulled out of its district to respond to the Westside. The out of district ambulance responding will take up to 30 minutes to get to the patient. Driving Lights and Sirens to a call is the most dangerous part of EMS. More and more we are lengthening the response distances, increasing the chance of an accident. The increased time to get to the patient also decreases the chance of survival for patients in acute distress. A Rapid Response Unit (RRU) would help decrease response distance and time to assist patients. Having a RRU staffed with a Paramedic stationed in Maalaea allows moves to either the Westside, Kihei, Kahului, or Upcountry to cover the area in need. This RRU would also be of great benefit in Mass Casualty events and assisting in the use of Maui Medivac. Our community is growing fast and it is hard to keep up with the growing pains on a limited budget. By passing SB498 we can greatly reduce the pain our community is feeling now. Chris Rose Maui County Paramedic Association President

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Chris Stankis	Individual	Support	No

Comments: That location would bridge the gap between the Kihei unit and the Lahaina area units. Considering the number of times Lahaina area units have to go back and forth to Kahului, it makes sense to have additional capacity.

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Curt S. Morimoto	Individual	Support	No

Comments: SB #498 Testimony Over the past (4) years, increase in resident & visitor populations have resulted in a rise in the number of 9-1-1 calls for Emergency Medical Services in both South & West Maui districts. 2004 was the last year there were any EMS state funds appropriated for upgrades in services. SB #498 supports a 'special response vehicle' operation that will augment Maui EMS in more flexible, need-specific ways. • It will ADD a FASTER response to the entire Maalaea community where there is no current EMS or fire units stationed. Closest for both responses are from Wailuku + Kihei. • This unit will be able to move into (South or West) districts that may have both of their respective ambulances 'on-assignments' thereby creating a FASTER paramedic response than is currently available coming from another (outside) district. • An additional Paramedic resource will be available for multi-casualty incidents 24/7 including assisting Central Maui area. The Maalaea area has increased its call volume by 64% between 2009 and 2012. Additionally, the WEST Maui Ambulance Districts have received 48% more responses that have come from ambulance units that were 'outside' this district including from Kihei, Wailea, + Central Maui. Any ambulance response from 'out-of-district' results in a LONGER response time no matter where they are responding from. This roving, FIRST Response "special response vehicle" will be able to render Advanced Life Support treatment while awaiting transport. Although transport is important, being able to render IMMEDIATE life-saving skills as well as administering critical medications may be the difference between life & death. This Paramedic WILL make a difference on Maui!! Please pass SB #498. Thank you!!

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douglas vant groenewout	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am a paramedic serving maui county for 15 years and the west side injured , sick or otherwise gravely endangered public would benefit greatly from this addition to service.

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Eric Mitchell	Individual	Support	No

Comments: My wife is a paramedic in the town of Lahaina. She has told me several times of patients, some of them critical, having to wait more that 30 minutes to receive advanced life support care because of the Lahaina and Napili ambulance both being busy with other calls.

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james kimmel	Individual	Support	No

Comments: i strongly support SB498 for the srv for south maui, it would be a valuable asset to the community.....james kimmel

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James Nelson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this measure in it's entirety. Mahalo.

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**Jamie**

I am writing this letter in firm **support of SB498**. Following are personal and statistical reasons behind my support.

I currently work within the 911 system on Maui as a paramedic. I have two personal experiences that quickly come to mind where individuals have suffered morbidity and mortality because of delayed response of an ambulance. In fact, in one incident, bystanders were quick to judge ME, personally as “being slow to respond”, not aware that I had to drive 26 plus miles to arrive at the scene. The person I attended to died. I firmly believe had there been special emergency response unit (SRV) within the area, this may not have been the case.

Often times, I hear the two ambulances that support the isolated west side of Maui responding from our only acute care hospital, which is over 20 miles away. My home community of Kihei is usually the one that suffers when both of these ambulances are transporting because one of the two ambulances from Kihei is used to respond to Lahaina. This leads to the community losing the chance for a quick response in cases of an emergency.

I have read that Maui County has the fastest growing population in the state. Not only do we have a blooming local population, but the two areas of the island where this SRV unit would be highly utilized, Kihei and Lahaina, are by far, predominantly tourist destinations. The tourist population on Maui adds upwardly 33% to the local population at any given time. I work within these areas and can attest to the fact that at least 33% of the time I respond to tourists, adding to the need of 911 services in this county. The last 911 ambulance station to open in Maui County was over 8 years ago. I have witnessed firsthand how it has benefited and saved lives, as this is my home unit. I strongly believe that it is again time to support legislation for a new 911 unit in Maui County.

I urge and plead you, please support our rural communities of Maui and vote in favor of SB498.

Sincerely,

Jamie Pagan, EMT-P, CCTP, LPN



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Jayson Kohama	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Due to the ocean activities in this area an ambulance there would be beneficial. Emergencies due to boating and beach goers are common and response time from Wailukumor Kihei are often slowed due to the constant traffic in the area.

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jennifer rosenblad	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am registered nurse in the Maui Memorial Emergency Department. As a charge nurse I take calls directly from our medics out in the field as they give us advance notice of what patient's are coming in to our emergency room. I am keenly aware of the emergency calls that go out and the locations of our medics. Very often Medic 14 (Wailea) or Medic 3(Kihei) will have to go out to Lahaina because the Lahaina Medics 4 and Napili Medics 5 are already out on calls. Often these calls are serious in nature and involve response within minutes. CPR in progress, near drownings, motor vehicle crashes, heart attacks and strokes to name a few. Situations when every second counts. I cannot tell you how many times I listen in the ER knowing that the closest medic is over 30 minutes away, the whole time the patient will be getting worse and worse and our jobs harder and harder to save them. Sometimes medics will drop off patients at the hospital and must return to Lahaina to pick up another and it is unfathomable that they are more than 30 minutes away. Similar situations arise upcountry when both medic 2 and medic 11 are out on calls, or on a medivac transport. Having a medic station in Maalaea is a great start. Please pass this bill! The life you may save may be your own!

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Jesse K. Aloy	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a working paramedic in the County of Maui Emergency Medical Services branch, I am in full support of the proposed SB498, the Special Response Vehicle, which will service not only the West and South Maui districts, but the Central District as well. I feel that this SRV will be extremely beneficial in serving our community, with the primary intent of reducing morbidity and mortality in the sick and injured. With the significant rise in the number of residents on Maui, and subsequently an increase in the number of 911 emergency calls, I feel that the passing of this bill will only benefit our residents in giving them the quality and excellence in EMS that they deserve! Once again, I stand definitely IN FAVOR of this proposal. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Jessica Lani Malsnee	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I fully support SB 498 which would provide a strategically located additional Medic station in Ma'alaea. Mahalo for your time and consideration.

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Jessica Wallace	Individual	Support	No

Comments: My boyfriend is a paramedic. He is a bright and intelligent man who has provided me with insight on Mauis need for this service. I support this bill.

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Johnny Rodriguez	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I work as a registered nurse at MMMC emergency room. This funding is needed to better serve the people on Maui and improve healthcare delivery.

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Jose Saa	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am a Maui County Paramedic. I strongly believe this unit is needed. There is already occasional response delays due to units responding from other districts. This vehicle would help significantly to reduce morbidity/mortality by allowing a quick response paramedic to treat any life threatening injuries/illnesses. Mahalo

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Joseph D Pluta	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This bill will permit lives to be saved. We understand that this unit would be staffed by a Paramedic trained and equipped in Advanced Life Support. As a specialized unit, it may even have the possibility of "expanded scope" care, i.e. the level of care would be at least as high - if not higher - than that currently available on the 9-1-1 transport ambulances. While we appreciate the Fire Department's role as first responders, the SRV Paramedic's scope of practice would also be far higher than the basic treatments MFD can provide. Finally, for the most critical patients, the SRV Paramedic could coordinate prompt utilization of the Maui Medevac helicopter, and for more stable patients he/she would assure the most appropriate transport option to suit each individual circumstance. Please support this bill which is needed to save lives as our ambulance coverages are inadequate. Thank you.

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Karri Jakubek	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a nurse at MMMC and resident of Kaanapali I have concern that Maui does not have enough ambulances to be available for accident victims and those who are ill. The transportation time is long enough by ambulance from the west side and even longer if the ambulance needs to come from Kihei or Kahului. The population is growing as well as tourism requiring additional services.

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Kasumi Johnson	Individual	Support	No

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Kathleen Platt	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I worked as an EMT in Maui County for ten years. Honoapiilani shuts down when ever there is a fatality. The closest ambulance to the tunnel on the East side is Kihei, and/or Wailuku. Time is of the most important essence in EMS for providers. This will save lives, and put a vital link in our growing community. It is very stressful trying to reach the scene of an accident or medical emergency, and the sooner you get there, the better the system works. I am a 43 year Maui Resident, 1973 graduate of Balwin HS, grew up in Kihei. The time to have crews at the harbor for ships in distress, accident on the Pali and Dairy Road is now. Mahalo a nui loa Kathleen Platt. AT 0043

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Kent Manaois	Individual	Support	No

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Kerri Mitchel	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I can not tell you how much the county needs this!

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Lahela Blake	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Emergency response is an issue where seconds often count. Support our emergency responders and give them the tools they need to keep the community safe.

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Lisa Joslin	Individual	Support	No

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Luke Nagle	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a paramedic working on the West Side of Maui I am keenly aware of the challenges that this district present. Not only is West Maui one of the most popular tourist destinations in the state, but it is also home to a growing local population. The area is also home to busy, roadways, beaches, and other locations where dangerous conditions are the norm. Futhermore with no acute care facility on the West Side, transport to Maui Memorial Hospital is often in excess of 20+ miles or 30+ minutes. What seem like the norm for those of us working in this district is responding to a 911 call while still at the hospital or while returning to district. Also, it is common for BOTH West Side units to be either assigned to a case or transporting a patient, requiring that another unit from Central or South Maui must respond, leaving their own district. What this ultimately results in is delayed response, assessment, and treatment of patients, with increase in morbidity and mortality a real possibility, and harsh reality. In short I believe that a paramedic-staffed "Special Response Unit" based out of Ma'alaea would provide rapid assessment and early treatment for patients in these cases. I believe this model has been shown effective in Honolulu and in other areas nationwide, and would ultimately prove helpful to EMS, and improve public safety on Maui.

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Luke Wirth	Individual	Support	No

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Malia Welch	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I feel it is in the best interest of the community of Maui.

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Melissa Pavlicek	Individual	Support	Yes

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Nathan Dang	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Pam Daoust	Ma'alaea Community Association	Support	No

Comments: The Ma'alaea Community Association supports SB498, as it will provide a much needed life-saving service on Maui. Ma'alaea is an ideal location for an SRV (Special Response Vehicle) Paramedic unit, because it is centrally located between Central, West and South Maui. Ma'alaea itself currently must be serviced by one of these other areas, as it has no service of its own. This can result in considerable delays if services are needed elsewhere, in more populated areas. An SRV in Ma'alaea makes sense both in providing coverage for Ma'alaea itself and in allowing for a more prompt response to multiple emergencies in other locations where delays could prove life threatening. As Maui's population continues to grow, access to emergency, first response treatment becomes even more desperately needed. Please support this bill. Thank you.

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Patricia Morine	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This is a much needed service. Ideally it should be a fully staffed ambulance. However a response vehicle will certainly help. The Tourist population is often overlooked. It swells our population to more than double the local population. The lahaina & Napili ambulances are frequently busy requiring south shore Kihei ambulance to respond to the west side or to Kahului. A Maalaea based vehicle is ideally located.

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Patrick Brault	Individual	Support	No

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rebecca youlin	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As an ICU RN, I know that time=muscle in the body. Every minute that a patient has to wait for paramedics to arrive can be a matter of life vs death. To think that we don't ALREADY have an ambulance at Maalaea at all times to cover central Maui, as well as the west and south sides is disheartening. By funding this bill, we will help ensure that more people have a chance to get the help they need in crisis.

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Robin Wallin	Individual	Support	No

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rodercia rodrigues	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ryan Joslin	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I work as a Paramedic in Lahaina. As a conservative estimate. I would say that at least once a shift an out of district ambulance (coming from either Kihei or Wailuku area) is required to respond to the west side of the island because both of those medic units are running calls or transporting patients. Simply put, its approximately 35 minutes that a patient would have to wait in order to recieve advanced life support care. If this person is having a stroke, cardiac event, or suffering a traumatic injury, this direct measurable delay in the arrival of an ALS assest virtuallyl gaurantees a worsened condition by the patient and greater health care costs.

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Senator Josh Green  
Chair, Senate Committee on Health  
Re: Senate Bill 498  
Letter in Support

Dear Senator Green:

I am writing to you to support SB 498 to establish a Advanced Life Support Rapid Response Unit in Maalea Maui. As an Emergency Physician I know that you are well aware that a key link in the American Heart Association's Chain of Survival is access to rapid Advanced Life Support. Access to rapid ALS is also a key link to survival of many out of hospital emergency conditions such as stroke, internal bleeding, and victims of trauma. Indeed, the "golden hour" is dependent on a rapid initial response to direct a critical trauma patient to the appropriate means of transport to life-saving resources.

As Maui grows, the emergency medical services system is often strained by simultaneous calls and by long response and transport times. It is not unusual for both West Maui ambulance units to be simultaneously engaged in patient care and transport. It is also not unusual for both South Maui ambulance units to be similarly engaged with patient care. Whenever one of these situations occur, an ambulance from another district must be re-positioned to provide a shorter response time to an open district. This leaves emergency response to that unit's primary service area as well as to the vacated service district delayed....a net system loss of response times to both regions.

Further exacerbating this challenge is the new requirement from the State EMSSIP Branch that every ambulance must stay at the hospital until an electronic patient care record is completed except in certain circumstances. Since a serious/critical EPCR involves many fields of data collection besides the documentation of patient care provided, these EPCRs may take an additional 30-60 minutes to complete, sometimes longer depending on the complications of the case and signature collections. Provisions to release an emergency ambulance have been made, providing that a hand written Brief Ambulance Report (BAR) is completed and scanned. This means that emergency ambulance personnel must write out a BAR before they leave the hospital, further delaying the process.

Even if an ambulance is immediately able to respond to the West Side, it would take over 30 minutes to respond to Lahaina and over 40 minutes to reach Napili. And it would take more than 20 minutes to respond to Kihei and well over 30 minutes to respond deep in to Wailea. These response times are not consistent with the AHA's Chain of Survival, nor with documented survival times needed to survive critical medical and traumatic emergencies.

As a former member of the State Emergency Medical Advisory Committee for 8 years and as a member and the Facilitator for the Maui County EMS Advisory Committee for over 30 years, I understand system planning and resource allocation.

I believe that an Advanced Life Support Rapid Response Unit (RRU) placed in Maalaea and that is flexibly deployed to open areas would solve these issues. A RRU can be strategically positioned when ambulances are out of district. An RRU can help coordinated and direct the MEDEVAC helicopter when it is needed. The RRU can help in triage and directing appropriate resources in an multiple casualty incident. And the RRU can help provide Advanced Life Support Coverage (thus strengthening the Chain of Survival) whenever an emergency ambulance is unable to respond in a timely manner for any reason. And since an RRU would be staffed by only one MICT, ALS coverage would be provided in a cost efficient manner.

For these reasons, I urge you to support SB498.

Thank You for your attention,

Scotty Schaefer MICT  
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Shawn Donohue	Island Aquatics	Support	No

Comments: I support measure SB 498

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Steven Rossi	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in support of this bill because it is vital to this evergrowing community. As a paramedic in Maui, I understand how quickly all our resources can be depleted, given there are only 9 ambulances on Maui. Benefiting the Westside and Southside as well as the Central Maui area, this Unit would be able to respond rapidly to calls when other units are either transporting other patients or at the scene of other calls, to be able to assess and treat accordingly, no doubt reducing the morbidity and mortality rate in Maui. I have been a part of too many calls involving critical patients who need Advanced life support care in minutes and we are unable to provide them with this because all of our ambulances are at the hospital, requiring a unit from an outer district to come in. The data is all there for you folks to see, it is time the people of Maui get an appropriate emergent response time. Thank you!  
Steven Rossi EMT-Paramedic Maui County

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Sunni Balisco	Individual	Support	No

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Tamara Paltin	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I work in the public safety field and have contacted central dispatch numerous times (911), if the two ambulance in our district are being used it takes a very long time to get back ups to our area. Maalaea is such a central location this will be very beneficial to the people and as time goes on I am certain lives will be saved. Especially if more development occurs we need to keep up with the needs of the people and emergency/first responders!

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Vijak Ayasanonda	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am a physician and resident of Kaanapali and have seen multiple times when both Napili and Lahaina ambulances are unavailable, either on a call or at the E.D. at the same time. With the lack of alternative roadways, this leaves multiple residents on the West Side dangerously at risk. In event of a Stroke, Heart Attack or trauma, every minute counts and to have NO ambulances available is unacceptable. Unless a new roadway that cuts through the mountain and cuts down on travel time can exist, a reasonable alternative would be to have another EMS station in Maalea

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