
Relevant Experience:

2019 – Current – County of Maui Fire and Public Safety Commission, Chair

2022 – 2024 Chair of Commission, 2020-2022 Vice Chair.

Duties include chairing monthly Commission meetings, monthly briefings from MFD Fire Chief, Deputy Fire Chief, Operational Section Assistant Chief, Support Services Assistant Chief, and Maui Emergency Management Agency; Chair of the 2022 Temporary Investigative Group: Selection and Hiring of County of Maui Fire Chief. Responsible for researching and coordinating background information and assessments for all candidates and presenting that information to the full Commission for review.

Aug 2023 – Maui Wildfire EOC (Volunteer), Assisted MEMA Logistics Chief and Planning Chief with fulfilling time-sensitive resource and communication requests during initial phases of Emergency Response between MEMA, HIEMA, FEMA, MPD, MFD, HIANG, USCG, and County of Maui agencies; filing, routing, and fulfilling FEMA/MEMA ICS forms 213RR and 214; communication and coordination with national USAR team leaders in the field with the vendors, resources, and other agencies required to fulfill the objective successfully and efficiently. Attended and recorded Incident Operational Period update briefings meeting minutes for the Planning Chief.

Employment:

2005 – Current – Vares Contracting, Inc: General Manager.

Duties include estimating engineering and production costs for excavation and construction projects; drafting and presenting project proposals and contracts; applying and submitting project permits through the County permitting process; Invoicing, Accounts Payable/Accounts Receivable; and maintaining permanent chronological files and records. Maintains and updates all required insurances and the State of Hawaii Contracting Board licensing for ABC-licensed Excavation and Construction General Contractor.

1998 - 2006 - Blue Hawaiian Helicopters, Air Maui Helicopters: Ramp Dispatcher.

Duties included expediting flights on a helicopter ramp via radio communication with pilots, daily flight scheduling, and pre-flight calculations for safe weight and balance of the aircraft. Expediting flights, fueling, loading, and unloading aircraft.

1998 – Haleakala National Park: Endangered Species Management.

Intern duties include endangered species protection via predator control trap lines and documentation. In-field and office work classifying the threats posed and successes earned in the campaign to protect critically endangered birds.

Education:

1994 - 1998 – University of South Carolina, Bachelor’s Degree, German Language.

1998 – US National Park Service Flight Safety Training, Haleakala National Park

2014 – HECO/MECO Substation and Under-line Safety course for Contractors

2020 – FAA, DOT, UAS Drone pilot license, Cert #4174387

2023 – Level 1 Anti-Terrorist Awareness Training, US Joint Chiefs, JKO

2023 - HAZWOPER-40 training