

## Media Advisory

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## Firefighters from All Hawaiian Islands Train at PTA

PŌHAKULOA TRAINING AREA, HILO, HAWAII (June 26, 2023) —

U.S. Army Garrison Pōhakuloa Training Area is hosting the Hawai'i Fire Department "The Nozzle Forward" course on July 1-2, 2023. This structural firefighting training will bring a subject matter expert from Washington State to teach cutting edge techniques to 50+ participants from across the Hawaiian islands, state, and federal departments. Designed as a Train-the-Trainer type event, participants return home to teach their department personnel the unique skills and procedures. Expected organizational impacts include:

- 1. Decreased time to water on the fire
- 2. Decreased time to fire under control
- 3. Risk reduction, increased life safety
- 4. Reduced property loss
- 5. Improved company cohesion
- 6. Increased professionalism and morale
- 7. Promote positive public image
- 8. Capacity building
- 9. Member professional development

July 1 will primarily be classroom-setting and July 2 will be hands-on training at Military Oriented on Urban Terrain (MOUT) Facility.

## Contact for questions on the training:

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