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Kauai County Fire Dept. Opinion Survey

The Kauai Fire Department takes pride in the service provided to the community and is seeking ways to improve performance. In preparation for the development of a four-year Strategic Plan, the department is asking residents to share their opinions through an online survey. The public input will help identify key issues, opportunities and challenges regarding the department and the services they provide including fire prevention and suppression; ocean safety (life guards); search and rescue; and first responder services to medical emergencies.

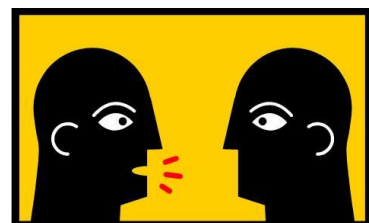


The short online survey is available at www.kauaifiredept.net. It will take about five minutes and responses will be accepted until September 15. The Strategic Plan is scheduled to be completed in June 2015 and will be available to the public online.

Those who wish to complete the survey but do not have access to the Internet may contact Kauai Planning & Action Alliance (KPAA) at 632-2005 and a copy will be mailed or faxed. Questions about the survey can also be directed to KPAA by email at kpaa@kauainetwork.org.

The Value of Civil Discourse

As you may have noted, in the past year public dialog on some key issues has led to a large share of conflict, confrontation and rancor. It has led us to wonder how we can ensure productive dialog among our citizens as life on Kauai becomes more complex, with competing interests and values.



KPAA encourages cooperation and collaboration, yet we recognize these are reliant on civil discourse where everyone strives to engage in conversation to enhance understanding, maintain objectivity,

respect other participants, avoid hostility and appreciate others' experiences. The National Institute for Civil Discourse defines it as a "robust, honest, frank and constructive dialogue and deliberation that seeks to advance the public interest."

"People can have very different values and political preferences, but can still discuss these differences in a civil manner," says Brint Milward, former director of the institute. "We have to listen to our opponent's arguments and look for areas of common interest, not because we want to, but because the structure of our government with its checks and balances demands it if we are to govern this country effectively." KPAA urges everyone to acquire and consistently practice these skills during discourse about issues confronting us in the months and years ahead. We invite you to share your ideas with us about how this can be encouraged. Email us at: kpaa@kauainetwork.org.

Empowering the Next Generation, One Connection at a Time



Almost 100 partners and community members participated in the June 5 and 6 Keiki to Career Kauai events featuring Karen Pittman, President & CEO of The Forum for Youth Investment. The purpose of the gathering was to discuss what young people need to be ready for college, work and life, including:

- ✓ A wide range of competencies, not just a degree or certificate
- ✓ Supportive relationships with caring adults who empower and nurture them
- ✓ Quality learning opportunities at home, school and community

Keiki to Career Kauai (K2C) is actively building partnerships with educators, nonprofits, government and businesses across the island to strengthen the network of services and supports for young people.

One exciting project is bringing together the K2C High School – Postsecondary Committee, Kauai Chamber of Commerce Education Subcommittee, County of Kauai Workforce Investment Board, Kauai Community College and Kauai Economic Development Board to connect business and schools. The "Chamber to School" Resource Directory will contain information about mentors, internships and guest speakers available in local businesses with the goal of increasing college and career readiness among students.

For more information or to list your business in the directory, please contact Stacey Gillette, Keiki to Career Coordinator, at stacey@kauainetwork.org or 808.482.4425.

Progress at Hawaii Green Growth

Since 2006, KPAA has been tracking indicators and reporting trends on issues important to our community (see <http://www.kauainetwork.org/publications/kpaa-reports-and-publications/>). KPAA has become part of a statewide team that is emerging to identify statewide and county indicators on sustainability. The governor, all four county mayors and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs have all agreed to support this effort.

This project will serve as a great complement to KPAA's *Measuring What Matters for Kauai* community indicators report. The new Hawaii



Green Growth (HGG) initiative is a voluntary partnership of more state, county, federal, business and non-governmental leaders. Indicators are being created for clean energy, solid waste, food production, natural resources, the built environment, and green jobs. In an online website, indicators will report progress toward defined targets and encourage action to "move the needle." To date the following targets have been set to be achieved by 2030:

- ✓ **Clean Energy:** 70% clean energy – 40% from renewables and 30% from efficiency

- ✓ **Local Food:** At least double local food production so that 20-30% of food consumed is grown locally
- ✓ **Solid Waste Reduction:** Reduce the solid waste stream by 70% through source reduction, recycling and bioconversion

As this newsletter is being issued, a meeting is being held on Maui to confirm the indicators for clean energy and begin selection of solid waste indicators.

Facebook – Like Us!



Kauai Planning & Action Alliance continues to post on Facebook the latest news about our activities and related member and community information. We invite you to **Like Us** at <http://www.facebook.com/kauainetwork.kpaa>

Mahalo to KPAA's New and Returning Members since April 2014

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- County of Kauai, Elderly Affairs
- County of Kauai, Fire Department
- Garden Island Resource Conservation & Development
- Get Fit Kauai
- Hawaiian Islands Land Trust
- Kauai Community College
- Sierra Club of Hawaii-Kauai Group

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Become a KPAA Member!

Join others who believe that by collaborating and working together we can solve challenging issues facing Kauai. Becoming a member is easy - just [follow this link](#) to join a great network of people and organizations working to make Kauai an even better place for all of us.