

HAWAII WING | 2023



This aerial image taken by 1st Lt. Daniel Severino after wildfires swept across the island of Maui reveals the devastation in the town of Lahaina.

Hawaii Wing Responds to Catastrophic Fires on Maui

About 5:30 p.m. Aug. 8, the Hawaii Wing was called to provide support to Maui County and the state of Hawaii during the Maui wildfires. Strong winds had fueled three major brush fires on the island, causing residents and visitors to evacuate. The governor's office quickly issued an emergency declaration, and the Hawaii Wing was assigned to the mission through a partnership with the state Emergency Management Agency and Maui County.

Wing members captured striking aerial images and footage of the fires' devastating effects on Lahaina, Kula, and Pulehu on Maui Island. Civil Air Patrol members of the Pacific Region, including the chaplain corps, and the CAP Geospatial Team worked alongside county, state, and federal agencies to provide essential support in the aftermath of the disaster.

Members collected photos of the fire-ravaged areas, conducted aerial disaster assistance announcements, assisted with distribution of food and water, provided chaplain support, augmented satellite-based internet

services to the disaster area, provided air management expertise to the Maui Emergency Operations Center, and produced remote damage assessments of more than 2,100 structures. In total, 62 CAP members volunteered in response to the Maui wildfires — some traveling to Hawaii from the mainland to provide support.

"The Hawaii Wing contributed mightily to county, state, and federal agencies' disaster response," said Col. Stacy Haruguchi, wing commander. "This was the deadliest wildfire in the U.S. over the past 100 years.

"The dedication and selflessness of our volunteers during this disaster exemplify the highest standards of civic responsibility and community service."

Civil Air Patrol plays an essential role in the state's disaster preparedness through the Tsunami Warning System and in the support needed after natural disasters like wildfires, volcano eruptions, hurricanes, and more.

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Volunteer Members

342 adult members
381 cadets
58 aircrew personnel
393 emergency responders

Squadrons

10 locations statewide

Aircraft

9 single-engine
1 glider

Vehicles

14 vehicles

Interoperable Communications

7 VHF/FM repeaters
81 VHF/FM stations
24 HF stations

Missions

10 search and rescue missions
2 disaster relief missions
7 air defense intercept training and evaluation missions
3 CAP, Air Force ROTC, and Junior ROTC cadet orientation flight missions
6 other Air Force support missions
14 training missions
2 other state support missions
3 other missions in support of partner agencies and organizations or local municipalities

Significant Events Supported in Fiscal Year 2023

Sentry Shield
Koa Shield
Tsunami warning
Maui Fires support
Mauna Loa Eruption support
25th Air Support Operations Squadron joint terminal attack controllers (JTAC) support

Cadet Flying

495 CAP, Air Force ROTC, and Junior ROTC cadet orientation flights

Total Hours Flown

1,352

Financial

\$18,701 in state funding
\$3,006,935 value of wing's volunteer hours

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