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## PTA celebrates Fire Prevention Week

POHAKULOA TRAINING AREA, Hawaii—It was a week to commemorate a timeless reminder of the dangers of fire and the Directorate of Emergency Services/Pohakuloa Fire and Emergency Services hosted various activities at Pohakuloa Training Area (PTA) during Fire Prevention Week, October 6-10.

PTA Fire Department encouraged PTA employees to stop by the installation Recreation Center where static displays and fire/emergency procedure demonstrations were held. The displays included various fire apparatus and rescue equipment. Their ambulance was on display, and firefighters gave blood pressure screenings to any employee that wanted to know how they were doing. John R. Vierra, assistant fire chief, DES/Pohakuloa Fire and Emergency Services, said.

It was also an opportunity to meet PTA's firefighters.

Firefighters gave fire extinguisher training, how to properly hold and use the firefighters' water hose, and shared information on how to escape a fire at home or the work place to PTA's employees. They also taught interested employees some life

saving techniques during their non-certification cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) classes.

“It was very educational as John (Vierra, PTA assistant fire chief) gave us information regarding the proper use of the fire extinguisher, understanding expirations and the various classifications extinguishers,” said Bruce Arsiga, General Dynamics informational technology technician. “I also feel more confident doing CPR now because the updated training was a refresher course for me.”

According to internet sources, Fire Prevention Week was established to commemorate and remind people of the two-day Great Chicago Fire of 1871, wherein 250 people died, more than 100,000 were left homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures, and burned more than 2,000 acres.