

# Firefighters Honored!



Campbell Estate's CEO Steve MacMillan (third from left) and HECO's CEO Michael May (third from right) present a gift of appreciation to HFD Chief Attilio Leonardi (center) for Oahu firefighters. Mayor Mufi Hannemann (center rear) and Fire Commissioners were present for the presentation ceremony.

**BY VOICE OF KAPOLEI STAFF**

Hundreds of City and federal firefighters, and military and civilian pilots on Oahu battled the recent rash of brush fires that burned hundreds of acres in Leeward Oahu.

Their massive efforts successfully contained and extinguished the worst brush fires ever seen on the Leeward coast.

In a gesture of gratitude, Campbell Estate and Hawaiian Electric Company joined to give every firefighter on Oahu a gift of appreciation. About 1,250

personnel received a supermarket certificate worth \$20. They include about 1,100 Honolulu Fire Department personnel, 30 federal firefighters, and more than 100 military and civilian pilots who provided air support.

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From left to right, Michael May, Steve McMillan, and Congressman Daniel Inouye

"It is a credit to all the firefighters that the Nanakuli brush fires -- and those before and since -- did not cause major injuries or damage," said Mayor Mufi Hannemann. "Hundreds of acres were charred, and more fires are being reported every day. On behalf of the City & County of Honolulu, we extend our appreciation to Hawaiian Electric Company and the James Campbell Estate for this generous and thoughtful gesture."

"Flames literally licked the edges of our Kahe Power Plant, the largest on this island," said HECO's CEO Michael May. "HECO personnel protecting the plant were fortunate to work in complete cooperation with the terrific county and federal firefighters

to make sure no customer lost electric power due to this devastating fire. Everyone owes a big mahalo to these brave men and women, and this gift is just a small token of that thanks."

"This was the worst brush fire in memory in this area, both in acres burned and duration," said Steve MacMillan, CEO of Campbell Estate, which contracted private helicopter service to help fight the fire. "Crews from all parts of Oahu worked through long days and nights to contain it with no loss of life and little loss of property, despite the many acres unfortunately burned. We owe them a tremendous debt of gratitude."