



MINISTRY OF WORKS, TRANSPORT & INFRASTRUCTURE

NEWS BULLETIN

CIVIL AVIATION DIVISION

ANNUAL SAFETY AUDIT FOR AIRPORT OPERATORS

The Regional Safety Office PASO, with assistance from the MWTI-CAD Staff conducted safety audits for all the four (4) airports in Samoa. The audit findings concluded that all airports were operating within the requirements of Civil Aviation Rules Part 139—Aerodromes: Operations, Certification and Use.



CAD Staff and PASO Inspector during Annual Audits of Savaii Airport



Samoa Air Brittan Norman Islander & Cessna on ground at Maota Airport

ANNUAL SAFETY AUDIT FOR AIR OPERATOR AND APPROVED MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION CERTIFICATE

The Regional Safety Office PASO with assistance from MWTI-CAD Staff conducted the annual safety audit for Polynesian Airlines with regards to their Air Operator Certificate (AOC) and Approved Maintenance Organisation Certificate (AMO) and concluded that the Certificate Holder is compliant with the requirements.

During this timeframe, the Air Operator Certificate was amended to meet Annex 6 requirements.



Licensing Team with a copy of the new Air Operator Certificate

CIVIL AVIATION ACT REVIEW

A meeting was conducted between the MWTI, Office of the Attorney General, SAA General Manager and World Bank Legal Consultant Mr. Kim Murray to discuss ways to enhance the Civil Aviation Act 1998.

Drafting Instructions have been sent to the Office of the Attorney General for further progress of this issue.

THREAT & RISK ASSESSMENT WORKSHOP

Principal Officer Aviation Security Yvonne Mariner-Viliamu attended the Threat & Risk Assessment Workshop from 23 – 25 April in Auckland NZ. Lessons learnt from this workshop are being utilized as the basis for instigation of a Threat and Risk Assessment for Aviation in Samoa.

The Principal Officer conducted a training session to share knowledge learnt from the workshop which was attended by various members of the Ministry.



AIRPORT MAJOR EMERGENCY EXERCISE

The Samoa Airport Authority conducted the Airport Major Emergency Exercise on 10 May 2013. This is in compliance with Civil Aviation Rules Part 139 which mandates that these exercises be conducted every two (2) years.



MV Samoa Express conducted its dry docking at Pago Pago American Samoa from 3rd June to 15 June 2013 where the Marine Surveyor, Aisiga Nauma attended on behalf of the Ministry in ensuring that this passenger/cargo vessel is fully maintained to the safety level require under MWTI's regulations. The docking was about two weeks long to complete all the areas concerned to maintain its safety and seaworthiness before continuing its normal routine in carrying passengers and cargoes between the two islands of Upolu and Savaii as well as engaging in charter trips for Tokelau and American Samoa.



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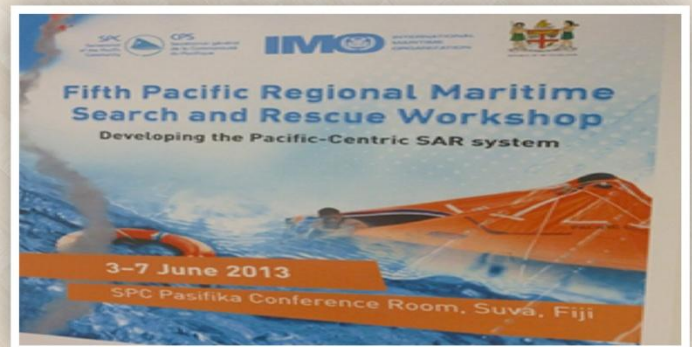
The MWTI was represented by the CAD and were selected as referees for the exercise.

The exercise scenario was that of a plane crash due to being unable to maintain altitude.

Airport entities that participated were, FESA, POLICE and the RED CROSS. The exercise was deemed a mild success.

One of the requirements for all the vessels engage in carrying passengers and cargoes is to continue to manage and operate in a more safely manner in the implementation of its manuals and documentations as well as the execution of the crew responsibilities stipulated in the ISM Regulation 2004 and ISM Code 2002. MV Lady Naomi's ISM Certificate was due to expire on the 18th June 2013 whereby the Auditors team of Tapaga Collins and Makerita Atonio conducted the ISM Audit on the 12th June 2013. This was to ensure that the ship's management team and the company are well aware of their obligations under the ISM Code and Regulation with prompt implementation towards fulfilling the requirements under ISM Regulation and Code.

MARITIME DIVISION



Search and Rescue is one of the major activities involving the Maritime Division, taking part as a Leading Agency in the coordination of search and rescue from the Maritime

perspective when it comes to accidents affecting the maritime environment. Every two years, the IMO in collaboration with the Secretariat of the Pacific Community continues to offer Search and Rescue Trainings for the Maritime and Civil Aviation Officers to keep them afresh and fully equipped with the appropriate knowledge and enhancing understanding on the relevant issues and aspects relating to SAR. Ioane Efeso of the Maritime Division represented the Ministry to this workshop in June 2013. This was a great opportunity not only for him as a new recruit to familiarize himself but also for all SAR authorities in the region to allow themselves to share views and best practices concerning regional SAR issues and to promote co-operative approaches to the achievement of a safer Pacific maritime environment.

Under the STCW Convention 1978/1995 and STCW Regulation 1998, Maritime Division in fulfilling its obligation from the Administration perspective in preparing and conducting Masters and Engineers Examinations continues to do so. Master Class 4 and Engineering Class 4 Examinations were carried out from 10 to 11 June 2013 respectively, whereby eight seafarers from the Samoa Shipping Corporation sat the Master Class 4 with only three candidates taking the Engineer Class 4. This type of examination will only take place when those candidates applied to the Ministry have successfully met the prerequisites for Class 5 and Class 4 Masters and Engineering Examinations.

ASSET MANAGEMENT BUILDING DIVISION

GOVERNMENT HOUSING TRANSFER

The official transfer of Samoa Government Housing portfolio to Samoa Housing Corporation was effective on the 1st of July this year as per Cabinet directive FK(12)28.

Mr Siaki Lelevaga, the Principal of Works Officer in-charge of the management of these Government residential flats accepted an offer from the Samoa Housing Corporations to work for their Corporation. The Government Housing Committee and the Ministry is supportive of Siaki's move to SHC to assist with the smooth transfer of works during the transition period as it is in the best interest of sustaining Government Housing works.



THE NATIONAL BUILDING CODE UNDER REVIEW

The National Building Code 1992 is due to undergo upgrading works soon. As such, the works will be assisted financially by both UNDP and AusAID.

We have started consultations with Mr Leo Fonseka. Mr Leo Fonseka, President of the Management Resources for Good Governance or MaRGG, is here for two months before another consultant will be arriving under this scheme to carry on with the work on hand.

SMALL ISLAND DEVELOPING STATES (SIDS) CONFERENCE 2014 AT FALEATA SPORTS COMPLEX

Design & Construction of New Hockey Stadium at Faleata Sports Complex by Schwarz Construction is underway. .

Some of the works included in these projects is the proposal for construction works to upgrade the Samoa Sports Facilities Authority (SSFA) Buildings at Faleata.

Design and Construction of a New Media Centre at Faleata Sports Complex is also being advertised and will be opened/closed on the 15th July 2013.

ADRA-SAMOA RECOVERY SHELTER

A Cabinet Submission was made to inform the launching of an ADRA-Samoa assisted shelter which was conducted on 21 June 2013 at Tafitoala. The EU-ECHO funded programme would benefit 100 vulnerable households with low income, headed by females, have disabled and elderly family members. The Programme will focus on districts such as, Siumu, Safata, Fagaloa (Musumusu) and Tafitoala. The time frame for this project is 2 months.

LAND TRANSPORT DIVISION

ROAD MAINTENANCE

Continuity of monthly visitations to areas that were severely affected by cyclone Evan is still a priority for the Land Transport Division. Maintenance of roads that were not affected is also taken into account during these visitations. Road maintenance works are in progress, meanwhile the LTD is also focusing on ways to curtail flooding in the urban area.

Road maintenance visitations were commenced on the 20th March; the eastern parts of Upolu were visited on the 21st May and continued through the 23rd May in the Western side. Currently, Togafu'afu'a and Vaimoso are undergoing bridge construction as well as an intersection in Togafu'afu'a. LTD are keeping an eye on these road construction works in order to ensure the safety of the public on a daily basis.

followed by the cutting of the ribbon by the Minister of Work, Transport & Infrastructure Honourable Manu'alesagalala Enokati Posala.

The Water treatment plant will distribute water to the whole of Neiafu including Falealupo and Tufutafoe. Service will be extended to Falelima and to Aopo after instalment of pipe lines in these villages. The residents showed gratitude for the Government's huge effort in addressing water shortage after years and years of coping with the issue.

The Government extend its gratitude to the village for their support and patience while the work was carried out



WATER FOR NEIAFU

Leota Kapeneta Perelini, ACEO for the Land Transport Division and Officer Robert Bartley represented the Ministry in the opening of the Neiafu water treatment plant on the 23rd May 2013. The completion of this project is one of the milestones made by the Samoa Water Authority in hopes to distribute and deliver good quality water throughout the entire country. The keynote address of the day was made by Honourable Prime Minister Susuga Tuilaepa Sailele Malielegaoi

POLICY AND PLANNING DIVISION

In 1962, Samoa was like the world it is today, people were controlled by dictators or rulers. Empires flocked in to take advantaged of its people and their land. Fortunately, patriots like Tupua, Malietoa and Mataafa didn't like to be controlled; they were willing to fight for freedom. First day of June 1962, became a milestone, Samoa became independent and gained freedom from bondage.

1st of June yearly, Samoa celebrate independence, it is that time of the year where we pay tribute to the men and women who fought for our freedom. This year's independence celebration was greeted by heavy rain and thunderstorms, but it didn't hindered the preparations of each government ministries, corporations, schools and also tourists to participate and enjoy the special events being organized.

As usual MWTI staff join others for the opening ceremony and show off their bright off-white elei uniform as they march in honoring of our founding fathers for their courage and wisdom. The government approved a public holiday for the whole country. But for MWTI staff, it was a well needed day off, to spent time with family and friends but not PC monitors and papers.



TRANSPORT SECTOR PLAN

The Ministry of Work, Transport and Infrastructure seek to recruit a Transport Sector Planning expert to assist in the development and formation of a Transport Sector Plan (TSP). As a result, IPA and KVA a Joint Venture was approved by the Tenders Board and the contract was signed on the 7th June, 2013 with the hope to have the work done within 50 working days. The expert is required to ensure full ownership of the Transport Sector Plan by the lead Ministry which is the Ministry of Work, Transport and Infrastructure and key stakeholders. In addition, the work to be undertaken will be agreed in advance in close consultation with the lead Ministry (MWTI).

CORPORATE SERVICE DIVISION

NEW RECRUITS

MWTI welcomes on board new staff members



AISIGA NAUMA
Marine Surveyor Officer
Maritime Division

LIZABELLA ROPATI

Policy and Development Officer
Land Transport Division



CHRISTOPHER LATULIPE

Senior Payroll Clerk
Corporate Services Division



ELIZABETH TOOMATA

Principal Strategic and Planning Officer
Land Transport Division



PROMOTERS

Sandy Magele from Junior Accounts Clerk to Senior Clerk Typist

Hileina Illiganoa Tui from HRMIS Data Entry Officer to Human Resource Training Officer.

Leao Fiaalii from Office Assistance to Junior Accounts Clerk

MALO LAVA!!

A big faamalo goes out to our Account Section of the Corporate Service Division for the work well done. As of June 27th 2013, the MWTI commitment list stands at a nil balance making it the first Ministry to clear its debts in the past fiscal year. Every financial year, significant transitions encircle the Ministry; however, with the department's commitment, hard work and team effort, we can all celebrate success. Thank you! Let's work together to accomplish more in the upcoming financial year.





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