Annual Report
Fiscal Year 2013–2014

Hawaiʻi Police Department
County of Hawaiʻi
Mission Statement

The employees of the Hawai‘i Police Department are committed to preserving the Spirit of Aloha. We will work cooperatively with the community to enforce the laws, preserve peace, and provide a safe environment.

Vision Statement

The Hawai‘i Police Department is committed to providing the highest quality of police service and forming partnerships with the community to achieve public satisfaction making the Big Island a safe place to live, visit, and conduct business.

Core Values

- Integrity
- Professionalism
- Compassion
- Teamwork
- Community Satisfaction
Dear Commissioners:

Fiscal Year 2013–2014 was the first full year the Hawai‘i Police Department operated under accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). CALEA sets guidelines for improving public safety services as we develop and maintain a body of professional standards designed to enhance law enforcement as a profession.

One indication of the success of accreditation was the reduction in public complaints. Notarized complaints to the Police Commission dropped 31 percent — from 55 complaints in Fiscal Year 2012–2013 to 38 complaints in Fiscal Year 2013–2014. We provide training to our officers not only in how to investigate crimes, but also in victim sensitivity, cultural diversity and aloha.

During this fiscal year, we continued to hold community meetings at rotating locations throughout the eight police districts on Hawai‘i Island. The meetings allow the public to become acquainted with me and the Police Department’s command staff and to discuss concerns with the commanders who oversee police operations in the district in which each meeting is held. Community input from these interactions has helped us improve operations and strengthen our relationship with the community we serve.

In addition to the “Meet the Commanders” meetings, we conducted “Active Shooter” presentations around the island to help individuals learn how to increase their survivability should they encounter an active shooter or other incidence of active violence.

These types of community meetings, in conjunction with Community Policing operations throughout the island, help us stay in touch with the needs of our community.

I am honored to oversee the dedicated men and women of the Hawai‘i Police Department as we continue to develop partnerships with the community so we can work together to keep you safe.

Sincerely,

Harry S. Kubojiri
Police Chief
Hawai‘i Police Department
Hawai‘i County Police Commission

The Honorable William P. Kenoi
Mayor, County of Hawai‘i
25 Aupuni Street
Hilo, Hawai‘i 96720

Dear Mayor Kenoi:

In Fiscal Year 2013–14, the Hawai‘i County Police Commission held monthly meetings at sites in Hilo, Kona and Waimea.

We had the privilege of attending various community functions, such as monthly police commander’s meetings, recruit graduations and police week ceremonies. We attended the State of Hawai‘i Police Commissioners Conference, where we discussed common interests and concerns of civilian oversight in the State of Hawai‘i. We also attended the Hawai‘i State Law Enforcement Association Conference where we learned of current threats and trends in law enforcement.

We are committed to our duties of civilian oversight and service to the Police Department and people of Hawai‘i County. It has been an honor to serve as Police Commissioners.

Sincerely,

JOHN M. BERTSCH
Chair
Hawai‘i County Police Commission
Nine Big Island residents serve on the Hawai‘i County Police Commission. The mayor appoints one member from each district and each appointment is subject to confirmation by the Hawai‘i County Council.

The commission’s most important responsibilities, as delineated in the Hawai‘i County Charter, are to appoint and remove the police chief at its sole discretion, confirm the chief's appointment of a deputy chief, and consider public complaints against the department or any of its members and then submit findings to the chief.

According to the County Charter, the commission’s other functions are to:

- Adopt rules it may consider necessary for the conduct of its business and regulation of the matters committed to its charge, and review the rules and regulations of the department
- Review the department’s annual budget prepared by the police chief and make recommendations thereon to the managing director and mayor
- Submit an annual report to the mayor and the County Council
  ‣ Advise the police chief on police-community relations
  ‣ Hire personnel necessary to carry out its functions
  ‣ Evaluate at least annually the performance of the police chief and submit a report to the mayor, managing director and County Council

During Fiscal Year 2013–2014, the Police Commission members were:

- Council District 1 — Carol R. Ignacio / Peter L. Hendricks
- Council District 2 — Leroy J. Victorine
- Council District 3 — Keith Morioka
- Council District 4 — Jeffrey T. Gray / Karolyn P. Lundkvist
- Council District 5 — Ka‘ili Pe‘a-Ferrari
- Council District 7 — Kenneth T. Ono
- Council District 8 — John M. Bertsch
- Council District 9 — Guy Schutte
The mission of the Special Response Team is to support the Hawai’i Police Department and any other requesting law enforcement agencies with a response to critical incidents, such as hostage situations, barricade situations, sniper situations, high-risk warrant service and special assignments. The team also provides security for visiting dignitaries.

The Special Response Team consists of specially selected officers who train extensively throughout the year to ensure operational readiness. SRT includes a crisis negotiation team that receives special training to develop communication skills that are necessary for defusing volatile situations.

SRT’s incident commander, tactical team, crisis negotiation team and support personnel conduct scenario training multiple times a year at different locations throughout Hawai’i Island to ensure operational readiness.

From July 2013 through June 2014, the Special Response Team responded to one barricaded situation, served two high-risk warrants and participated in ten special assignments. The special assignments included six security details, one specialized equipment assist, one search/track, and two district assists.

The Special Response Team is also tasked with managing the department’s conducted electrical weapon program, firearms instructor program and patrol rifle program. In addition, SRT provides training to recruit officers in basic tactics and active shooter response along with participating in community outreach programs.

From its inception through June 2014, SRT responded to 140 incidents.
Community Policing

Commanders: Area I, Lt. Darren Horio/ Area II, Sgt. Floyd Cody Richards

The Hawai‘i Police Department continues to expand and improve its Community Policing partnerships with community, neighborhood and business organizations. These partnerships help the police department with preventing crime, reducing the fear of crime, arresting those who commit crimes and providing a safe environment through the use of proactive problem-solving techniques, enhanced community awareness and increased community and neighborhood involvement.

At the end of Fiscal Year 2013–2014, the Community Policing Unit had 38 authorized positions island-wide, including a supervising sergeant in Area II and a lieutenant in Area I. Of those, 27 positions were allocated for community police officers, six for school resource officers, two for HI-PAL officers and one for a civilian.

Community Policing officers maintain constant communication with community, neighborhood and business leaders and organizations to address not only criminal and traffic issues, but also social issues as well, such as homelessness, parks and recreations safety. These officers offer communities a variety of crime prevention methods and presentations, community and youth beneficial events, and traffic safety and enforcement. Beside the continual establishment of Neighborhood Watches, Community Police Officers continue to coordinate other government and private agencies together with community and business groups to pursue the mission of safe neighborhoods and communities.

Community Police bike patrols in downtown Hilo, Banyan Drive, Pāhoa Town, Kailua Village and Ali‘i Drive have proven very effective in addressing street-level crimes, public nuisance complaints, special community events, reoccurring problems and property crimes. Bike patrols provide officers with the advantage of speed, stealth and surveillance for liquor violation, drug use and traffic enforcement. The improved presence further increases safety for our island’s visitors and residents.

School Resource officers assigned to intermediate and elementary schools build positive choice relationships with the students while providing assistance and guidance to school staff and faculty for safe and drug free campuses. Officers mentor students daily and participate in school intramural activities. School Resource Officers also provide D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) classes during the year, ending with a D.A.R.E. Day reward for all D.A.R.E. graduates in Kona and Hilo filled with local celebrities, food and fellowship.

HI-PAL officers and staff strive to provide a variety of youth oriented activities throughout the year targeting children who may be “at risk” of being either crime victims or making poor personal choices. These activities are provided and designed to teach and steer youth toward healthy and legal choices.
Other notable Community Policing/HI-PAL activities include:

- Merrie Monarch Festival
- Downtown Hilo Ho’olaulea
- Hilo July 4th festivities
- Kona Independence Day Parade
- Kona Christmas Day Parade
- Keiki ID projects
- Graffiti paint-over projects and beautification projects
- Sign-waving projects that raise community awareness about domestic violence, child/vehicle safety, traffic safety, drug abuse and other community concerns
- Child Passenger Safety Seat Checks and clinics
- Downtown Hilo Neighborhood Watch Aloha Patrol
- Kokua Pāhoa meetings and activities
- VASH meetings and activities
- Bicycle Patrol in Pāhoa, Downtown Hilo, Banyan Drive, Kailua Village, county parks and at special events

During Fiscal Year 2013 – 2014, Community Policing officers worked in partnership with the following groups, resulting in the following outcomes:

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Commanders

Paul Ferreira
Deputy Police Chief

Marshall Kanehailua
Assistant Chief
Administration

Henry Tavares
Assistant Chief
Area I Operations

Paul Kealoha
Assistant Chief
Area II Operations

Samuel Thomas
Major
Administrative Services Division

James O’Connor
Major
Technical Services Division

Randy Apele
Major
Operations Bureau Area I

Mitchell Kanehailua
Major
Operations Bureau Area II
Office of Professional Standards/Criminal Intelligence Unit

Commander: Capt. Kenneth Bugado Jr.

The Office of Professional Standards and Criminal Intelligence Unit report directly to the police chief.

Office of Professional Standards (OPS)

Office of Professional Standards Mission Statement

The mission of The Office of Professional Standards is to protect and serve the public, the employee and the department through fair, thorough and proactive investigations of alleged misconduct, while preserving the spirit of aloha.

The primary responsibility of the Office of Professional Standards, formerly known as the Internal Affairs Unit, is to ensure the integrity of the Hawai‘i Police Department by performing fair and thorough investigations of alleged misconduct by its employees. The Office of Professional Standards conducts investigations of complaints brought directly to the attention of the department or through the Hawai‘i Police Commission.

The Office of Professional Standards conducts Quality Control and Compliance Inspections of department areas, property, vehicles, personnel and issued equipment. The unit also assists administration personnel in conducting the department’s drug testing program.

During Fiscal Year 2013 – 2014, the Office of Professional Standards conducted 17 administrative investigations, 27 internal inquiries into actions by police department personnel and provided 33 in-service training sessions to employees. The Office of Professional Standards also conducted 31 quality control and compliance inspections of various elements of the department to prevent abuse, misuse, fraud and waste of department resources.
Criminal Intelligence Unit (CIU)

The mission of the Criminal Intelligence Unit is to collect, evaluate, analyze, and disseminate intelligence data regarding criminal and terrorist activity to aid the Hawai‘i Police Department in a proactive approach of enforcing laws, preserving peace and providing a safe environment.

The Criminal Intelligence Unit consists of two detectives and four officers assigned to Police Headquarters, equally divided among the Hilo and Kona stations. The unit is commanded by a captain, who reports directly to the Office of the Chief.

The Criminal Intelligence Unit gathers information from all sources in a manner consistent with the law in support of efforts to provide intelligence on the existence, identities and capabilities of criminal suspects and enterprises. The unit also conducts background investigations on applicants seeking employment with the Hawai‘i Police Department and criminal history checks for other county, state and federal agencies.

The Criminal Intelligence Unit is part of the Inter-Island Criminal Intelligence Unit, which includes the intelligence units of the Honolulu Police Department, Maui Police Department and Kauai Police Department. The Criminal Intelligence Unit is a member of the Law Enforcement Intelligence Unit, which is composed of law enforcement agencies in the United States, Canada and Australia.

The Criminal Intelligence Unit is also part of the Joint Terrorism Task Force, whose mission is to partner with the FBI to maximize cooperation and to create a cohesive unit capable of addressing the most complex terrorism investigations.

In addition, the Criminal Intelligence Unit is part of the U.S. Marshal’s Service Hawai‘i Fugitive Task Force, whose mission is to investigate and arrest — as part of a joint law enforcement operation — persons who have active state and federal felony warrants for their arrest.

During Fiscal Year 2013—2014, the Criminal Intelligence Unit provided intelligence Information, which, in whole or in part, led to the initiation of 211 criminal investigations, submitted 354 intelligence reports, conducted 360 criminal history checks and provided 144 in-service training sessions.
The Administrative Bureau is divided into two divisions: Administrative Services and Technical Services. A police major heads each one.

Administrative Services Division

The Administrative Services Division includes the Accreditation Section, the Finance Section, the Word Processing Center, the Public Relations Section, the Community Relations Section, the Human Resources Section, the Training Section and the Special Response Team.

The Accreditation Section is responsible for maintaining accreditation for the Hawai’i Police Department. The staff consists of one lieutenant, who is the accreditation manager, two sergeants and a clerk. Since the adoption of the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA)® accreditation standards by the police chief in November 2012, the Accreditation Section has assisted in raising the bar on professionalism at our agency. Accreditation has been successful because of our personnel’s commitment to its value and to professionalism. In August 2015, the department will again be under review by independent assessors as we work together to retain accreditation.

The Finance Section is responsible for payroll, accounts payable, officers’ gas and oil accounts, special duty work, inventory and other finance-related tasks.

The Word Processing Center is responsible for transcribing all narrative police reports that sworn personnel dictate into an internet/web-based Dictation Enterprise Platform system. The system was implemented in September 2010, replacing an aged and outdated on-site digital recording system. Throughout the 2013–2014 fiscal year, the Word Processing Center managed to keep up with the high workload through hard work and perseverance. The dictated reports transcribed by the Word Processing Center are routed via the Records Management System for officers’ approval and timely prosecution. The reports become the official documents that detail the Police Department’s criminal investigations. The Word Processing Center consists of one clerical services supervisor, one assistant clerical supervisor, and 13 clerks. In Fiscal Year 2013–2014, nearly 30,000 reports were transcribed totaling more than 283,000 minutes of dictation.

The Public Relations Section is responsible for maintaining the department’s website and Nixle alerts, responding to inquiries from the news media, producing the cable access television program “Hawai’i Island’s Most Wanted” and publishing the department’s annual report and employee newsletter. In Fiscal Year 2013–2014, the department published 634 media releases to the department’s website and through the Nixle service that allows the public to receive text messages, emails or both directly from the Police Department.

The Community Relations Section is
responsible for maintaining programs to help the community and increase its awareness of police operations, which include station tours for civic groups, students, parents and out-of-town visitors as well as managing requests for speakers on police-related subjects for community groups, scouts and schools.

In Fiscal Year 2013–2014 the Human Resources Section—in cooperation with the Hawai‘i County Department of Human Resources—conducted various open and internal recruitments for sworn and civilian vacancies, which resulted in the hiring of 30 police recruits, eight police radio dispatchers, five inter-governmental movements, three school crossing guards, one custodian, one clerk III and one secretary. Internally, there were 33 temporary promotions to police officer III, five promotions to police sergeant, four promotions to detective and four promotions to police lieutenant.

During Fiscal Year 2013–2014, the Training Section conducted training for the 81st Police Recruit Class, which began with 30 police officers. It was the first recruit class that received “Aloha in Difficult Times” and “Cultural Diversity” training. Those training topics will be incorporated into future recruit classes. Recruit officers received a wide variety of field training while riding along with and being evaluated by field training officers. That training included the practical applications of criminal investigations, principles of police patrol, interview and interrogation, constitutional and citizens’ rights, federal, state and county statutes, and other topics pertinent to law enforcement.

Also during this year, the Police Department provided 69,047 hours of instruction and training to its sworn police officers and civilian employees. Those training sessions covered a wide variety of topics selected to meet the department’s three primary training initiatives:

- To improve the overall quality of services the department provides to the Hawai‘i Island community, personnel received training on numerous topics, which included the Americans with Disabilities Act, cultural awareness, domestic violence awareness, service animals and mobility devices, and people with disabilities. The department also continued its training program pertaining to community policing philosophies and strategies to be employed by all officers.
- To keep abreast of the latest investigative techniques and law enforcement trends, personnel from the Criminal Investigations Sections, Juvenile Aid Sections and Vice Sections attended a wide variety of training courses provided by nationally recognized presenters. They included drug investigations and deportation proceedings, courtroom testimony and presentation, domestic violence and sexual assault training, and at-scene traffic crash/traffic homicide investigations.
- To provide employee development training opportunities to both sworn and civilian employees during this fiscal year, training covered such topics as prevention of workplace violence, discipline, workplace safety, customer service, investigating workers’ compensation and accident claims, basic skills for the new supervisor, ethics, and a unique training program that teaches participants to provide service with aloha.
The Technical Services Division is in charge of the Communications Dispatch Center, Communications Maintenance Section, Computer Center, Records and Identification Section and Traffic Services Section.

During the 2013–2014 fiscal year, the Communications Dispatch Center received 215,425 9-1-1 calls, a 30.9 percent increase compared with last fiscal year, with 12.1 percent of those transferred to the Hawai‘i Fire Department. A total of 190,851 calls for service were documented during this fiscal year, a 15.9 percent increase over the previous year. Mondays (with 37,397 calls for service) and Fridays (with 37,257 calls for service) were shown to be the busiest days.

All requests for police service are recorded, logged and assigned by Dispatch personnel using a Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system with six to seven dispatchers on shift at any given time. Work has also begun on seeking a new CAD to be compatible with upcoming Next Generation 9-1-1 Services.

The Communications Dispatch Center continues to work with wireless service providers to enhance the Wireless Enhanced 9-1-1 system deployed in April 2007. It also continues to edit and add new layers to the Positron mapping system, which helps 9-1-1 operators locate callers.

During the fiscal year, 6,059 transactions for the Master Street Address Guide were completed, including changes of addresses, insertions and deletions of street records, and customer change reports.

In late August 2013, Hawai‘i County became the first in the state to deploy the Next Generation enabled Intrado “Viper” platform which replaced its aging E-9-1-1 Sentinel Call Taking system. Eventually, this system will allow Next Generation 9-1-1 services such as Texting to 9-1-1.

The Communications Maintenance Section is responsible for maintenance and repair of all county-owned radio sites. This includes towers, shelters, microwave radios, repeaters, base radios, mobile radios and handheld portable radios. The Communication Maintenance Section installs and maintains all radio and emergency warning equipment in the Police Department’s fleet and subsidized vehicles. During Fiscal Year 2013–2014, the Communications Maintenance Section completed installations in 130 Police Department vehicles and eight Public Works road department vehicles.

An additional responsibility assigned to the Communications Maintenance Section is the repair and maintenance of Civil Defense sirens. The radio shop crew responded to 46 civil defense siren failures and 17 preventive maintenance calls in Fiscal Year 2013–2014. During the same time period, the Communications Maintenance Section conducted 134 preventive inspections and maintenance of the district stations and radio sites.

The Computer Center is responsible for interconnectivity between all stations and substations, assuring a secured networking infrastructure, installing and maintaining computer equipment, installing and troubleshooting software systems and providing technical assistance for varying computer issues. During Fiscal Year 2013–2014, the Computer Center continued to support and maintain approximately
300 desktop computer systems, primarily purchased in 2003, and more than 300 Mobile Data Terminals installed in officers’ vehicles. The Computer Center responded to 3,921 calls and provided 30 hours of in-service training, up from the previous fiscal year by 14.2 percent and 10 percent, respectively.

The Records and Identification Section is responsible for police records, evidence, fingerprint examinations, processing subpoenas and court documents, compiling and disseminating statistical information and processing firearm permit applications and registrations—including thorough background checks on each individual applying for a long gun or handgun permit.

In the 2013–2014 fiscal year, the Records and Identification Section issued 4,438 firearms permits, registered 11,770 firearms, processed requests for 2,519 copies of criminal reports and 4,804 copies of traffic reports, and processed 18,040 court documents and 7,666 fingerprints.

During the 2013–2014 Fiscal Year, the Hawaii Police Department requested reimbursement of $441,431.15 in federal grant funds—which the Traffic Services Section oversees—for traffic enforcement and equipment purchases to improve traffic safety. Police continued efforts to make Hawai’i Island roadways safer by using the grant funds to pay for overtime for checkpoints and other enforcement projects aimed at reducing injuries and deaths in motor vehicle crashes by increasing seat belt use rates, apprehending impaired drivers, and enforcing laws pertaining to distracted drivers, speed regulations and “outlaw” road racing.

Other Traffic Services Section highlights include:

- 94 road closure permits issued
- 228 violation letters sent out to motorists
- 51 school crossing guard checks conducted
- 127 impound letters sent out to owners of abandoned vehicles
Operations Bureaus

Area I — East Hawai‘i

**Commanders:** Assist. Chief Henry Tavares • Maj. Randy Apele

The Area I Operations Bureau includes investigative and patrol operations in East Hawai‘i. Its districts include Hāmākua, North Hilo, South Hilo and Puna—an area encompassing 1,685 square miles. A captain heads each of the four patrol districts.

Area II — West Hawai‘i

**Commanders:** Asst. Chief Paul Kealoha • Maj. Mitchell Kanekailua

The Area II Operations Bureau includes investigative and patrol operations in West Hawai‘i. The 2,345 square-mile area includes the districts of North Kohala, South Kohala, Kona and Ka‘ū, each headed by a captain.
Criminal Investigations Divisions

Commanders: Area I — Capt. Robert Wagner • Area II—Capt. Chad Basque

The Police Department’s investigative operations fall under the Criminal Investigations Divisions—one in Area I and one in Area II. CID commanders oversee the operations of the Criminal Investigations Section, Juvenile Aid Section and Vice Section with operations in both Area I and Area II. Area I also includes the Crime Lab in Hilo.

Criminal Investigations Sections (CIS)

Commanders: Area I—Lt. Gregory Esteban • Area II—Lt. Gerald Wike

The Criminal Investigations Sections (CIS) investigate all major crimes, such as murders, felony assaults, major property crimes and financial crimes. In addition, CIS detectives respond to all reported suicides, child deaths and other deaths with questionable circumstances.

Area I Criminal Investigations Section detectives investigate felony cases in the South Hilo, Puna, North Hilo and Hāmākua Districts. During Fiscal Year 2013–2014, Area I CIS investigated 2,060 crimes. Of those, 789 were burglaries, 389 were thefts, and 308 were financial crimes. In comparison with the previous fiscal year, this represents a 64.3 percent increase in the number of burglaries, a 44 percent increase in thefts, and a 208 percent increase in financial crimes. The overall clearance rate was 70 percent. Area I detectives investigated three murder cases and seven attempted murder cases.

Area II Criminal Investigations Section detectives investigate felony cases in the South Kohala, North Kohala, Kona and Ka‘ū districts. During Fiscal Year 2013–2014, Area II CIS investigated 1,150 crimes. Of those, 214 were burglaries, 241 were thefts, and 296 were financial crimes. In comparison with the previous fiscal year, this represents a 38 percent decrease in burglaries, a 44 percent increase in thefts, and a 208 percent increase in financial crimes. The overall clearance rate was 67 percent. Area II detectives investigated one murder and three attempted murder cases, which were solved by the end of the fiscal year.

Among the many cases investigated by the Criminal Investigations Sections, the following were particularly noteworthy:

- On December 23, 2013, a 22-year-old-Kailua-Kona man reported being approached by two men on Ali‘i Drive and asked for drugs and cash. When he refused, they assaulted him, forced him into a vehicle, stole personnel items and held him at knife point, demanding money. The victim was held for more than an hour before persuading his assailants to drive him to the home of a family member so he could get cash. Once there, the victim was able to get away after a family member came to his assistance and called the police. Further investigation by detectives confirmed the identities of both suspects. On January 8, 2014, detectives arrested and charged a 31-year-old man with kidnapping, first-degree
robbery, first-degree terroristic threatening and fourth-degree theft. His accomplice, a 29-year-old man, was arrested the following day and charged with kidnapping, first-degree robbery and first-degree terroristic threatening.

Fiscal Year 2013–2014 involved the conclusion of the murder of Brittany Jane Royal, who was strangled to death on or about May 27, 2013, by her boyfriend, Boaz Johnson. Royal’s body was found floating in the ocean by a fisherman. On January 2, 2014, Johnson’s body was discovered hanging from a tree in a remote area of Kalapana. A handwritten note was located nearby, which contained Johnson’s confession in Royal’s murder. Autopsy results revealed that Johnson died of asphyxia due to hanging and that the cause of death was suicide. The case was routed to the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney for final disposition.

On January 22, 2014, police initiated a missing person report after family members reported that a 37-year-old man was last heard from on Thanksgiving Day, 2013. Following a tip received by an anonymous person through “Crime Stoppers,” detectives continued the investigation and on March 11, 2014, located human remains in a vacant field in South Kohala. During an autopsy the medical examiner identified the human remains through dental records as being the missing person. The cause of death was blunt force trauma to the head and the manner of death was homicide. The case was reclassified to a murder investigation. Following a lengthy investigation that incurred hours of intense field work and investigative interviews and interrogations, detectives were able to identify a suspect in the case. A total of 17 search warrants and/or administrative subpoenas were drafted and served. Working closely with the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, the investigation was completed and forwarded to their office for prosecution. On June 9, 2014, a Grand Jury indicted a 55-year-old Kawaihae man on one count of second-degree murder, and on June 12, 2014, detectives arrested and charged him with the offense. At the time of his arrest the suspect was already incarcerated awaiting trial for numerous drug and firearm offenses.

On April 17, 2014, detectives responded to a reported stabbing at a Waikoloa home. Investigation revealed that a 35-year-old man had entered into an acquaintance’s home, where they got into an altercation. The 20-year-old victim was cut and stabbed by the suspect and ran to a nearby house for help. Responding officers located and arrested the suspect at the scene. The victim was transferred to Oahu for treatment of life threatening injuries. Detectives recovered drugs and a semi-automatic handgun at the crime scene. On April 19, 2014, the suspect was charged with attempted second-degree murder and first-degree burglary.

On May 23, 2014, police arrested a 28-year-old man for stabbing three individuals in Hilo. He had approached a couple on Keawe Street, stabbed both of them for no apparent reason and then proceeded to a home in the Wainaku area, where he stabbed a third victim. The man was located and charged with numerous offenses, including two counts of attempted second-degree murder and one count of attempted first-degree murder. All three victims survived.
Juvenile Aid Sections (JAS)

Commanders: Area I—Lt. Lucille Melemai /Area II—Lt. Gilbert Gaspar

The Juvenile Aid Sections are primarily responsible for the investigation of sexual assaults of adults and minors, domestic violence and other family-related crimes, and internet crimes involving child exploitation. The Juvenile Aid Section also investigates runaways, truants, curfew violators and juveniles involved in serious crimes.

The Juvenile Aid Section is divided into three specialized units: Sex Crimes Unit, Domestic Violence Unit and the General Detail Unit. Two officers, one in Area I and one in Area II, are trained as canine handlers. With the use of their tracking dogs, they assist in investigations of missing persons.

In January 2013, four new detectives were promoted into the Area I Juvenile Aid Section to replace recently retired or transferred detectives. They received training in domestic violence and sexual assaults, including sexual assaults involving children.

As of July 16, 2014, a sex assault unit detective has been temporarily assigned to the Area II Criminal Investigation Section. In addition, all personnel assigned to the Area II Juvenile Aid Section are cross-trained and all have received training in sex assaults, including training in investigating sex assaults involving children. Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners are available to assist detectives in conducting forensic examinations on victims of sexual assault.

During the 2013-2014 fiscal year, the Area I Juvenile Aid Section investigated 1,142 cases – of which 168 reports of sexual assault and 517 reports of domestic violence. This is in addition to 192 investigations of juveniles involved in serious crimes and status offenses (such as runaway, truancy, protective and placement services, and curfew violations), and 265 other offenses related to sexual assault, domestic violence, juvenile offenses or personal-assist type of investigations.

During the 2013–2014 fiscal year, Area II Juvenile Aid Section detectives investigated 449 cases, including 142 sex assaults, 22 domestic violence cases, other crimes against women, child pornography and juvenile related crimes. This includes investigations of juveniles involved in serious crimes and status offenses (such as runaways, truancies, protective and placement services and curfew violations) and additional offenses unrelated to sexual assaults, domestic violence or juvenile offenses. In addition, 154 miscellaneous reports were investigated by Area II Juvenile Aid Section detectives.

Among the many cases the Juvenile Aid Sections investigated this fiscal year, the following were particularly noteworthy:

- In July 2013, Area I Juvenile Aid Section detectives investigated a child abduction case cooperatively with the Union County Sheriff’s Office in the State of Illinois. Sheriffs requested assistance in locating a 37-year-old woman wanted in their state on felony warrants. She was believed to be somewhere in the Puna District. Detectives located the woman and the abducted children and returned the children to their custodial parent. The woman waived extradition and returned to Illinois.

- In August 2013, Area I Juvenile Aid Section detectives continued the
investigation into a reported stabbing in the Puna District. An adult male was found stabbed and unresponsive at his home. His girlfriend was arrested for a domestic-related murder and, after detectives conferred with the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, was released pending investigation. The investigation has since been forwarded to the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney pending final disposition.

› In November 2013, Area II Juvenile Section Detectives continued an investigation of abuse after Kona Community Hospital staff reported that an 18-month-old infant had been admitted unresponsive and with multiple bruising. The infant was moved for further treatment to Kapi'olani Children’s Hospital in Honolulu, where he subsequently died. A medical examination finding determined that the manner of death was suspicious and consistent with abuse. This investigation was continuing at the close of the fiscal year.

› In January 2014, Area I Juvenile Aid Section detectives investigated a child sexual assault investigation cooperatively with the San Bernardino County Sheriff’s Department in California. Sheriff’s requested assistance in locating a 52-year-old woman and a 56-year-old man who were wanted in their state on felony warrants. They were believed to be somewhere in the Puna District. Detectives located them. They both waived extradition and returned to California.

› In April 2014, Area I Juvenile Aid Section detectives investigated several domestic related investigations involving different victims and the same suspect, a 25-year-old man. Detectives initiated an island-wide search for the suspect, who fled from police several times and drove to various locations around Hawai’i Island with one of the victims. The suspect was apprehended in the South Kohala District with the help of several concerned citizens. He was arrested and charged with several felony, misdemeanor and traffic offenses.

**Vice Sections**

*Commanders: Area I — Lt. Mark Farias • Area II — Lt. Sherry Bird*

The Vice Sections — consisting of the Ice Task Force, Drug Enforcement Administration deputized Airport Task Force and General Detail — are primarily responsible for preventing and suppressing all forms of commercialized vice activity, including prostitution, gambling, cruelty to animals and the importation and distribution of illegal narcotics.

The Area I and Area II Vice Sections each have two narcotics detection canine teams, with an additional canine team assigned full time to the Airport Task Force. The Airport Task Force focuses its investigative efforts on the importation and exportation of illegal narcotics and/or proceeds from narcotics distribution by focusing on parcel interdiction at the various mailing services and at the two main shipping ports of entry and by conducting passenger screenings at the various airports. The General Detail focuses its efforts on investigations involving cruelty to animals, gambling, prostitution and the commercial promotion of marijuana. The Ice Task Force focuses its efforts on the importation and distribution of crystal methamphetamine, as well as cocaine, heroin, designer drugs and diverted
prescription pills.

Crystal methamphetamine (also known as “ice”) continues to be the greatest drug threat to the community, as the drug is continually being imported into the island from Honolulu and the West Coast by way of body carriers and parcel services.

The abuse of pharmaceutical prescription drugs (known as “pharmaceutical diversion”) continues to remain an alarming drug threat in the United States, including in Hawai‘i County. It has been reported that pharmaceutical drugs—legally prescribed or diverted—were present in approximately 90 percent of the search warrants executed for illegal narcotics. The most commonly recovered pharmaceutical drugs during these investigations were oxycodone, hydrocodone, methadone and illegal steroids.

In November 2008, Hawai‘i County voters passed a bill for an ordinance making the adult personal use of marijuana the lowest law enforcement priority of the Hawaii Police Department. The bill prohibits the Hawai‘i County Council from accepting any federal funding for marijuana eradication. During the sixth year of this bill, the Hawai‘i Police Department’s Vice Sections recovered 4,295 marijuana plants despite the absence of eradication missions. The Hawai‘i Police Department continues to research and develop new ways to solve the problem of commercial cultivation and distribution of marijuana in the County of Hawai‘i. Abuse of medical marijuana laws, which were enacted in Hawai‘i in 2000, also is common.

Vice officers belong to the statewide Hawai‘i Narcotics Task Force and are involved in joint operations with the Drug Enforcement Administration, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The Vice Sections are also a part of the Hawai‘i High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Task Force. They continue to strive to identify, infiltrate and dismantle drug trafficking organizations in Hawai‘i County from the street to the highest level.

In 2013–2014, Area I Vice Section officers conducted 1,269 drug investigations resulting in 235 arrests and 903 charges. In addition, Vice officers recovered the following illegal drugs:

- 10.462 pounds crystal methamphetamine
- 1,269 marijuana plants
- 209.301 pounds of dried marijuana
- 62.01 grams of hashish
- 18.10 grams of heroin
- 1.256 pounds of cocaine
- 266 assorted prescription pills

In 2013–2014, Area II Vice Section officers conducted 983 drug-related investigations, which resulted in 228 arrests for 782 charges. In addition, Area II Vice officers recovered the following illegal drugs:

- 7.7 pounds crystal methamphetamine
- 1,026 marijuana plants
- 50.31 pounds of dried marijuana
- 23.24 ounces of hashish
- 6.25 grams of heroin
- 27.69 ounces of cocaine
- 1,618 assorted prescription pills

Among the many cases investigated, the following were particularly noteworthy:

- In September 2013, Vice Officers executed search warrants on a 55-year-old man’s Kailua-Kona apartment and vehicle. They recovered 6,727 grams (14.8 pounds) of dried marijuana, drug paraphernalia items and documents that identified the...
man’s banking institutions. During the investigation that followed, officers recovered $165,954 from his bank accounts. The money was seized for forfeiture. The man was arrested for commercial promotion of marijuana, promoting detrimental drugs and drug paraphernalia. He was later released pending further investigation.

In October 2013, Vice Officers concluded a narcotics investigation in which a 35-year-old man was arrested for importing crystal methamphetamine to Hawai‘i Island. Although he previously lived on Hawai‘i Island, he lived on the mainland at the time of the investigation. Vice Officers located him as he disembarked from an airplane that had just arrived from the mainland. When they contacted the man, he was found to be in possession of approximately 6 ounces of crystal methamphetamine concealed in his clothing. He was arrested and charged with methamphetamine trafficking and drug paraphernalia.

In January 2014, the Area II Vice Section collaborated with the United States Probation Office on an investigation involving a 39-year-old methamphetamine distributor who was on federal probation for previous narcotics offenses. Upon executing a search warrant on the distributor’s vehicles and home, officers recovered one pound of crystal methamphetamine and gathered valuable intelligence about methamphetamine distribution occurring on Hawai‘i Island and within the State of Hawai‘i. The distributor was arrested and charged with state narcotics offenses and was taken into custody for violating the terms and conditions of his federal supervision.

In April 2014, the Area II Vice Section worked with special agents from the State Department of Public Safety’s Narcotics Enforcement Division, after a 31-year-old woman and a 27-year-old man were attempting to pass forged prescription documents at several pharmacies in the Kona area. They were arrested on 10 counts of promoting dangerous drugs and nine counts of prohibited acts. They were later released pending further investigation, which will be completed by Narcotics Enforcement Division special agents.

In April 2014, the Area II Vice Section assisted the Area II Criminal Investigations Section after narcotics were observed at a home occupied by a 20-year-old man who was the victim of an attempted murder. Upon executing a search warrant on the premises, officers recovered approximately 1.5 pounds of cocaine, 1.3 grams of methamphetamine, 2.4 grams of marijuana and $7,120 in cash. At the end of the fiscal year, the responsible man continued to recover from his injuries and the narcotics investigations had been routed to the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney for prosecution.

In April 2014, Area II Vice Section officers arrested a 29-year-old man after officers recovered 121.6 grams of crystal methamphetamine concealed on his person when he was arrested for an outstanding warrant of arrest. While contacting this man, officers observed a 31-year-old man, who also had an outstanding warrant of arrest, seated in a nearby vehicle. Officers arrested the second man for the warrant and discovered an additional 15 grams of crystal methamphetamine located in a toddler car seat next to the seat he was occupying. The men were arrested and charged with one count each of methamphetamine trafficking and drug paraphernalia.

In June 2014, the Area II Vice Section,
working with cooperation from a privately owned cargo shipping company, conducted a narcotics canine screening of cargo that had been shipped from California to Hawai‘i. After a positive canine alert, a search warrant was prepared and executed on the contents of the cargo. Officers recovered 19 heat-sealed packages, each of which contained dried, processed marijuana, with an aggregate weight of 21 pounds. A 53-year-old man was identified as the intended recipient and he was arrested for commercial promotion of marijuana.

In May 2014, a suspicious parcel was located at a private shipping company in Hilo. The parcel was screened by narcotics canine “Primo,” who alerted to the scent of a narcotic. After the execution of a search warrant on the parcel, police recovered 4.25 pounds of crystal methamphetamine. The parcel was destined for a 37-year-old man on Kaiwiki Road. After it was determined that Vice officers would attempt a controlled delivery, police enlisted the help of the Drug Enforcement Administration’s Airport Task Force. Four days later, the controlled delivery was conducted at the Kaiwiki Road address. The man left the home with the parcel and stopped at several locations before opening it. The parcel was secured and five individuals determined to be multi-ounce drug dealers were arrested for first-degree meth trafficking and drug paraphernalia.

In July 2014, while screening incoming parcel packages at a private shipping warehouse, a parcel box sent from El Cajon California to the Hawaiian Paradise Park subdivision in Puna was selected for a canine screening. Narcotics canine “Miki” alerted to an odor of narcotics emanating from this box. After executing a search warrant, police recovered 28 grams of “ice.”

In June 2014, Area I Vice Officers executed a narcotics search warrant on a vehicle at the beach area of Hilo break wall. A 58-year-old man was arrested after officers recovered 24.5 grams of crystal methamphetamine along with a smoking pipe and drug paraphernalia associated with the distribution and consumption of crystal methamphetamine. Also recovered were 22 live rounds of ammunition. The man was charged with attempted meth trafficking, two counts of promoting a dangerous drug, two counts of drug paraphernalia and two weapons offenses.

In July 2014 Vice officers executed a narcotics search warrant at a home in Hilo, where they recovered 16.2 grams of crystal methamphetamine, 48.5 grams of dried marijuana, three ice smoking pipes and drug paraphernalia associated with the distribution and consumption of crystal methamphetamine. A 50-year-old man was arrested on three counts of meth trafficking, five counts of promoting a dangerous drug, five counts of drug paraphernalia and one count each of attempted meth trafficking, promoting a detrimental drug and resisting arrest.
On March 31, 2014, Criminalist II Edward Oshiro retired with 29 years of service. At the end of the fiscal year, interviews were scheduled to fill the vacant Criminalist I position and vacant Evidence Specialist I position.

The Crime Lab completed 1,630 cases assigned in this fiscal year, compared with 1,583 in Fiscal Year 2013, 1,488 in Fiscal Year 2012 and 1,394 in Fiscal Year 2011. Crime Lab casework requests consisted of 935 that were drug related, 619 for latent print development, 51 that were firearm related, 25 for biological evidence processing and one for forensic computer analysis. In early 2014, Crime Lab personnel completed their first Forensic Computer case, after having attended Basic Computer Evidence Recovery Training provided by the U.S. Secret Service. All training expenses, equipment and software licenses were provided by the U.S. Secret Service.

Crime Lab personnel conducted 50 in-service training sessions for Area I and Area II Operations, with a total of 519 personnel receiving Crime Lab related forensic services training. The Evidence Specialists assisted in 26 call-outs that included major crime scenes, traffic fatalities, autopsies and requests for specialized evidence processing. Crime Lab personnel provided community service through public speaking engagements for the Onizuka Science Day Program, UHH Upward Bound Program and high schools.

In Fiscal Year 2013-2014, the Crime Lab received a Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement grant of $26,830 for training. With the grant funds, Crime Lab personnel and detectives from Area I and II were able to attend various training events, which included the American Academy of Forensic Sciences’ Annual Scientific Meeting, Clandestine Laboratory Investigating Chemists’ Annual Technical Training Seminar and a Basic Bloodstain Pattern Analysis course. The Crime Lab also assisted in coordinating a training course in DNA for investigators for both Area I and Area II Operations and participants from the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, State Attorney General’s Office, Maui Police Department and Kauai Police Department.
Area I Patrol Districts

Hāmākua District

Commander: Capt. Andrew Burian  
Area: 223 square miles / Authorized sworn positions: 18

The Hāmākua District ended the 2013 – 2014 fiscal year with an increase in burglaries, having 25 reported cases compared with 20 from the previous fiscal year. Twelve of the burglaries were solved, for a clearance rate of about 48 percent. The number of reported thefts dipped to 70, down from 82 the previous year, with a clearance rate of more than 100 percent due to the clearance of thefts reported in previous years.

A man involved in a number of thefts in the Honoka’a area was apprehended after he was observed entering a rental car and removing cash. Officers worked with the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney and obtained a geographic ban prohibiting him from entering the Honoka’a Town area except during specific times and for specific reasons.

Traffic enforcement remains a priority in the Hāmākua District. Unfortunately, major traffic collisions increased slightly from 45 to 49 in fiscal year 2013 – 2014. Hāmākua Patrol officers issued more than 2,400 citations. Of those, 665 were for speeding and 182 were for seat belt or child restraint violations. Emphasis on traffic enforcement remains an important motivator for reducing the number of major traffic accidents.

Through the year, the Hāmākua District Community Policing officer and school resource officer continued to work together with Neighborhood Watch organizations, schools and other community organizations to address various community concerns. Some of the major community events with which they were involved included the Annual Western Week parade and block party, Honoka’a Peace Day Fair, American Cancer Society Relay for Life and the recently created First Friday events in Honoka’a.

The North Hilo District at Ka’alā Gulch and the South Kohala District at Lakeland form the boundaries of the Hāmākua District. Its police station is located at 45-3400 Māmane Street in Honoka’a Town.

North Hilo District

Commander: Capt. Andrew Burian  
Area: 144 square miles / Authorized sworn positions: 13

In Fiscal Year 2013 – 2014 a new position was added to the North Hilo District, with a newly created police lieutenant position being filled in September 2013. This doubled the number of field supervisors in the district, adding needed supervisory experience and structure.

In Fiscal Year 2013 – 2014, the North Hilo District had a drastic increase in reported burglaries, with 23 burglary reports
The Hāmākua District at Ka'ala Gulch and the South Hilo District at Hakalau Gulch form the boundaries of the North Hilo District. Its police station is located at 36-2285 Pu'ualaea Homestead Road in Laupāhoehoe just west of the 25-mile marker off Old Māmalahoa Highway.

South Hilo Patrol

Commander: Capt. Richard Sherlock
Area: 635 square miles/Authorized sworn positions: 88

South Hilo Patrol, the Police Department’s largest staffed patrol division, is situated on the ground floor of Building B at the Public Safety Complex, 349 Kapiʻolani Street. Patrol officers also operate out of the Moʻoheau Bus Terminal mini-station.

South Hilo Patrol provides 24-hour police services to the South Hilo District and operates the East Hawai‘i Detention Center, which houses pretrial detainees for the four police districts that comprise Area I Operations.

Other services provided by the South Hilo Patrol Division include Community Policing, school resource officers and the reserve police officer program.

During Fiscal Year 2013–2014, South Hilo Patrol served 3,131 court documents, including bench warrants, penal summons, subpoenas and restraining orders.

Officers responded to 425 major traffic accidents in South Hilo this fiscal year compared with 444 the previous fiscal year. In the area of traffic enforcement, police made 173 DUI arrests and issued 1,126 speeding citations and 638 seat belt citations. Overall, officers issued 8,842 traffic citations.

Robberies in South Hilo remained fairly being filed compared with 10 the year before. Of the 23 burglary investigations, five were closed, for a clearance rate of 22 percent.

Theft cases also increased from 31 to 45 cases. Officers were able to solve 23 of the theft cases, for a clearance rate of more than 50 percent.

One highlight was a traffic stop made on a suspicious vehicle that was found to be stolen. Through investigation, it was determined that a number of items in the truck had been taken in a nearby burglary. The stop resulted in the arrest of two of the vehicle’s occupants.

The district logged 38 major traffic accidents, one fewer than the previous year. Fortunately, there were no traffic fatalities in the North Hilo District. As in other districts, traffic enforcement in North Hilo is an important part of police work, as it makes our roads safer. North Hilo District patrol officers issued more than 1,700 citations in the fiscal year. Of those, 504 were for speeding and 110 for seat belt or child restraint violations.

The North Hilo Community Policing officer often works in partnership with the Hāmākua District Community Policing officer and school resource officer to better serve the community. In the North Hilo District, they assisted with the Drug Free Bash with the Queen Liliʻuokalani Children’s Center, Big Island Biker Fest at Laupāhoehoe Point and Laupāhoehoe Music Festival.
consistent. Thirty-five robberies were reported this fiscal year compared with 34 reported last year. Thefts dropped from 2,328 last fiscal year to 2,267 this year.

Burglaries rose this fiscal year to 495 compared with 370 last year, an increase of 25 percent. A significant rise in burglaries occurred between the months of November 2013 and March of 2014. A Special Enforcement Unit consisting of South Hilo Patrol officers was able to identify and disrupt several burglary rings that used “cash for gold” businesses to support their prescription pill and crystal methamphetamine habits.

Police initiated 72 reported sexual assault cases compared with 80 the previous fiscal year. Assaults also remained consistent as reported from last year from 386 to 385. Police investigated one murder case in South Hilo this fiscal year compared with five last fiscal year.

The South Hilo District occupies the area between the North Hilo District at Hakalau Gulch and the Puna District at Pāpa’i. Its police station is located at 349 Kapi‘olani Street.

Puna District

Commander: Capt. Samuel Jelsma
Area: 683 square miles / Authorized sworn positions: 59

The district of Puna is larger in land mass than the entire island of Oahu or the cities of Dallas and San Francisco combined. In terms of population, it has been described as the fastest growing district on the island.

Fifty-one police officers, six sergeants, one lieutenant and one captain position are designated for the Puna District. Additionally the district has four volunteer reserve officers and three civilian staff members. These numbers include five new positions created for the district, consisting of two sergeants and three patrol officers.

The primary Puna District station is located just outside Pāhoa Village on Highway 130. The Kea‘au substation is located in Kea‘au town off Old Volcano Road.

Community Policing officers in Puna work with 10 Neighborhood Watch groups in crime prevention, community awareness and problem solving. The Community Policing officers continue working with local businesses and farmers with the Kea‘au Agriculture Watch in response to agricultural thefts and illegal hunting in the Kea‘au area. Some of the largest landowners and farm groups in the area are part of the watch.

Improving the quality of life is a police and community priority in Pāhoa town. The Community Policing and Patrol officers conduct crime reduction details and walking patrols to increase police presence in town.

During this fiscal year, Officer Gregory Horton was honored by his peers and supervisors as “Puna Patrol Officer of the Year” for his outstanding dedication, efforts and work ethic. Several other district officers received recognition as Aloha Exchange Club’s “Officers of the Month.”

At the ending of this fiscal year the district received nine replacement officers who had just completed all phases of recruit
training. This was by far the largest group of new officers who have been assigned to Puna during a single transfer movement in recent memory.

Overall, criminal cases initiated in the Puna District increased with 6,350 cases initiated in Fiscal Year 2013 – 2014, compared with 5,901 the previous year. This represents an increase of 449 cases or nearly 7 percent. For the fiscal year, burglaries increased by 11.5 percent (410 compared with 363 the previous year), and thefts were up 6 percent (858 compared with 806 the previous year). The Puna District’s burglary clearance rate was up slightly (28.4 percent cleared compared with 27.5 percent for the same period the previous fiscal year).

_The Puna District is situated between the South Hilo District at Pāpa‘i and the Ka‘ū District at Keauhou Landing. Its police station is located in Pāhoa at 15-2615 Kea‘au-Pāhoa Road._
Area II Patrol Districts

North Kohala District

Commander: Capt. Albert Jason Cortez  
Area: 123 square miles/authorized sworn positions: 16

During Fiscal Year 2013–2014, the North Kohala District experienced a slight decrease in the number of reported burglaries (13 cases compared with 17 cases last fiscal year). Reported assaults were up (24 cases compared with 20 cases the previous fiscal year) and thefts were down (73 cases compared with 85 cases the previous fiscal year).

North Kohala Patrol officers issued 637 speeding citations this fiscal year (compared with 636 the previous fiscal year).

The number of traffic accidents decreased slightly (from 74 to 61) with no fatalities compared with three the previous fiscal year.

The “Kohala Project Grad Night,” in its fifth year, was again a huge success with almost 100 percent participation. Community Policing participated, in partnership with many organizations, toward its continued success.

The North Kohala Community Policing officer participated with the community in annual events, including the Kamehameha Day Parade, Skate Day, Easter Egg Hunt and Toys for Tots.

In partnership with Kohala Elementary School, the DARE curriculum was taught to 70 students.

A police-community meeting was held at the Kohala Intergenerational Center, where members of the community voiced their concerns to the police chief and his command staff.

The North Kohala District is bounded by South Kohala at Ka‘ōpae and Hāmākua at Honopue. Its police station is located behind the Kamehameha statue in Kapa‘au at 54-3900 Akoni Pule Highway.

South Kohala District

Commander: Captain Randall Medeiros  
Area: 688 square miles/Authorized sworn positions: 33

The South Kohala District did not experience any major crime increases or adverse trends during Fiscal Year 2013–2014. Burglaries decreased slightly by 10 percent and vehicle break-ins decreased by 27 percent. Thefts increased by 9 percent, which is indicative of crime displacement within categories. Patrol officers cleared 47 percent of burglaries, 49 percent of theft cases and 30 percent of financial crimes. This is the third consecutive year with a reduction in burglaries and vehicle break-ins in the South Kohala District.

Drug cases increased 20 percent as a result of proactive investigations to interdict criminal activity associated with drug abuse. Throughout the year, Community Policing officers conducted search warrants
and traffic stops that led to the recovery of drugs and several illegal firearms.

South Kohala patrol officers increased their enforcement, issuing 7,956 citations compared with 6,047 citations during the previous fiscal year. DUI arrests increased to 135 compared with 76 the previous fiscal year and resulted in no DUI related traffic fatalities for this period in the South Kohala district.

Officers conducted 153 major traffic investigations and 402 minor traffic investigations. In November 2013, the Daniel Inouye Highway opened after the “new Saddle Road” construction was completed. South Kohala officers were tasked with conducting traffic enforcement along the new highway to ensure public safety.

Officer Kyle Hirayama was selected as Hawai‘i Police Department’s “Top Cop” and Community Policing Officer Denise Smith-Erickson was named the State of Hawai‘i D.A.R.E. Officer of the Year.

The South Kohala District covers the area between the North Kohala District at Kiowa and the Kona District at Kuai‘i Point. Its police station is located at 67-5185 Kamāmalu Street in Waimea.

Kona Patrol

Commander: Capt. Randal Ishii
Area: 834 square miles / Authorized sworn positions: 83

The Kealakehe Police Station serves as the main station for the Kona Patrol Division and houses a cellblock detention section and an evidence section. The Kona Patrol Division has two sub-stations, one located at Hale Halawai in downtown Kailua-Kona and one in Captain Cook.

During Fiscal Year 2013 – 2014, Kona Patrol clerks processed 3,511 firearms registrations, including handguns, rifles and shotguns. Of these registered firearms, 1,915 were imported from outside the state.

The evidence section, which is staffed by two evidence custodians, is responsible for the storage and preservation of more than 70,000 pieces of evidence recovered in criminal investigations. The preservation of these pieces of evidence is critical to the successful prosecution of these criminal cases. In June 2014, a new warehouse was obtained to store evidence for Kona cases.

Kona Patrol welcomed four new police officers who graduated from the police recruit program in June 2014.

Kona Patrol officers responded to more than 8,966 criminal complaints and more than 16,487 calls for service related to non-criminal complaints, such as minor nuisances or persons needing assistance.

They also issued 20,484 citations, of which 2,825 were for speeding violations. In a department-wide effort to combat distracted driving, Kona Patrol officers issued 1,107 citations for using an electronic device while driving. In addition, 532 drivers were arrested on suspicion of driving while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

The Kona District received 9,893 court documents and served 2,532 court documents.

The Kona Community Policing Unit is headed by a police sergeant and consists of two school resource officers and six community policing officers.
The school resource officers are assigned to Konawaena Middle School and Kealakehe Intermediate School. In addition to teaching DARE classes, they provide students with information on anti-bullying, internet safety, laws and ordinances, and a variety of other topics. The school resource officers establish a rapport with the students so that they perceive police officers as more approachable. They provide a liaison between the school and the police department.

The community policing officers focus on addressing community-related issues in the North and South Kona areas. Their responsibilities also include bicycle patrol in the Ali‘i Drive area and beach sweeps to ensure the safety of the tourist community and businesses and to address the growing number of transient homeless persons attracted to the warm climate. Their problem-solving efforts include spearheading Neighborhood Watch groups and crime reduction details.

The Kona district occupies the area between the South Kohala District at Waikoloa and the Ka‘ū District at Kaulanaumauna. Its main police station is in Kealakeke at 74-611 Hale Maka‘i Place.

Ka‘ū District

Commander: Captain Burt Shimabukuro
Area: 700 square miles / Authorized sworn position: 22

During Fiscal Year 2013–2014, Ka‘ū Patrol officers investigated 75 major traffic accidents, an increase from the 53 investigated in Fiscal Year 2012–2013. A total of 2,374 citations were issued. Of those, 504 were for speeding and 145 were for seat belt or child restraint violations.

Ka‘ū Patrol officers investigated more than 1,157 incidents in the Ka‘ū District. Officers investigated 50 burglaries, a decrease from 62 cases initiated from the previous fiscal year. Theft and unauthorized entry into motor vehicle cases increased to 228 compared with 197 from the previous fiscal year. Community Policing officers continue to work with Neighborhood Watch groups in Discovery Harbor and Hawaiian Ocean View Estates to maintain community support.

The most significant events occurring during Fiscal Year 2013–2014 were:

› On January 26, 2014, a 25-year-old woman and a 23-year-old man were arrested and charged with robbery after the woman, wielding a hatchet, demanded a victim’s car. The female victim, who was parked on the side of South Point Road, managed to wrestle the hatchet away but received an injury to her right forearm when the female suspect bit her. While this was going on, the male suspect removed personal belongings from the victim’s car and fled the scene. He turned himself in after an all-points bulletin was put out for his arrest. The female suspect was also arrested and charged with assault and unauthorized entry of a motor vehicle.

› On March 12, 2014, Ka‘ū police officers responded to a call of a gunshot victim at a home in the Hawaiian Ocean View Estates subdivision. Upon arrival, officers discovered a 37-year-old man with apparent gunshot wounds to his upper torso lying in the living room. On the lanai, officers observed a 48-year-old man with an apparent self-inflicted fatal gunshot wound to his head. Investigation
revealed that after a verbal dispute, the 48-year-old man followed the victim into the house and fired several shots, striking him several times in the back. He then walked out to the lanai area and shot himself.

On May 18, 2014, a 26-year-old man and a 22-year-old man were arrested following a crime spree in the Kaʻū District. Using a stolen vehicle from Hilo, both men were suspected of burglarizing a home in Nāʻālehu while the victims were asleep and entering their vehicle to remove personal items. The suspects then drove to South Point and removed fishing and camping equipment, including a portable generator, and entered parked vehicles at several campsites. On the way back to Hilo, the suspects stopped at a popular surf spot and entered three parked vehicles, removing personal items. While driving through Hawaiʻi Volcanoes National Park, the suspects ran off the roadway and struck a tree. Some of the victims, who had been camping in South Point, came upon the traffic accident and observed and were able to identify some of their fishing and camping equipment strewn about the accident scene.

Kaʻū District is bounded by the Kona District at Kaulanamaua and the Puna District at Keauhou Landing. Its police station is located at 95-5353 Māmalahoa Highway in Nāʻālehu.
Traffic Enforcement Units (TEU)

Commanders: Area I — Sgt. Christopher Gali • Area II — Sgt. Marvin Troutman

The Traffic Enforcement Units are charged with investigating traffic crashes involving death or serious injury while conducting traffic enforcement and training related to traffic enforcement and investigation.

On July 1, 2013, the Traffic Enforcement Unit was split into Area I and Area II. Area I is staffed by a sergeant and four police officers. It is responsible for the Puna, South Hilo, North Hilo and Hāmākua Districts. Area II is staffed by a sergeant and three police officers and is responsible for the Ka‘ū, Kona, South Kohala and North Kohala Districts.

In Fiscal Year 2013–2014, Area I investigated 10 fatal crashes that killed 11 people. Eight of those fatal crashes involved alcohol, drugs or both. Alcohol alone was a factor in one of the fatal crashes, drugs alone were a factor in two of the fatal crashes and a combination of drugs and alcohol was a factor in five.

In Fiscal Year 2013–2014, Area II TEU investigated four fatal crashes that killed four people. An additional case that was originally investigated as a traffic fatality was reclassified to a medical condition. Drugs or alcohol were factors in half of the West Hawai‘i fatal crashes. Alcohol was a factor in one while drugs were a factor in another.

Area I TEU officers conducted 89 DUI sobriety checkpoints, arrested 241 drivers who were under the influence of intoxicants and conducted 80 seat belt and distracted driver checkpoints. The officers also issued 4,815 moving citations, of which 2,069 were for speeding. They issued 2,770 regulatory citations and made 25 other arrests.

AREA II TEU officers conducted 102 sobriety checkpoints, arrested 88 drivers who were under the influence of intoxicants and conducted 105 seat belt checkpoints. The officers also issued 4,673 moving citations, of which 2,475 were for speeding. They issued 1,736 regulatory citations and made 74 additional arrests.

On November 18, 2013, members of the Hawai‘i Police Department received individual awards from Mothers Against Drunk Driving during a luncheon ceremony at The Luau House in Hilo. The “Top Cop” award went to South Hilo Patrol Officer Christopher Kapua-Allison for having 104 DUI arrests.

Other officers honored were:
- Officer Keith Nacis, Area I Traffic Enforcement Unit, 76 arrests
- Officer Shea Nactor, Puna District, 27 arrests
- Officer Nicholas McDaniel, Kona District, 21 arrests

Additionally, Sergeant Christopher Gali was awarded the Big Island Outstanding Volunteer Award.

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Grants

The following grants were funded by state or federal agencies during Fiscal Year 2013–2014:

‘Click It or Ticket’ Basketball

To reduce fatalities and injuries to occupants aged 17 and under during motor vehicle collisions. This was accomplished by improving awareness of state laws to increase the seat belt usage rate of youths and teens ages 4–17.

DATA Grant

To establish a statewide traffic data system and ensure compliance with national standards.

Hawai’i Impact

To combat the methamphetamine (“ice”) drug problem in the County of Hawai’i by conducting various “sting” operations.

Hawai’i Narcotics Task Force

To assist with the interdiction of drugs within the County of Hawai’i via the apprehension/arrest/conviction of individuals smuggling narcotics into, out of and within the County of Hawai’i.

Roadblock Grant

To reduce the number of alcohol-related fatalities and injuries, increase public awareness and provide a constant deterrence against impaired driving.

Seat Belt Enforcement Grant

To reduce fatalities and injuries to front-seat occupants and rear-seat occupants aged 17 and under by increasing the usage rate of seat belts.
Traffic Investigations
To reduce the number of alcohol-related fatalities and injuries, increase public awareness and provide a constant deterrence against drunk driving.

Aggressive Driving
To reduce fatalities and injuries, increase public awareness and provide a constant deterrence against aggressive driving.

SAFE Standby
To improve Hawai‘i County’s response to violent sex crimes, physical abuse and crimes of violence against women.

Specialized Investigative Training
To improve the Police Department’s ability to respond to violent crimes against women through ongoing specialized training.

Distracted Driving
To reduce the number of drivers using an electronic mobile device while operating a motor vehicle.

Basic Needs to Improve Forensic Services in Hawai‘i County
To improve and enhance the quality of Hawai‘i County forensic services.
Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner

To improve Hawai‘i County’s response to violent crimes against women.

Youth Deterrence

To reduce the number of underage individuals operating a vehicle after consuming alcohol and illegally drinking in public areas.

COPS

To provide additional support to the Police Department and various communities to assist in the prevention of crimes. This shall be accomplished by providing Neighborhood Watch programs, Business Watch programs, home security inspections and by working with the schools on programs such as anti-bullying campaigns.
Budget

The following are the budget figures for Fiscal Year 2013 – 2014:

Personnel Services

Salaries and wages, straight time $ 35,173,915
Salaries and wages, other $ 3,343,870

Other current expenses

Contractual services $ 8,584,284
Materials and supplies $ 2,693,230
Other charges $ 174,437
Equipment $ 598,624
Miscellaneous accounts $ 1,025,718
Grants funded $ 3,489,967

Total $55,084,045
Personnel Changes

New Hires

Aldo K. Acosta Jr., Police Radio Dispatcher
K. L. Akiona, Police Radio Dispatcher
Ewoud A. Bezemer, Police Officer I TEMP
Kelci K. Botelho, Police Radio Dispatcher
Briana M. Boyce, Police Officer I TEMP
Jessie W. Brogdon, Police Officer I TEMP
Raylynn L. Carvalho, Clerk III
Ronald A. Crivello, School Crossing Guard
Dustin G. Cueva, School Crossing Guard
Melissa K. D’Angelo, Police Officer I TEMP
Gabriel M. Delapenia, Police Officer II
Benhielden K. Del Toro, Police Officer I TEMP
Jerome A. I. Duarte, Police Officer II
Len K. Hamakado, Police Officer I TEMP
Randall H. M. Hancock, Police Officer II
Shane K. Hanley, Police Officer I TEMP
Jason D. Hardman, Police Officer I TEMP
Jeremiah J. Hull, Police Officer I TEMP
Gibson G. K. Kahele, Police Officer I TEMP
Kalani G. Kane, Custodian/Groundskeeper
John G. Kari, Police Officer I TEMP
Bradley M. Llanes, Police Officer I TEMP
Michael W. McMillen, Police Officer II
Jose A. Miguel Jr., School Crossing Guard
Bryson S. Miyose, Police Officer I TEMP
Alexis L. Molina, Police Officer I TEMP
Chandler B. Nacino, Police Officer I TEMP
Jacob M. Obermiller, Police Officer I TEMP
Douglas A. Phillips, Police Officer II
Bryson K. Pilor, Police Radio Dispatcher
David D. Poohina, Police Officer I TEMP
Duane J. Rapoza Jr., Police Officer I TEMP
James M. Rinkor, Police Officer I TEMP
Adam J. Roberg, Police Officer II
Roberto J. Segobia, Police Officer I TEMP
Luke W. Sitts, Police Officer I TEMP
Kaea R. Sugata, Police Officer I TEMP
Daniel K. Tam, Police Officer I TEMP
Gina M. Villalobos, Clerk III
Paul J. Wright III, Police Officer I TEMP
Promotions

Tuckloy D. Aurello, Sergeant
Juergen L. Canda, Lieutenant
Clarence W. Davies III, Detective
Zachary O. Fernando, Sergeant
James C. Gusman, Lieutenant
Michael D. Hardie, Detective
Jessie A. Jumalon, Secretary

Paul D. Kim, Sergeant
Alan M. Kimura, Lieutenant
Christopher A. Ragasa, Sergeant
Mekia K. Rose, Sergeant
Levon P. Stevens, Detective
Dean M. Uyetake, Detective
Allan K. Watanabe, Lieutenant

Retirements

Joseph J. Botelho, Police Officer II
Cassandra L. Chinen, Police Operations Clerk
Joseph J. Feliciano Sr., Police Officer II
Kelvin W. Freitas, Police Officer II
Daniel C. Jelsma, Police Officer II

Edward S. T. Oshiro, Criminalist II
Edmundo M. Palacol, Police Officer II
Danette A. Tavares, Police Sergeant
Joy Tomosada, Secretary
Adrian N. You, Police Officer II
Index Crimes - Murder, forcible rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson. However, due to a different method of counting, arson is not included in the totals of reported Index Offenses and Index & Part II Offenses.

From 2012 to 2013:
- Reported Index Crimes decreased 0.3% in rate.

Comparing 2013 to 2004:
- The Index Crime rate declined 21.8%.

In 2013, of the 5,833 Index Offenses reported:
- Property crimes accounted for 90.6% (5,286).
- Violent crimes accounted for 9.4% (547).
Violent Crime Rate, Hawaii County, 2004-2013

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**Violent Crimes** - Murder, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault.

From 2012 to 2013:
- The rate of reported violent crimes increased 28.8%.

Comparing 2013 to 2004:
- The violent crime rate increased 57.3%.

In 2013, of 547 violent crimes reported:
- Aggravated assault accounted for 72.0% (394).
- Robbery accounted for 16.3% (89).
- Forcible rape accounted for 10.1% (55).
- Murder accounted for 1.6% (9).

Hawaii County’s violent crime rate in 2013 was at its highest point on record since the start of statewide data collection in 1975.

Murder - The willful killing of one human being by another.

From 2012 to 2013:
- The rate of reported murders increased 78.4%, with 5 murders reported in 2012, versus 9 murders reported in 2013.

Comparing 2013 to 2004:
- The murder rate increased 150.2%. Nine murders were reported in 2013 compared to 3 murders from 2004.

In 2013, of the 9 murders reported:
- Firearms were involved in 44.4% (4).
- Knives or cutting instruments were involved in 33.3% (3).
- Strongarm weapons (hands, fists, feet, etc.) accounted for 22.2% (2).
Forcible Rape - The carnal knowledge of a female forcibly and against her will. Assaults or attempts to commit rape by force or threat of force are included.

From 2012 to 2013:
- Reported forcible rapes increased 33.0% in rate.

Comparing 2013 to 2004:
- The forcible rape rate decreased 46.7%.
Robbery - The taking or attempting to take anything of value from the care, custody, or control of a person or persons by force or threat of force or violence and/or by putting the victim in fear.

From 2012 to 2013:
- Reported robberies increased 19.2% in rate.

Comparing 2013 to 2004:
- The robbery rate increased 40.0%.

In 2013, of the 89 robberies reported:
- Strongarm weapons (hands, fists, feet, etc.) accounted for 59.6% (53).
- Knives or cutting instruments were involved in 20.2% (18).
- Firearms were involved in 13.5% (12).
- Other dangerous weapons were involved in 6.7% (6).
Aggravated Assault - The unlawful attack or attempted attack by one person upon another for the purpose of inflicting severe or aggravated bodily injury. This type of assault is usually accompanied by the use of a weapon or by means likely to produce death or great bodily harm.

From 2012 to 2013:
- Reported aggravated assaults increased 29.8% in rate.

Comparing 2013 to 2004:
- The aggravated assault rate increased 122.0%.

In 2013, of the 394 reported aggravated assaults:
- Other dangerous weapons were involved in 37.1% (146).
- Strongarm weapons (hands, fists, feet, etc.) accounted for 35.8% (141).
- Knives or other cutting instruments were involved in 17.5% (69).
- Firearms were involved in 9.6% (38).
Property Crimes - Burglary, larceny-theft, and motor vehicle theft. Arson is also a property crime; however, due to a different method of counting, it is not included in the totals of property crimes, Index Crimes, and total Index & Part II Offenses.

From 2012 to 2013:
- Reported property crimes decreased 2.6% in rate.

Comparing 2013 to 2004:
- The property crime rate decreased 25.7%.

In 2013, of the 5,286 property crimes reported:
- Larceny-theft accounted for 70.5% (3,727).
- Burglary accounted for 21.5% (1,138).
- Motor vehicle theft accounted for 8.0% (421).
Burglary - The unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or a theft. Attempted burglary is included.

From 2012 to 2013:
- Reported burglaries decreased 4.7% in rate.

Comparing 2013 to 2004:
- The burglary rate decreased 18.3%.

In 2013, of the 1,138 burglaries and attempted burglaries reported:
- Burglary accounted for 96.2% (1,095).
- Attempted burglary accounted for 3.8% (43).

In 2013, of the 1,095 burglaries that were reported:
- Structures entered by force accounted for 60.4% (661).
- Structures entered without force accounted for 39.6% (434).

**Larceny-Theft Rate, Hawaii County, 2004-2013**

![Graph showing larceny-theft rates from 2004 to 2013. The rates are generally decreasing.]

**Percent of Larceny-Thefts Cleared since 2004**

- 2004: 19.7%
- 2005: 15.5%
- 2006: 17.6%
- 2007: 19.9%
- 2008: 23.5%
- 2009: 24.1%
- 2010: 27.0%
- 2011: 27.6%
- 2012: 26.0%
- 2013: 24.8%

**Larceny-theft** - The unlawful taking, carrying, leading, or riding away of property from the possession or constructive possession of another.

**From 2012 to 2013:**
- Reported larceny-thefts decreased 1.5% in rate.

**Comparing 2013 to 2004:**
- The larceny-theft rate decreased 28.3%.

Motor Vehicle Theft - The theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle.

From 2012 to 2013:
- Reported motor vehicle thefts decreased 5.8% in rate.

Comparing 2013 to 2004:
- The motor vehicle theft rate decreased 18.7%.

In 2013, of the 421 motor vehicle thefts reported:
- Autos accounted for 40.9% (172).
- Other vehicles accounted for 32.3% (136). Included in this category are motorcycles, mopeds, and golf carts.
- Trucks and buses accounted for 26.8% (113). Included in this category are pickup trucks and vans.

Arson - Any willful or malicious burning or attempt to burn, with or without intent to defraud, a dwelling, house, public building, motor vehicle or aircraft, personal property of another, etc.

From 2012 to 2013:
- Reported arsons increased 67.0% in rate.

Comparing 2013 to 2004:
- The arson rate decreased 37.9%.