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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:

I am pleased to submit the Hawai‘i Police Department’s Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2010–2011. During this fiscal year, we continued to make improvements to help provide the best possible service to our residents and visitors. As in recent years, we continued with ongoing state-of-the-art training for our officers and civilian employees.

As you can see in the crime statistics at the end of this Annual Report, Hawai‘i County’s property crime rate in Calendar Year 2010 was our lowest on record since the start of data collection in 1975. The same was true for the murder, arson and burglary rates and for our overall index crime rate, which includes both violent and property crimes.

It was gratifying to see the number of burglaries decrease in every police district on the island. District commanders attribute this reduction in part to interaction with community policing officers, who raised awareness and provided helpful information, including tips about home security. In June 2010, the Kona District created a Special Enforcement Unit, which played a large role in the significant reduction in that district of burglaries and vehicle break-ins.

The new Puna police station was completed this fiscal year with district operations moving from Kea‘au to Pāhoa in May 2011. The $5 million structure shares space with the Department of Finance’s Vehicle Registration and Licensing Division. In addition to other police services, citizens are able to register firearms at the new police station, saving Puna residents a long drive to Hilo.

Our officers continue to make progress in fighting the war on crystal methamphetamine and other illegal drugs by using enforcement and preventive measures. At the same time, school resource officers worked with schools to provide positive role models and teach curriculum designed for school children—including anti-drug classes.

The Police Department is making strides toward achieving our goal of gaining law enforcement accreditation through the Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies. Thanks to the tireless efforts by our Accreditation Section, we are very close to achieving that objective.

We remain committed to enhancing our partnership with the public through community policing and participation in neighborhood and charitable events. We look forward to working with our neighbors to make the island of Hawai‘i a safe place to live, visit and work.

On behalf of the men and women of the Police Department, thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Harry S. Kubojiri
Police Chief
Hawai‘i Police Department
Dear Mayor Kenoi:

In Fiscal Year 2010 – 2011, the Hawai‘i County Police Commission held 12 monthly meetings on a rotating schedule in Hilo, Waimea, and Kona. Our commissioners had the privilege throughout the fiscal year to attend community events and various functions that included recruit graduation, Police Week ceremonies, commanders meetings and the Hawai‘i State Law Enforcement Officials Association Conference, which was hosted on island this year.

In May 2011, we had the privilege of attending the Annual State of Hawai‘i Police Commissioners’ Conference hosted by the Honolulu Police Commission. The conference was well attended by commissioners and police personnel from all islands. Although there were many subjects covered which generated thought-provoking discussions, the theme was focused on APEC.

Although 2010 – 2011 continued to be a very challenging fiscal year, our commissioners were committed to their task and diligently worked with the chief and his staff to help the Police Department fulfill its mission and vision.

I’m confident in saying that, along with my fellow commissioners, it is an honor to serve the people of Hawai‘i County as Police Commissioners.

Sincerely,

Donn S. Mende
Chair
Hawai‘i County Police Commission
Nine Big Island residents proudly 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 2010–2011, the Police Commission members were:

- Council District 1 — Carol R. Ignacio
- Council District 2 — Leroy J. Victorine (vice chair)
- Council District 3 — Donn S. Mende (chair)
- Council District 4 — Michelle Kualii
- Council District 5 — Ka‘ili Pe‘a-Ferrari
- Council District 6 — Vacant
- Council District 7 — Kenneth T. Ono
- Council District 8 — Thomas P. Whittemore/Paul W. Horner
- Council District 9 — Michael B. Sumja
In Fiscal Year 2010–2011 the Police Department began issuing mobile data terminals to patrol officers for use in police vehicles.

These high-tech laptops were expected to be assigned to every patrol and traffic enforcement officer by the end of Fiscal Year 2011–2012.

During the initial phase-in period, some police reports could be completed on the mobile data terminals without the need for an officer to return to a police station to finish the paperwork. When the phase-in process is completed, all police reports that once had to be made on a Police Department computer at a police station will be accessible from the portable laptops.

In addition, the officers can use the laptops during traffic stops to conduct checks for registered owners and outstanding warrants if a dispatcher is busy with another call and unavailable to immediately provide that kind of service.

Allowing police to fill out reports from their vehicles while on the road keeps more officers out in the community to patrol, deter crime and respond to calls for service.

The mobile data terminals make more efficient use of the Police Department’s resources in these challenging economic times when the county cannot afford to hire additional officers to keep up with the island’s growing population.
Special Response Team (SRT)

Lieutenant Burt Shimabukuro, Special Response Team commander, sits at the controls of one of the SRT’s specialized vehicles as Sergeant Thomas Shopay pops his head out the hatch.

The mission of the Special Response Team is to support the Hawai‘i Police Department and any other requesting law enforcement agency with a response to critical incidents.

Critical incidents are 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 ensuring operational readiness. The SRT includes a crisis negotiation team that receives special training to develop communication skills that are necessary for defusing volatile situations.

The SRT’s incident commander, tactical team, crisis negotiation team, and support personnel conduct monthly scenario training at different locations throughout the Big Island.

From July 2010 through June 2011, the Special Response Team responded to one barricaded situation, served four high-risk warrants, and conducted six security details. The Special Response Team is also tasked with managing the department’s electronic control device program and participating in community outreach programs.

From its inception to 2010, the SRT responded to 96 incidents.
Community Policing

Commanders: Area I, Lt. Albert Jason Cortez / Area II, Sgt. William Gary Souther

The people of Hawai‘i County continue to embrace the Community Policing philosophy. Its strategy is to prevent crime, reduce the fear of crime, arrest those who commit crimes and provide a safe environment through the use of a proactive problem-solving approach and established partnerships.

At the end of Fiscal Year 2010–2011, the Community Policing section had 37 authorized positions, including a supervising sergeant in Area II and a lieutenant in Area I. Of those, 15 positions were allocated for community police officers, six for school resource officers, two for HI-PAL officers and one for a civilian.

During the fiscal year, the department’s Community Policing officers, school resource officers and HI-PAL staff continued to pursue partnerships with community groups in a collaborative effort to address substance abuse, homelessness, mental health issues, crime, homeland security, lack of youth activities and numerous other issues.

The Community Policing section strengthened its Bicycle Patrol numbers with the addition of four in-house, Law Enforcement Bicycle Association certified instructors. The Police Department has 30 certified officers islandwide, including three sergeants and a lieutenant.

The Area I Community Policing section has effectively used the bike patrol presence to address street-level crime in Downtown Hilo, Pāhoa Town and at community events.

The Area II Community Policing unit was tasked with the implementation of the Special Enforcement Unit and Bicycle Patrol to address reoccurring problems, public complaints, special events and property crimes in Kona. The reintroduction of the Bicycle Patrol has been a welcome sight in Kailua Village and at special events. The Bicycle Patrol has developed a close working partnership with the community, businesses and visitors to Kailua-Kona.

The Kona Bicycle Patrol enhances the bicycle patrols that began in East Hawai‘i during the previous fiscal year. Officers on Bicycle Patrol address liquor enforcement, drug enforcement, traffic enforcement, parking problems, public nuisances, pedestrian safety and safety of our visitors — especially on days when cruise ships arrive. Bicycles give the officers the advantage of speed, stealth and the ability to conduct surveillance. Bicycle Patrol reinforces the department’s Vision Statement of providing a safe place to live, visit and conduct business.

Our school resource officers are stationed at six intermediate schools throughout the island and also reach out to students at many feeder schools. The school is considered a community within a community, and with law enforcement present, it becomes a more complete community. The school resource officers wear three hats: law enforcement officer, teacher and counselor. They deal with crimes on campus, teach classes to students, provide presentations when requested and act as liaisons between the school and the Police Department.
These officers continue to provide DARE classes, law-related training, counseling and mentoring to students daily and are involved in school intramural activities.

Community Policing officers regularly attend Neighborhood Watch and community association meetings to provide crime prevention presentations.

Other notable Community Policing/HI-PAL activities include:

- Merrie Monarch Festival, Downtown Hilo
- Hilo Ho‘olaulea, July 4 festivities
- Keiki ID projects
- Graffiti paint-over projects and beautification projects
- Sign-waving projects that raise community awareness about domestic violence, child/vehicle safety and drug abuse
- Downtown Hilo Neighborhood Watch Aloha Patrol
- Kokua Pāhoa meetings and activities
- VASH meetings and activities
- Bicycle Patrol in Pāhoa, Downtown Hilo, Keaukaha, Pana‘ewa, Kailua Village and at special events.
- Kurtistown Family Fun Day
- Mountain View Family Fun Day
- Halloween Safety presentations for parents and children
- Aloha Patrol on Ali‘i Drive
- Beach Sweeps on Ali‘i Drive at county beach parks
- Business Watch for Kailua-Kona
- Abandon vehicle beautification projects
- Meth conferences
- Community Meetings
- Station tours
- Kailua-Kona Block Party
- Illegal hunting education project
- Laupāhoehoe Music Festival
- Lanakila Flag Football Clinic
During Fiscal Year 2010 – 2011, Community Policing officers worked in partnership with the following groups, resulting in the following outcomes:

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<td>Troy Barboza Torch Run</td>
<td>Special Olympics Track and Field Event. Competition for disabled athletes with teams participating from all over the island.</td>
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<td>16 Department of Education elementary and intermediate schools</td>
<td>DARE classes provided by SROs to about 2,500 students in grades 5-8.</td>
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<td>Kokua Pāhoa, Puna Action Team, Neighborhood Place of Puna, QLCC,</td>
<td>Continued participation, started by the Weed and Seed project, by stepped-up police enforcement and joining with various neighborhood groups in activities such as Springtime Jam, bike patrol and a wrestling clinic/drug presentation for 100+ kids.</td>
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<td>Department of Parks and Recreation, Pony Baseball</td>
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<td>HI-PAL, Department of Parks and Recreation, Keaukaha Athletic</td>
<td>Spring Basketball Tournament, Click It or Ticket 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament in Kea’au, Halloween Havoc 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament in Keaukaha, Fall Intermediate Basketball League, Winter Basketball Classic</td>
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<td>Department of Parks and Recreation, New Hope Hāmākua, Kalaniana’ole</td>
<td>HI-PAL Open Gym Night at Pāpa’ikou Gym with various youth activities</td>
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<td>Downtown Improvement Association, Planning Department, Friends of</td>
<td>Continued work with “Envision Downtown Hilo 2025”</td>
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<td>Boy Scouts of America-Aloha Council</td>
<td>Safety and fingerprinting merit badges, training of more than 100 scouts</td>
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<td>Public and Private Schools</td>
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<td>NFL Pro Bowl</td>
<td>Football clinic at Kea’au High School</td>
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<td>HP-PAL, Hope Chapel</td>
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Commanders

Paul Ferreira
Deputy Police Chief

Marshall Kanehailua
Assistant Chief Administration

Derek Pacheco
Assistant Chief Area I Operations

Henry Tavares
Assistant Chief Area II Operations

Paul Kealoha
Major Administrative Services Division

Larry Weber
Major Technical Services Division

Samuel Thomas
Major Operations Bureau Area I

Randy Apele
Major Operations Bureau Area II
The Internal Affairs and Criminal Intelligence Units report directly to the police chief.

Internal Affairs Unit (IA)

Internal Affairs Mission Statement
The mission of Internal Affairs 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 Internal Affairs Unit conducted 26 administrative investigations, 56 internal inquiries into actions by police department personnel, and provided 39 in-service training sessions to employees.

Internal Affairs also conducted 53 Quality Control and Compliance Inspections of various elements of the department to prevent the abuse, misuse, fraud and waste of department resources.

The goal of the QCCI is to provide a safe working environment, maintain a degree of government and public trust and prevent a financial or libelous predicament, while creating an attitude of pride and discipline.

Criminal Intelligence Unit (CIU)

During Fiscal Year 2010–2011, the Criminal Intelligence Unit provided intelligence information, which in whole or in part led to the initiation of 352 criminal investigations. The unit also submitted 382 intelligence reports.

The unit conducted 499 criminal history investigations for prospective department employees, other designated employees and prospective employees of other county, state and federal law enforcement agencies.

Officers from the Criminal Intelligence Unit also conducted surveillance and provided intelligence that aided criminal investigation detectives in successfully completing numerous felony investigations.

The unit is a member of the national Law Enforcement Intelligence Unit, the state organization of Inter-County Criminal Intelligence Unit, the U.S. Marshals Service Fugitive Task Force and is the department’s liaison to the Joint Terrorism Task Force.
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 Finance Section, Accreditation Section, Word Processing Center, Public Relations Section, Human Resources Section and Training Section.

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

The Accreditation Section continues to lead the department toward CALEA accreditation. The self-assessment phase of the accreditation process began on May 6, 2010. During this phase, 106 revised General Orders were implemented, and more than 60 new policies were created. At the end of the fiscal year, all of them were in the process of being implemented.

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 and replaced an aged and outdated on-site digital recording system. Throughout the 2010–2011 fiscal year, the Word Processing Center worked long hours in an attempt to keep up with the high workload. 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 department's criminal investigations. The Word Processing Center is composed of one clerical services supervisor, one assistant clerical supervisor and 14 clerks. More than 31,000 reports were transcribed totaling more than 315,000 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, managing the Police Department's Community Satisfaction Survey, producing the cable access television program “Hawai’i Island’s Most Wanted” and publishing the department's annual report and employee newsletter.

The Training Section conducted training for one recruit class (the 79th) consisting of 23 police officers during Fiscal Year 2010–2011. Those officers received a wide variety of training, including criminal investigations, principles of police patrol, interview and interrogation, forensic sciences, constitutional and citizens’ rights, federal, state and county statutes, and a host of other topics pertinent to law enforcement. In addition to academic training, police recruits received training in firearms use, arrest control techniques, use of the electronic control device, and other
physical training to prepare for becoming a sworn police officer.

Also during this year, the Police Department provided more than 5,784 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 Big Island community, all sworn personnel received 16 hours of instruction pertaining to Community Policing philosophies and strategies. This intensive training program covered promoting community partnerships, strategies to facilitate change, crime reduction strategies, trust and consensus building skills, problem solving processes, and teaming concepts.

› In keeping abreast of the latest investigative techniques and law enforcement trends, detectives assigned to the Criminal Investigations Sections attended a wide variety of training courses provided by nationally recognized presenters. They included DNA evidence collection techniques, death investigation, fraud and money laundering investigation, identification of psychological evidence, courtroom testimony and presentation, and advanced traffic crime scene investigation.

› For providing employee development training opportunities to both sworn and civilian employees during this fiscal year, training covered such topics as communication, instructor development, customer service, technical and computer skills, managing multiple priorities, and ethics and professionalism.

In Fiscal Year 2010–2011, the Human Resources Section—in cooperation with the Hawai‘i County Department of Human Resources—conducted an open recruitment for police officer recruits. The campaign involved media advertisements, participation by police officers and Department of Human Resources staff at career fairs, and recruitment talks at various island schools. The Police Department filled all vacant, sworn positions on February 1, 2011.

Technical Services Division

Commander: Maj. Larry Weber

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 2010–2011 Fiscal Year, the Communications Dispatch Center received 119,699 emergency 9-1-1 calls, with 17.87 percent of those being transferred to the Fire Department. Requests for police service are made using the 9-1-1 emergency call system, the police non-emergency telephone line and incidents that are reported directly to police officers or at the police station. All requests are recorded, logged, assigned and documented by Communications Dispatch personnel using the computer aided dispatch system. This Fiscal year, 198,384 events documented such requests.

The Communications and Dispatch Center successfully completed four Police Radio Dispatcher recruit classes to increase staffing. The fourth Police Radio Dispatcher class completed its on-the-job training on
The Communications Dispatch Center received and processed 447 requests for 9-1-1 tapes from the public, the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney and police officers. That represented an increase of 45.1 percent compared with the 308 requests received the previous year.

The Communications Dispatch Center continues to work with wireless service providers to enhance the Wireless Enhanced 9-1-1 system deployed in April 2007. During Fiscal Year 2010–2011, the Police Department worked with those service providers to deploy 19 new towers and 100 new sectors. Continued maintenance of the data and cellular sites was conducted through audits of the data provided by the various wireless service providers. This process includes updating the geographic information system map layers and verifying the data that is displayed during a live 9-1-1 call. That helps the dispatchers determine the location of callers so they can send assistance.

The Public Safety Answering Point tested 109 sites and 575 sectors during Fiscal Year 2010–2011. Testing of those sites requires that the database is updated and verified during each test. The Public Safety Answering Point continues to edit and add new layers to the Positron mapping system which helps the 9-1-1 operators identify the location of a caller and provides other important data.

The Police Department continues to update the Master Street Address Guide. During the fiscal year, 3,553 transactions were completed. Those transactions included change of addresses, insertions/deletions of street records and customer change reports.

The Police Department completed the capture of the Pictometry “aerial mapping” data. Expanded imagery will allow dispatchers to provide information to first responders, such as the terrain, number of houses, heights of buildings. The complete Pictometry data set was received in May 2011 and was subsequently deployed for the 9-1-1 center.

In March 2011, the Communications Dispatch Center deployed the Telex Radio System, which is a radio over internet protocol solution, replacing the antiquated analog radio console. The new radio consoles allow for added flexibility and coverage from the Communications Dispatch Center.

The Communications Maintenance Section is responsible for installing police radios and other specialized equipment into police vehicles, maintaining base station radios at the various police stations, maintaining the county’s microwave radio system and providing similar support to other Hawai‘i County agencies. In Fiscal Year 2010–2011, Hawai‘i County finished the basic design for a radio system upgrade, which is necessary because of a mandate by the Federal Communications Commission to convert to narrowband. At the close of the fiscal year, the project was expected to go out for bid sometime in 2012.

The department’s Computer Center worked with the county’s Information Technology Department to convert North Hilo, South Kohala, Kea‘au, Pāhoa and Kona to the County’s INET fiber network. The INET fiber network is not available in the Ka‘u, Mauna Lani, North Kohala and Captain Cook stations.

The department’s core network router became obsolete and was replaced in August 2010. The new router provides approximately 200 percent more processing power.
and a higher level of security encryption that is compatible with the newer models of firewalls.

The Computer Center staff assisted with the following projects that were in various stages of completion:

- County MPLS network installation, ongoing
- Hawai‘i Integrated Justice Information Sharing — Hawai‘i Criminal Justice Data Center, ongoing
- Pictometry implementation for Dispatch, March 2011
- Word Processing Center system upgrade completed, December 2010

During the 2010–2011 Fiscal Year, the Hawai‘i Police Department received $293,172 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 Big Island roadways safer by using the grant funds to pay for overtime for checkpoints and other enforcement projects aimed at reducing injuries and death in motor vehicle crashes by increasing seat belt use rates, apprehending impaired drivers, and enforcing speed regulations and illegal “outlaw” road racing.

Other Traffic Services Section highlights include:

- 89 road closure permits issued
- 546 violation letters sent out to motorists
- 74 school crossing guard checks conducted
- 106 impound letters sent out to owners of abandoned vehicles.

During Fiscal Year 2010–2011, the Records and Identification Section continued scanning reports that were still in hard-copy form in folders stored in boxes. Until 1990, hard-copy reports were placed on microfilm. The current scanning project takes reports from hard copy and transfers them to a high speed server, where the Records and Identification staff can view the entire scanned report as well as add additional documents to existing scanned reports. This saves space, time and cost for the Police Department as well as for anyone requesting reports. Thus far, workers have scanned nearly 800 banker boxes, each containing approximately 200 reports. The project is grant funded and will take an estimated two more years to complete.
Operations Bureaus

Area I—East Hawai‘i

Commanders: Assist. Chief Derek Pacheco / Maj. Samuel Thomas

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 Henry Tavares / Maj. Randy Apele

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. Randall Medeiros / 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)

The Criminal Investigations Sections 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.

Detectives from the Area I Criminal Investigations Section investigate felony cases from Volcano to Honoka’a. Ten detectives are permanently assigned to this section, which also oversees a detail of detectives exclusively assigned to the district of Puna. The Puna detectives attend patrol briefings in Puna and work with patrol officers directly. This special detail has three full-time detectives, and their mission is to proactively combat crime in the Puna District.

During Fiscal Year 2010–2011, Area I CIS investigated 1,487 crimes. Of those, 554 were burglaries, 279 were thefts and 157 were financial crimes. In comparison with the previous fiscal year, this represents a 37.7 percent decrease in the number of burglaries investigated, a 43.1 percent decrease in thefts and a 59.3 percent decrease in financial crimes. The overall solution rate was 77 percent. Area I detectives investigated eight attempted murder cases. All eight were solved by the end of the fiscal year.

Detectives from the Area II Criminal Investigations Section investigate felony cases from North Kohala to Ka‘ū. During Fiscal Year 2010–2011, Area II CIS investigated 809 crimes. Of those, 267 were burglaries, 274 were thefts and 74 were financial crimes. In comparison with the previous fiscal year, this represents a 3.6 percent decrease in the number of burglaries investigated, a 16.1 percent increase in thefts and a 20.8 percent increase in financial crimes. The overall solution rate was 78 percent. Area II detectives investigated one attempted murder and three murder cases. All of the cases were solved by the end of the fiscal year.

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

- On November 16, 2010, detectives with the Area II Criminal Investigations Section responded to a murder scene at an apartment complex in Kailua-Kona. A father and son had gone to a neighbor’s apartment and assaulted him. During the assault, the neighbor brandished a knife and slashed back at his assailants. The father died from his injuries. The son went to the hospital in serious condition. The suspect was charged with second-degree
murder and second-degree assault.

On December 24, 2010, detectives with the Area II Criminal Investigations Section responded to an attempted murder in North Kohala in which a 90-year-old woman sustained five stab wounds to her back. The suspect was identified as a 72-year-old man who lived in the same apartment complex. The victim recovered from her injuries. The suspect was charged with attempted murder and first-degree assault.

On December 25, 2010, detectives with the Area II Criminal Investigations Section responded to a report of a dead body found by a hotel guest within a stairwell fire exit at the hotel. The investigation revealed that the California man who was registered at the hotel with other family members had died from self-inflicted wounds.

On March 25, 2011, a 50-year-old man and a 46-year-old man were involved in a verbal altercation that escalated into a stabbing. The 46-year-old victim was waiting for his wife at a public park when the suspect approached him, concealing a knife on the side of an alcoholic beverage. When the victim approached, the suspect stabbed him several times. The victim was admitted to Hilo Medical Center and released after several days of treatment. Area I CIS detectives charged the suspect with second-degree attempted murder.

On May 18, 2011, a 54-year-old man was arrested for first-degree attempted murder after being involved in a serious road rage incident. The suspect stopped his vehicle on the roadway after passing another motorist. He then got into a verbal dispute with the 47-year-old driver and his 17-year-old passenger. This culminated in the suspect making a U-turn on the roadway and ramming the victims’ vehicle with both victims still inside. Area I CIS detectives charged the suspect with first-degree attempted murder, two counts of second-degree attempted murder, reckless driving and harassment.

On May 23, 2011, detectives with the Area II Criminal Investigations Section responded to the report of a murder that occurred in a hotel room at a resort in Waikoloa. Detectives determined that a Washington State man and woman, who were attending a conference together and registered in the hotel room, had been involved in a domestic dispute that turned deadly. The woman died from injuries she sustained during the physical attack. The man was arrested and later charged with murder.

On June 13, 2011, police responded to a report of someone yelling for help at an apartment complex in Hilo. Responding officers found the suspect with the severely injured 65-year-old victim, who was taken to Hilo Medical Center with a fractured skull and severe lacerations to his head. Area I CIS detectives charged the 68-year-old suspect with attempted second-degree murder, first-degree assault and first-degree robbery.

Juvenile Aid Sections (JAS)
Commanders: Area I—Lt. Lucille Melemai / Area II—Lt. Gilbert Gaspar

The Juvenile Aid Section is 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. JAS also investigates
runaways, truants, curfew violators and juveniles involved in serious crimes. During Fiscal Year 2010–2011, one officer in JAS was also trained as a canine handler to assist in investigations of missing persons.

Prior to October 1, 2010, the Juvenile Aid Section had on staff a sexual assault forensic examiner (SAFE) coordinator, who was a nurse examiner who specialized in forensic/medical examinations of victims of sexual assault and domestic violence. The SAFE coordinator also actively recruited other nurses to become certified nurse examiners in the SAFE program so the Police Department could provide such services throughout the island. By the end of Fiscal Year 2010–2011, the coordinator position was vacant due to the retirement of the SAFE coordinator. Nevertheless, sexual assault nurse examiners continued to assist detectives in conducting forensic examinations on victims of sexual assault.

A victim services assistant was on staff in the Area I Juvenile Aid Section. The assistant analyzed data on reported crimes of domestic violence and sexual assaults. In addition, she served as a liaison for the department with social service agencies and victims of family and sexual violence.

JAS is divided into three specialized units: the Sex Crimes Unit (specializing in sexual assault investigations), the Domestic Violence Unit (specializing in domestic abuse cases) and the General Detail Unit, which covers all other crimes related to juveniles. The Area I Juvenile Aid Section also has two detectives who have been trained to recover digital evidence from computers, mobile devices, cell phones and other electronic storage media.

A yellow Labrador retriever named Katie is a “scent-discriminating” tracking canine assigned to Area I JAS. Canines for Kids donated Katie to the Police Department in 2006, and the Missing Children Center of Hawai’i and the Children’s Justice Centers of Hawai’i provided additional funding. Katie’s primary duties are to assist in locating missing children and Alzheimer’s patients, although she may be called upon to trail criminal suspects. By the end of the fiscal year, the Police Department had nearly completed efforts to obtain a second scent-discriminating (tracking) canine through a grant and with the help of The Friends of the Missing Child Center of Hawai’i.

During the 2010–2011 fiscal year, the Juvenile Aid Sections investigated 1,583 cases—839 in Area I and 744 in Area II.

These are some of the more noteworthy ones:

- On July 13, 2010, three male juveniles, who were clients at a therapy home in Ka’ū, were being transported by vehicle when they decided to escape. They overwhelmed the two female workers inside by holding a sharp object to one of their throats and then stopped the vehicle, pushed the women out and drove away in the direction of Hilo. The following day, Waimea patrol officers arrested them in the Waikoloa area. Area II JAS detectives took over the investigation and initiated 10 cases, including unauthorized control of a propelled vehicle, kidnapping, assault, terroristic threatening, robbery and runaway. All cases were deferred to the prosecutor’s office.

- On October 30, 2010, a woman was reportedly sexually assaulted and possibly drugged at a Halloween party for adults. Investigation indicated that the suspect may have taken videos and downloaded them onto his computer. Area II JAS detectives continued the investigation and executed a search warrant at the house where the assault took place. They recovered the suspect’s computer and other evidence. Through further
investigation, the computer hard drive was determined to have been thrown into the trash and taken to the landfill. After an extensive search of the landfill, detectives recovered the hard drive, which appeared to have been damaged in an effort to destroy data stored on it. They sent the hard drive to the FBI for analysis. At the end of the fiscal year, the investigation was complete, except for the FBI results.

❖ On January 1, 2011, patrol officers arrested a 44-year-old man for a domestic violence incident involving his 27-year-old wife. Area II JAS detectives continued the investigation and charged the husband with abuse of a family/household member, kidnapping, attempted murder and several traffic offenses.

❖ On February 7, 2011, Area I JAS detectives continued the investigation into a domestic violence incident involving a 22-year-old woman and her 25-year-old ex-boyfriend. The ex-boyfriend had eluded patrol officers and later turned himself in to police. He was charged with kidnapping, terroristic threatening, abuse of a family/household member and attempted sexual assault.

❖ On February 12, 2011, patrol officers arrested a 38-year-old man for a domestic violence incident involving his two female roommates, ages 50 and 23. Area I JAS detectives continued the investigation and charged the man with first-degree terroristic threatening, two counts of abuse of a family/household member, two counts of kidnapping and two counts of harassment.

❖ On May 12, 2011, patrol officers received a report of a kidnapping incident that started in the Kona District and continued into the Puna District involving a juvenile female and a 22-year-old man. The man eluded officers and was arrested on June 27, 2011, in possession of a stolen vehicle. Area I JAS detectives continued the investigation and charged the man with kidnapping, first-degree terroristic threatening, third-degree assault, unauthorized control of a propelled vehicle, unauthorized entry into a motor vehicle, and firearm offenses.

Vice Sections

Commanders: Area I—Lt. Richard Sherlock/Area II—Lt. Miles Chong / Lt. Sherry Bird

The Vice Sections (augmented by the Ice Task Force and the Airport Task Force) are responsible for preventing and suppressing all forms of commercialized vice activity, including prostitution, gambling and illegal trafficking of narcotics. Special operations and covert programs are in place to combat the commercial cultivation of marijuana and distribution of illegal drugs. Federal and state grants sometimes provide the necessary funding to accomplish these objectives.

Crystal Methamphetamine—or “ice”—continues to be the greatest threat to the community and continues to be the focus of the Hawai’i Police Department’s Ice Task Force, as well as the entire Area I and Area II Vice Sections. Arrests for methamphetamine trafficking have increased as ice is continually being imported into the community from Honolulu and the West Coast by way of body carriers and parcel services.

The Hawai’i Police Department’s Vice Sections seized almost a half million dollars in street value of crystal methamphetamine during the 2010–2011 fiscal year in their
efforts to disrupt the use, distribution and importation of ice into our county.

The abuse of pharmaceutical prescription drugs — known as “pharmaceutical diversion” — has become an alarming drug threat in the United States and Hawai’i County is no exception. The Hawai’i Vice Section reports that pharmaceutical drugs, legally prescribed or diverted, are present at 90 percent of their search warrants executed for illegal narcotics. Most commonly recovered pharmaceutical drugs during these investigations are oxycodone, hydrocodone, methadone and illegal steroids. Hawai’i Vice officers recovered more than $14,000 in street value of diverted pharmaceutical prescription drugs alone while executing search warrants for crystal methamphetamine and commercial marijuana growing operations during fiscal year 2010–2011. The fact that the abuse or diversion of these pharmaceutical drugs is being committed by persons with legal prescriptions makes these types of investigations that much more difficult.

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 Hawai’i Police Department. The bill contains wording that prohibits the Hawai’i County Council from accepting any federal funding for marijuana eradication. During the third year of this bill, the Hawai’i Police Department’s Vice Sections recovered 20,420 marijuana plants in spite of the absence of eradication missions. By comparison, in Fiscal Year 2007–2008 — the year prior to the “lowest law enforcement priority” bill — Hawai’i Police Vice Sections recovered more than 37,000 marijuana plants as the result of eradication missions and commercial marijuana cultivation investigations. The funding formerly used to investigate commercial marijuana cultivation and distribution was tied into those same federal grants, thus limiting the Vice Sections’ resources and tools to effectively target commercial cultivation and distribution. 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. During Fiscal Year 2010–2011, Hawai’i Vice officers recovered more than 86 pounds of dry processed marijuana packaged for distribution and estimated at close to a half million dollars in street value.

Abuse of Hawai’i’s medical marijuana laws, which were enacted in 2000, is also common.

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

Below are some of the Vice Sections’ highlights in Fiscal Year 2010–2011:

- In October 2010, an elusive long-time crystal methamphetamine trafficker was arrested in Mountain View after a search warrant at his home led to the recovery of approximately $8,000 worth of crystal methamphetamine packaged in multiple 1/8 ounce quantities known on the street as “eight balls.” His 2005 Ford Pickup was forfeited after the ice was located inside it.
- In October 2010, the Area II Ice Task Force executed a search warrant at a home in
Kailua-Kona. A 27-year-old man was arrested after investigators discovered 14.8 grams of marijuana, 5.9 grams of 4-methylmethcathinone (a white powder that produces Ecstasy-like effects that is also known as 4MMC) and 0.4 of a gram of Methylene dioxy pyrovalerone, (a yellowish powder also known as MDPV, which gives a false presumptive positive for cocaine and produces effects similar to those produced by amphetamines and cocaine). The drug 4MMC was classified as a Schedule I dangerous drug under the Emergency Scheduling Act, effective August 1, 2010. At the time of this search warrant, MDPV was not a controlled substance, but it was later classified as a Schedule I dangerous drug under the Emergency Scheduling Act, effective November 30, 2010. Officers also seized $1,303 in U.S. currency for forfeiture.

In November 2010, an investigation by Area I Vice officers led to the recovery of 178 marijuana plants, 1,444 grams of dried processed marijuana, and three firearms from a Mountain View address that — according to the State of Hawai’i Narcotics Enforcement Division — had six medical marijuana permits. It was determined that three people lived on the property. They were subsequently arrested for commercial promotion of marijuana.

In November 2010, the Area II Ice Task Force arrested a 32-year-old woman for prostitution after she was promoting prostitution under the guise of “massage services” on an online website commonly used to advertise various items for sale. The woman was arrested during an undercover prostitution sting operation. She was a visitor from California and is believed to have been frequenting the various islands in Hawai’i to promote prostitution.

In December 2010, area II Ice Task Force conducted an investigation after receiving a report of a methamphetamine distributor who was in possession of two firearms. After executing a search warrant on the 26-year-old man’s property, officers recovered one Vicodin prescription tablet, 3.5 grams of crystal methamphetamine (packaged in distributable amounts), two loaded firearms, more than 40 unspent rounds of ammunition, and paraphernalia associated with the distribution and sale of methamphetamine. Officers also seized $2,187 in cash for forfeiture.

In December 2010, the Area II Ice Task Force executed a search warrant at a home in Kailua-Kona. A 42-year-old man and a 24-year-old woman were arrested after officers discovered 45.3 grams of crystal methamphetamine (packaged in distributable amounts) and paraphernalia associated with the distribution and sales of methamphetamine. Officers also seized $11,767 in cash and three vehicles for forfeiture. Also in December 2010, the Area II Airport Task Force intercepted a parcel destined for an address belonging to the same woman. Upon executing a search warrant on the parcel, officers recovered 124.6 grams of crystal methamphetamine, which had an approximate street value of $32,000.

Four Kea’au men were arrested in December 2010 after a search warrant at their home led to the recovery of 643 marijuana plants and 7 pounds of dried processed marijuana from an indoor-growing operation. The house also served as the base for a water-hauling business. A 2003 Dodge pickup truck and a Suzuki motorcycle were recovered for forfeiture. Two valid medical marijuana permits were registered to that address.

From the months of December 2010 through February 2011, Hilo Vice officers conducted a lengthy investigation into an East Hawai’i drug trafficking organization.
The investigation led to the recovery of more than 47 grams of crystal methamphetamine with a street value of $20,000, as well as pharmaceutical pills, ammunitions and marijuana. In total, 12 people were arrested and charged with 39 offenses, including meth trafficking. Of the 12 individuals, five were established crystal meth dealers—including the head of the drug trafficking organization, who is still incarcerated.

In January 2011, a month-long investigation involving the sale of marijuana resulted in a search warrant of a property in Mountain View. Two men and one woman were arrested after Hilo Vice officers recovered 15 marijuana plants, 21 grams of marijuana, 10.9 grams of crystal methamphetamine, morphine, hydrocodone, oxycodone, two rifles and a shotgun.

In February 2011, Hilo Vice officers assisting on a warrant related to an alleged sexual assault investigation recovered 381 marijuana plants and 6 pounds of dried processed marijuana from the house where the alleged assault took place. The marijuana was located in an elaborate indoor-growing operation. Another search warrant was served at the same property five months later in May 2011, at which time officers recovered another 184 marijuana plants and 143 grams of processed marijuana. Two men were arrested.

In April 2011, Area II Vice officers executed narcotics search warrants on a 58-year-old man and his house located in the North Kohala District. Officers recovered 94.7 grams of packaged crystal methamphetamine and associated paraphernalia items, including digital scales, empty small resealable packets, and cut straws. The methamphetamine was packaged in amounts consistent with illegal distribution and had an estimated street value of $30,350. Officers also recovered and seized $11,920 in cash for forfeiture. After conferring with prosecutors, the responsible man was charged with one count of first-degree methamphetamine trafficking, one count of second-degree methamphetamine trafficking, one count of second-degree promotion of a dangerous drug, and two counts of possessing drug paraphernalia.

In April 2011, Area II Vice officers charged two men and a woman with a variety of crimes—including firearms and narcotics offenses—following an investigation of a reported armed robbery. In mid-April, two Kona men reported to Kona patrol officers that while they were in their pickup truck with two male acquaintances, one of the acquaintances brandished a handgun, threatened the victims and forced them to hand over their personal belongings. The acquaintances then forced the victims to drive to an undisclosed location, where they took their truck. Detectives from the Area II Criminal Investigations Section continued the investigation and were able to identify a 34-year-old California man as one of the suspects. Police issued an all-points bulletin for the suspect, believing him to be armed. Officers later spotted the suspect as a passenger in a sports-utility vehicle being driven by a 24-year-old Captain Cook woman on the Keāhole Airport Access Road. Police conducted a traffic stop on the SUV and arrested the man for the robbery without incident. At that point, the officers observed a sedan traveling toward them in an unsafe manner that nearly caused the car to run off the road. Officers conducted a traffic stop on the car, which was occupied by a 27-year-old Nevada man and a 23-year-old California man. After developing additional information, officers prepared
The Crime Lab consists of a supervising criminalist III, two criminalists II and two evidence specialists.

In Fiscal Year 2010 – 2011, the Crime Lab pursued converting the evidence specialist positions from grant based to civil service in an effort to provide uninterrupted, quality scene-processing capabilities to investigators throughout Hawai‘i County.

Evidence specialists either singularly or jointly processed 126 scenes throughout the island. With their expertise, they aided in photographing, diagramming search warrants for both vehicles. After executing the search warrant on the SUV that had been occupied by the 34-year-old man and the 24-year-old woman, Area II Vice Officers recovered a loaded firearm, several rounds of unspent ammunition, 0.6 of a gram of marijuana, a marijuana smoking pipe and items belonging to one of the robbery victims. Police executed a search warrant on the sedan that had been occupied by the 27-year-old man and 23-year-old man and recovered approximately one pound of cocaine with an estimated street value of $25,000 and 2 grams of marijuana. After conferring with prosecutors, Vice officers charged the 34-year-old man with attempted first-degree promotion of a dangerous drug, attempted drug paraphernalia, promoting detrimental drugs, and six firearms violations. The 24-year-old woman was charged with attempted first-degree promotion of a dangerous drug, attempted drug paraphernalia, promoting detrimental drugs, and firearms violations. The 27-year-old man was charged with first-degree promotion of a dangerous drug, possessing drug paraphernalia, promoting detrimental drugs and driving without a license. The 23-year-old man was released without charges.

In May 2011, the Area II Vice Section — assisted by Detectives with the Area II Criminal Investigations and Juvenile Aid Sections, the Area I Vice Section and the Criminal Intelligence Unit — executed search warrants on a parcel of land in Pāhala, which was being used to hold a cockfighting event. Officers observed approximately 75 vehicles and 150 people in attendance at the cockfight. Officers located and recovered approximately 20 dead chickens that had been disposed of in various locations on the property. Officers also recovered injured chickens, chicken boxes, gaffs, paraphernalia related to cockfighting, and various gambling records related to the cockfight. In addition, officers recovered $7,737 in cash for forfeiture. A 31-year-old Oahu man was charged with one count of cruelty to animals, one count of gambling and one count of possession of gambling records. A 31-year-old Pāhala man was charged with three counts of cruelty to animals. A 51-year-old Pāhala man was charged with one count of possession of gambling records and one count of gambling. A 37-year-old Nā‘ālehu man and a 69-year-old Ocean View man were each charged with two counts of cruelty to animals.
and collecting evidence germane to death investigations, sexual assaults, auto thefts and other cases. This work freed detectives to pursue other aspects of their investigations.

Evidence specialists were also assigned cases in the lab to examine items for latent fingerprints or the presence of biological evidence.

Criminalists continued to provide drug analysis and testing of firearms. This work constituted the bulk of requested laboratory services. Additionally, the arrival of novel designer drugs has made it necessary to research data sources and exchange knowledge with other experts to keep abreast of changing analytical profiles.

The Crime Lab had an overall completion rate of 97 percent of more than 1,400 cases assigned in this fiscal year, not including work at crime scenes.

Investments toward improving future Crime Lab operations include creating a quality assurance program, aiming for uniformity in analytical approach, and continuing education for staff. In Fiscal Year 2010–2011, Crime Lab personnel attended training in the subjects listed below.

- Basic Data Recovery & Acquisition (Honolulu)
- Hawai‘i Seminar: Understanding and Explaining Digital Forensic Evidence in Technology-Facilitated Child Sexual Exploitation Cases (Honolulu)
- Fundamentals of Cybercrime Investigation Training (Kailua-Kona)
- Crime Scene Investigation & Trial Practice in Negligent Homicide Traffic Cases (Waikoloa)
- Medicolegal Investigation of Death (New York)
- Pictometry (Hilo)
Area I Patrol Districts

Hāmākua District

Commander: Capt. Mitchell Kanehailua
Area: 223 square miles / Authorized sworn positions: 18

The Hāmākua district has a population of more than 6,100 residents and is served by 13 patrol officers, two sergeants and a police operations clerk—all under the command of the district captain.

Hāmākua police ended the 2010–2011 fiscal year with a decrease in burglaries, having 18 reported cases compared with 30 from the previous fiscal year. Eleven of the burglaries were cleared for a clearance rate of 61 percent.

Thefts were down 12 percent from the previous year, and the district had a 63 percent clearance rate for theft cases.

Traffic enforcement was a focal point in the Hāmākua District and, although speeding enforcement was down from the previous fiscal year, major traffic collisions were also down, with 41 crashes this year compared with 74 in 2009–2010. Two traffic fatalities were recorded for the year.

North Hilo District

Commander: Capt. Mitchell Kanehailua
Area: 144 square miles / Authorized sworn positions: 12

The North Hilo Police District station is staffed by 10 full-time police officers, a community policing officer, a reserve police officer and a police operations clerk. One police sergeant is assigned to supervise. The North Hilo Police Captain also commands the adjoining Hāmākua District.

In Fiscal Year 2010–2011, the North Hilo District had a decrease in reported burglaries, responding to eight. Of those, four were cleared. Theft cases however, showed an increase to 65 cases compared with 39 the previous year. Officers were able to clear 11 theft cases.

The number of traffic citations decreased over the previous fiscal year with 1,131 citations issued compared with 1,613 in Fiscal Year 2009–2010. The district also logged 40 major traffic crashes, three fewer than the previous year. The district had one traffic fatality.

The Laupāhoehoe Point Memorial event brought the entire community together for a poignant reminder of the devastation caused by the 1946 tsunami. Students from Laupāhoehoe School contributed to the park with beautification projects after the ceremony. Police officers from the district take part in this event every year with assistance from community policing officers from Hilo.

The Hāmākua District at Ka'ala 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.

The North Hilo District at Ka'a'ala Gulch and the South Kohala 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. Robert Wagner
Area: 635 square miles/Authorized sworn positions: 82

Nestled within the Hawai‘i Public Safety Complex at 349 Kapiolani Street in Hilo is the South Hilo Patrol Division and the East Hawai‘i Detention Center.

South Hilo Patrol and community police officers also operate out of mini-stations located at Mo‘oheau Bus Terminal, Clem ‘Akina Park, Holomua Street and Richardson Ocean Park.

The East Hawai‘i Detention Center, located off the Hualālai Street entrance, houses pre-arraignment detainees for the east side of the island. The center, staffed by a cellblock sergeant, five cellblock police officers and private security guards, has 18 individual cells, one observation cell, one padded cell and two temporary holding cells. Two of the individual cells were designed to accommodate the disabled.

In 2008, a partnership between the Department of Public Safety’s Sheriff’s deputies and the Hawai‘i Police Department was formed to reduce the increasing backlog of outstanding bench warrants and to improve court document service — especially in the area of court-ordered restraining orders. During Fiscal Year 2010–2011, the team served 4,183 of the 4,407 court documents received. This reflects a 95 percent service rate, compared with 90 percent the previous year.

During the 2010–2011 fiscal year, the number of major traffic accidents in South Hilo decreased slightly from 416 to 409. This decline was a result of an increased enforcement effort that led to 1,876 more citations (a 13.5 percent increase) from the previous year. In addition, an aggressive effort to apprehend drunk drivers resulted in the arrest of 414 drunk drivers — 109 more (37 percent increase) than the previous year.

The South Hilo communities experienced a significant decline in the number of thefts and other related crimes. Reported thefts decreased by 23 percent and auto thefts decreased by 29 percent. A 47 percent theft clearance rate was obtained for this fiscal year — a 2 percent increase from the previous year. Robberies were down 30 percent along with burglaries that came in at 12 percent fewer than the previous year. The burglary clearance rate, like the theft clearance rate, also improved to 35 percent — a one percent increase from the previous year.

South Hilo Patrol officers are committed to upholding the department’s core values, mission and vision statements. Their dedication and commitment is exhibited in their daily and seemingly routine investigations, which directly contribute to the prevention of crime as reflected in the substantial decrease in reported crimes. The following is just one example:

During Memorial Day Weekend, officers responded to a report of two males in the YWCA parking lot going from car to car checking doors. One of the males reportedly had his hands wrapped in cloth while pulling door handles. One was observed opening one of the car doors and removing an umbrella while the other stood as a lookout. A witness then observed both leaving on foot in the direction of Kapi‘olani.
Fiscal Year 2010–2011 saw the completion and opening of the new Puna police station with district operations moving from Kea‘au to Pāhoa in May 2011. The new $5-million structure shares space with the Department of Motor Vehicles/Driver’s Licensing office. One of the benefits for citizens in the community is the availability to register firearms at the new police station, saving them a long drive to Hilo.

Veteran Puna patrolman Lloyd Ishikawa, who recently achieved 25 years of service, was selected as East Hawai‘i’s Aloha Exchange Club’s 2010 “Officer of the Year” for his outstanding dedication to the job and for tirelessly seeking out wanted persons sought on bench warrants while balancing his other district responsibilities.

Two other Puna officers received high honors, as well. Officer Tuckloy Aurello was honored by his peers and supervisors as the “Puna Patrol Officer of the Year” for his work ethic, teamwork attitude and dedication to the community. Officer William Brown was selected as “Hawai‘i County Employee of the Year.”

Community Policing officers assisted in providing a police presence in Kalapana as the ongoing eruption of Kīlauea moved into the residential area, leading to an increase in visitors to the area. They also worked with landowners and farmers concerned about the problem of illegal hunting on private land.

Overall, criminal cases initiated in Fiscal Year 2010–2011 decreased by 5 percent—or 355 cases below the previous year—with 6,265 cases drawn compared with 6,620 in Fiscal Year 2009–2010. The number of crimes reported decreased in 10 categories over the previous fiscal year. One category remained the same and four increased (two of those —DUI and drug cases—could reasonably be attributed to proactive efforts by police). Significant differences were noted in property crimes as well as DUI cases:

- Burglaries were down by 30 percent (333 reported—138 cases below previous year’s 471).
- Financial crimes were down by 32 percent (154 reported—72 cases below previous year’s 226).
- Thefts were down by 12 percent (754 reported—103 cases below previous year’s 857).
- DUI cases were up by 30 percent (211 generated—64 above previous year’s 147).

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 at 349 Kapi‘olani Street.
Area II Patrol Districts

North Kohala District

Commander: Capt. Richard Miyamoto
Area: 123 square miles/authorized sworn positions: 15

During the 2010–2011 fiscal year, the community of North Kohala showed a drop in the number of reported burglaries (14 compared with 28 the previous year), assaults (22 compared with 36 the previous year) and thefts (65 compared with 70 the previous year). These downturns were attributed to the community being more involved with home security and reporting suspicious activity.

The number of traffic accidents decreased slightly from 80 reported accidents the previous year to 75 during the 2010–2011 fiscal year.

The North Kohala police station underwent some renovations to make it more accessible to anyone with a disability, while providing greater security for Police Department personnel.

The second “Kohala Grad Night Project” was another success due to the North Kohala community and the district’s community policing officer. Nearly 100 percent attendance was achieved with only four students missing out on the night’s fun and activities. Plans for the next event are already under way.

As usual, the Community Policing officer has worked with the community on annual events like the Kamehameha Day Parade, Skate Day, Easter Egg Hunt and Toys for Tots. As part of a community project, the community policing officer helped coordinate the opening of a new library in October. To mark the opening of the library, a “Huki-Puke” was held. This event called for the passing of thousands of books from the old library in Kapa’au to the new library in Hāwī. Thousands of people lined up along a nearly two-mile-long stretch of Akoni Pule Highway, passing the books one at a time, hand to hand, like the old Hawaiians passing stones to build the heiau in Kawaihae. This was later followed by a grand opening and the governor’s dedication of the library.

In December 2010, North Kohala officers arrested a 72-year-old man for attempted murder after they responded to a report of a 90-year-old woman being stabbed at a senior citizen housing site in Kapa‘au. Responding officers arrested the suspect without incident and recovered what was believed to be the weapon he used.

Other significant events that occurred in North Kohala during the year were:

- The execution of two separate search warrants in North Kohala that led to the arrest of two people for numerous drug offenses, as well as to the forfeiture of an automobile and more than $10,000 in cash
- Two separate traffic fatalities occurring on private roads that resulted in the deaths of a 26-year-old man and a 16-year-old girl
Residents in the South Kohala District saw a jump in the number of car break-ins this fiscal year. The number of reported cases of unauthorized entry into a motor vehicle increased from 83 in Fiscal Year 2009–2010 to 124 in Fiscal Year 2010–2011. A majority of those cases occurred in the Waikoloa area. South Kohala patrol officers took a problem-solving approach in analyzing the cases and, as a result, focused on one suspect. Eventually, that individual was arrested and charged with several incidents of unauthorized entry into a motor vehicle, robbery, trespassing and theft.

During the same time period, the South Kohala District experienced a decrease in reported burglaries to 37 cases compared with 67 during Fiscal Year 2009–2010. The district realized a clearance rate of 18 percent, which is credited to good investigation by both patrol and CIS personnel. Community policing officers have continued to engage the community and raise awareness about home security measures and other crime prevention techniques.

In efforts to reduce major traffic collisions, South Kohala patrol officers issued 5,543 citations this fiscal year compared with 5,503 during Fiscal Year 2009–2010. Despite those efforts, the district realized an increase in major collisions during Fiscal Year 2010–2011, 131 compared with 114 in Fiscal Year 2009–2010.

Reported theft cases increased slightly during this fiscal year to 228 compared with 242 during the previous year. A clearance rate of 49 percent is attributed to patrol officers’ investigative efforts. Additionally, 86 shoplifting incidents were reported this year compared with 71 the year before.

The most significant events occurring during Fiscal Year 2010–2011 were:

- On the morning of December 25, 2010, officers responded to a report of a body found in a pool of blood at the base of a stairwell at a South Kohala resort. The victim and family were registered guests of the hotel and were visiting from Los Angeles. An autopsy was ordered and the investigation was turned over to the Area II Criminal Investigations Section.

- During the evening of May 23, 2011, officers responded to a report of a woman screaming for help at the same South Kohala resort. After meeting with hotel security, officers went to the room and found a man with cuts to his hands and feet. Further checks determined that Fire Department personnel had already transported the body of an unconscious woman to North Hawaii Community Hospital. It was later determined that the woman had died from injuries received during an altercation with her male companion. Area II Criminal Investigations Section detectives responded and investigated further. The man was arrested and taken to Kona for further investigation. He was eventually charged with murder.

- On the morning of May 8, 2011, South Kohala officers responded to an unknown disturbance on Hohola Drive where a man had broken into a garage in an attempt to enter the house and then fled the area prior to police arrival. Officers tracked him down...
and arrested him. Investigation led to charges of burglary, unauthorized entry into a motor vehicle, and criminal property damage.

- Officers participated in a number of community events, projects and outreach programs. The Keiki ID program remains a favorite of various community groups that requested it during the 2010–2011 fiscal year.

- Community policing officers again participated in Health & Safety Fairs hosted by area resorts and other agencies servicing South Kohala.

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

Kona Patrol
Commander: Capt. Samuel Kawamoto
Area: 834 square miles / Authorized sworn positions: 78

During Fiscal Year 2010–2011, Captain Samuel Kawamoto was commander of the Kona District, bringing his leadership experience from Community Policing and as commander of the Special Response Team.

Kona patrol officers continue to use Community Policing techniques and philosophy together with crime reduction projects, traffic enforcement projects and special enforcement units. This type of proactive policing has made an impact in reducing crime, criminal activity and traffic awareness.

Kona patrol officers and special enforcement units continued to focus on violations that contribute to traffic accidents. Officers initiated 591 DUI-related cases compared with 599 DUI-related cases the previous fiscal year. This continued proactive approach to traffic safety led to a reduction of fatal traffic collisions from 13 in Fiscal Year 2009–2010 to nine in fiscal year 2010–2011. The widespread commitment of Kona patrol to enforce drinking-and-driving laws was instrumental in the reduction of those fatal traffic collisions.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving presented the Kona District with an Outstanding Service Award for exceptional dedication and service to the community. The organization expressed sincere appreciation to support for its mission by having overall consistency within the Kona district in enforcing drinking and driving laws.

Because the community experienced a rash of property crimes in Fiscal Year 2009–2010, the Special Enforcement Unit was established in June 2010 just before the start of the 2010–2011 fiscal year. Drawing from various Area II operations (such as Community Policing, Patrol and the Criminal Investigations Division), the unit used Community Policing philosophies and strategies to reduce calls for service to patrol and improve community satisfaction and quality of life.

The Special Enforcement Unit continuously analyzed information obtained through intelligence gathering provided from the community, merchants, officers and other sources to identify and detect criminal trends for early intervention, which is crucial in curtailing crime. Unit team members review all intelligence and formulate proactive approaches to the identified problems. Once particular suspects are identified, the unit then accelerates
investigations to identify criminal activities and expedite the judicial process for persons who may be responsible for these crimes. This strategy minimizes the number of property crimes committed by those persons.

The Special Enforcement Unit was instrumental in the reduction of such property crimes as burglaries, which were reduced by 21 percent from 234 reports in Fiscal Year 2009 – 2010 to 184 reports in Fiscal Year 2010 – 2011. Similarly, vehicle break-ins decreased by 38 percent from 229 reports in 2009 – 2010 to 141 reports in 2010 – 2011.

Responding to an increase in criminal activity in Kailua Village, the Community Policing Section spearheaded the reimplementation of Bike Patrol. Drawing from trained Bike Patrol officers in Patrol and from Community Policing, the program has been most successful over the past year. When the Bike Patrol program started in June 2010, community members and shopkeepers expressed concern about increased criminal activity in Kailua Village. Seventeen cases had been reported in Fiscal Year 2008 – 2009 and another 17 cases in Fiscal Year 2009 – 2010. The number of robberies in Kailua Village dropped by 48 percent to only nine reports in Fiscal Year 2010 – 2011, thanks to Bike Patrol and its high level of police presence.

The Bike Patrol program has not only helped fight crime, it has also offered more opportunities to build positive relations with members in the community by making officers more approachable.

The Community Policing Section also partnered with the county’s Parks and Recreations Department in monitoring and enforcing laws in parks, creating a more enjoyable place for community members to visit. In efforts to reduce the number of people using the parks for habitation, Community Policing officers issued 86 citations for park hour violations in Fiscal Year 2010 – 2011 (compared with only 24 the previous year), reducing the amount of litter in the parks.

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

Ka‘ū District

Commander: Captain Andrew Burian
Area: 700 square miles / Authorized sworn position: 18

During Fiscal Year 2010 – 2011, Ka‘ū officers investigated 69 major traffic accidents—a slight decline from the 75 investigated in Fiscal Year 2009 – 2010. Traffic enforcement was a focal point as officers issued more than 3,000 citations. Of those, 641 were for speeding and 200 were for seat belt or child restraint violations. Emphasis on traffic enforcement has contributed to the decline in major traffic accidents over the past three years and plays an important part in keeping our roads safe for community members and visitors.

Police officers were responsible for investigating nearly 1,300 incidents in the Ka‘ū District. Officers investigated 59 burglaries, down from 61 the previous year. The number of theft and unauthorized entry into motor vehicle cases also declined slightly from 172 to 168. Well-established and active Neighborhood Watch groups in the Discovery Harbour and Hawaiian Ocean View Estates
subdivisions are vital in keeping our communities safe.

Community members from the Hawaiian Ocean View Estates subdivision—as well as representatives from the Police Department, Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, Office of the Mayor, Hawai‘i County Council and Department of Environmental Management—worked together in an effort to reduce illegal dumping. They developed community-based strategies to increase awareness and worked to clean up illegal dump sites throughout the subdivision.

These were the most significant events that occurred during Fiscal Year 2010–2011:

- In August 2010, Ka‘ū patrol officers, with the assistance of Area II Vice officers, prepared and executed a search warrant at a home in Waiohinu. This led to the recovery of 555 marijuana plants, 6.7 grams of heroin, a small amount of crystal methamphetamine, 15.2 grams of dried processed marijuana and related drug paraphernalia. A man and woman were arrested and charged with numerous drug-related offenses.

- In September 2010, Ka‘ū patrol officers investigated a burglary and robbery at a home in the Hawaiian Ocean View Estates subdivision in which a backpack, jewelry, silver coins and medical marijuana were removed. The efforts of the Ka‘ū patrol officers led to the arrest of the suspects and the recovery of some of the stolen items.

- In April 2011, Ka‘ū officers received information from a citizen about indoor marijuana cultivation at a home in Hawaiian Ocean View Estates. A search warrant was executed and officers found more than 70 marijuana plants, a small amount of dried marijuana and other drug paraphernalia.

Officer Henry Ivy was honored by the East Hawaii Exchange Club as “Officer of the Month” in March 2011 for interrupting a theft of gasoline and other items from the Sea Mountain Golf Course in Punalu‘u.

Community Policing Officer and lifelong Ka‘ū resident Dane Shibuya plays an important part in keeping our communities safe and is active in the community. He works with Neighborhood Watch organizations, schools and other community organizations to address their concerns. He has done an outstanding job in working to maintain community satisfaction, and he regularly conducts Keiki ID, station tours and DARE classes for our youth.

*The Ka‘ū District is bounded by the Kona District at Kaulanamaua and the Puna District at Keahou Landing. Its police station is located at 95-5353 Māmalahoa Highway in Na‘ālehu.*
Traffic Enforcement Unit (TEU)

Commander: Sgt. Christopher Gali

The Traffic Enforcement Unit is charged with investigating traffic crashes involving death or serious injury while conducting traffic enforcement and training related to traffic enforcement and investigation. It is staffed by a sergeant and seven police officers.

In Fiscal Year 2010–2011, the Traffic Enforcement Unit investigated 20 fatal crashes that killed 20 people. All but seven 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 five, and a combination of drugs and alcohol was a factor in seven. (The previous fiscal year, 29 people died in 25 crashes. That year, all but seven of the crashes involved alcohol, drugs or both.)

TEU officers conducted 86 DUI sobriety checkpoints, arrested 338 drivers who were under the influence of intoxicants and conducted 88 seat belt checkpoints.

The officers also issued 7,305 moving citations, of which 4,207 were for speeding.

They issued 4,073 regulatory citations and made 382 other arrests.

On June 9, 2011, three members of the Traffic Enforcement Unit, along with officers from other districts, received individual awards from Mothers Against Drunk Driving during a luncheon ceremony at Encore Restaurant in Hilo. Certificates of Appreciation were issued to officers with the highest DUI arrests during 2010. They were Officers Clarence Davies (78), Andres Fojas (85) and Joshua Lewis (80.).

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Grants

The following grants were funded by state or federal agencies during Fiscal Year 2010–2011:

‘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.
Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner Training

To improve Hawai‘i County’s ability to respond to violent crimes against women — primarily sexual assault— with associated intimate partner violence, physical abuse and homicide by improving medical and forensic examination services.

Speed Enforcement Grant

To reduce the number of motor vehicle collisions resulting in injuries and fatalities caused by speeding drivers.

Traffic Investigations

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

Victims Service Coordinator

To hire a victims services Coordinator to service the ongoing needs of victims of domestic violence and sexual assault while the cases remain under investigation.

Aggressive Driving

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

Evidence Specialist

To fund two evidence specialist positions to be trained in the latest techniques of crime scene investigations.

SAFE Standby

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

The following are the budget figures for Fiscal Year 2010 – 2011:

Personnel Services

Salaries and wages, straight time $ 34,623,630
Salaries and wages, other $ 3,877,978

Other current expenses

Contractual services $ 8,154,389
Materials and supplies $ 2,293,038
Other charges $ 212,797
Equipment $ 144,700
Miscellaneous accounts $ 1,028,663
Grants funded $ 3,488,500

Total $ 53,823,695
Personnel Changes

New Hires

Lewis Andrade, School Crossing Guard
Sylvia A. Amaral Arquitola, Police Radio Dispatcher
Kelsey K. Feig, Police Officer I TEMP
Frances H. Hashimoto, School Crossing Guard
Chelsey W. Heidenfeldt, Police Officer I TEMP
Shane N. H. Hironaka, Police Radio Dispatcher
Kelena D. Ho'okano, Police Officer I TEMP
Aaron K. Kaeo, Police Officer I TEMP
Jonathen K. Kailiuli, Police Officer I TEMP
Vaughn S. Kelii, Police Officer I TEMP
Derek Kenison Jr., Police Officer I TEMP
Roland A. Kuamoo, Police Officer I TEMP
Amy C. Masuyama, Police Officer I TEMP
Nicholas C. K. McDaniel, Police Officer I TEMP
Eric Ontiveros, Police Officer I TEMP
Joshua K. Pa, Police Officer I TEMP
Hanalei S. Pagan, Police Officer I TEMP
Bruce I. M. Parayno, Police Officer I TEMP
Brad L. Resureccion, Police Officer I TEMP
Chelsey L. Riviera, School Crossing Guard
Jensen X. Rodrigues, Police Officer I TEMP
Alan Rosario, Radio Technician I
Robert A. K. Rutherford, Police Officer I TEMP
Keng C. Singleton, Police Officer I TEMP
Dwayne E. Sluss, Police Officer I TEMP
Aaron M. Tanaka, Police Officer I TEMP
Peter P. Tourigny, Police Officer I TEMP
Gena M. Villaruel, Police Radio Dispatcher
Branden K. Watanabe, Police Officer I TEMP
Kiera K. Yabusaki, Police Radio Dispatcher
Julia L. Yamanouchi, Police Radio Dispatcher
Promotions

Robert E. Almeida, Detective
Mellaney L. Bean, District Operations Assistant
Jason A. Berryhill, Detective
Sherry D. Bird, Lieutenant
Kenneth Bugado Jr., Lieutenant
Paul R. Bugado, Sergeant
Grad I. Elarionoff, Sergeant
Joel J. Field, Detective
Robert Y. Fujitake Jr., Lieutenant
Samuel H. Kawamoto Jr., Captain
Daniel J. Mlakar, Lieutenant
Jo Ann L. Tallett, Operations Clerk
Robert P. Pauole, Sergeant
Brian D. Prudencio, Detective
Grant K. Todd, Detective
Robert F. Wagner, Captain

Retirements

Sexual Assault Forensic Nurse Coordinator
Merle M. Endo
Officer Robert H. Hironaka
Human Resources Program Specialist Amy O. Miyao
Assistant Chief Derek D. Pacheco
Lieutenant Ronald A. Paul
Sergeant Michael K. Riviera
Officer Don I. Takahashi
Officer William A. Torres
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 2009 to 2010:
- Reported Index Crimes decreased 13.6% in rate.

Comparing 2010 to 2001:
- The Index Crime rate declined 33.5%.

In 2010, of the 5,769 Index Offenses reported:
- Property crimes accounted for 91.1% (5,255).
- Violent crimes accounted for 8.9% (514).

Hawaii County's total Index Crime rate in 2010 was the lowest in the State of Hawaii.

Hawaii County's total Index Crime rate in 2010 was the lowest on record since the start of statewide data collection in 1976.

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

From 2009 to 2010:
• The rate of reported violent crimes increased 2.2%.

Comparing 2010 to 2001:
• The violent crime rate increased 49.5%.

In 2010, of 514 violent crimes reported:
• Aggravated assault accounted for 67.5% (347).
• Robbery accounted for 15.4% (79).
• Forcible rape accounted for 16.5% (85).
• Murder accounted for 0.6% (3).

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

From 2009 to 2010:
- The rate of reported murders decreased 44.2% (3 murders were reported in 2010, versus 5 reported in 2009).

Comparing 2010 to 2001:
- The murder rate decreased 69.8%.

In 2010, of the 3 murders reported:
- Knives or cutting instruments were involved in 66.7% (2).
- Other/unknown weapons were involved in 33.3% (1).

Hawaii County’s murder rate in 2010 was the lowest on record since the start of statewide data collection in 1975.
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 2009 to 2010:
- Reported forcible rapes increased 19.8% in rate.

Comparing 2010 to 2001:
- The forcible rape rate increased 0.7%.

**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 2009 to 2010:**
- Reported robberies increased 9.7% in rate.

**Comparing 2010 to 2001:**
- The robbery rate increased 1.0%.

**In 2010,** of the 79 robberies reported:
- Strongarm (hands, fists, feet, etc.) robbery accounted for 75.9% (60).
- Knives or cutting instruments were involved in 12.7% (10).
- Other dangerous weapons were involved in 7.6% (6).
- Firearms were involved in 3.8% (3).

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 2009 to 2010:
- Reported aggravated assaults decreased 2.2% in rate.

Comparing 2010 to 2001:
- The aggravated assault rate increased 102.5%.

In 2010, of the 347 reported aggravated assaults:
- Other dangerous weapons were involved in 38.6% (134).
- Strongarm (hands, fists, feet, etc.) accounted for 37.2% (129).
- Knives or other cutting instruments were involved in 18.4% (64).
- Firearms were involved in 5.8% (20).

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 2009 to 2010:
- Reported property crimes decreased 14.9% in rate.

Comparing 2010 to 2001:
- The property crime rate decreased 36.9%.

In 2010, of the 5,255 property crimes reported:
- Larceny-theft accounted for 69.0% (3,627).
- Burglary accounted for 21.7% (1,141).
- Motor vehicle theft accounted for 9.3% (487).

Hawaii County’s property crime rate in 2010 was the lowest in the State of Hawaii.

Hawaii County’s property crime rate in 2010 was the lowest on record since the start of statewide data collection in 1975.
Burglary - The unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or a theft. Attempted burglary is included.

From 2009 to 2010:
- Reported burglaries decreased 25.0% in rate.

Comparing 2010 to 2001:
- The burglary rate decreased 40.2%.

In 2010, of the 1,141 burglaries and attempted burglaries reported:
- Burglary accounted for 95.0% (1,084).
- Attempted burglary accounted for 5.0% (57).

In 2010, of the 1,084 burglaries that were reported:
- Structures entered by force accounted for 55.8% (605).
- Structures entered without force accounted for 44.2% (479).

Hawaii County’s burglary rate in 2010 was the lowest in the State of Hawaii.

Hawaii County’s burglary rate in 2010 was the lowest on record since the start of statewide data collection in 1975.

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

From 2009 to 2010:
- Reported larceny-thefts decreased 12.5% in rate.

Comparing 2010 to 2001:
- The larceny-theft rate decreased 37.5%.

Hawaii County's larceny-theft rate in 2010 was the lowest in the State of Hawaii.

Hawaii County's larceny theft rate in 2010 was the lowest on record since the start of statewide data collection in 1975.
Motor Vehicle Theft - The theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle.

From 2009 to 2010:
- Reported motor vehicle thefts decreased 4.2% in rate.

Comparing 2010 to 2001:
- The motor vehicle theft rate decreased 20.4%.

In 2010, of the 487 motor vehicle thefts reported:
- Autos accounted for 48.5% (236).
- Trucks and buses accounted for 30.8% (150). Included in this category are pickup trucks and vans.
- Other vehicles accounted for 20.7% (101). Included in this category are motorcycles, mopeds, and golf carts.

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 2009 to 2010:
- Reported arsons decreased 30.2% in rate.

Comparing 2010 to 2001:
- The arson rate decreased 61.8%.

Hawaii County’s arson rate in 2010 was the lowest in the State of Hawaii.

Hawaii County’s arson rate in 2010 was the lowest on record since the start of statewide data collection in 1979.
