# Annual Report Fiscal Year 2016-2017



# Hawai'i Police Department County of Hawai'i

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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

# Police Department County of Hawaii

2016 – 2017 Annual Report

Hawai`i County Police Commission Aupuni Center 101 Pauahi Street, Suite 9 Hilo, Hawai`i 96720

Dear Commissioners:



In FY 2016-2017, the Hawai'i Police Department experienced a change in leadership as I was selected to replace Chief Harry S. Kubojiri who retired at the end of 2016. Upon taking office, I directed staff to build on the foundation that has been laid out by my predecessor, enhancing the programs we have in place that have proven to be so valuable to our community, such as the Community Policing philosophy that our entire department has embraced.

In line with our commitment to the community, we have made strides in the timely releasing of crime data through our Community Policing Team and a monthly newsletter that is produced by the Community Police Officers (CPO) in the various districts to provide crime statistics and information to neighborhood watch groups and community members, as well as crime prevention tips.

Our Department, in conjunction with private merchants, has developed a well-received "Coffee with a Cop" program in which Community Policing Officers and Commanders will meet at designated times and locations to converse with members of the public. The topics of these face to face conversations are not pre-set and allow members of the public an opportunity to discuss their issues of concern with an officer. The public feedback, along with the attendant generated publicity, has been very positive for the community participants, involved officers, as well as for the department's image.

In FY 2016-2017, due to the high demand for "Active Shooter" presentations, the department provided training and began utilizing Community Police Officers in addition to Special Response Team (SRT) personnel to deliver these presentations to local community, neighborhood or business organizations. These presentations help the community to understand the responding officer's role and prepare them for their own response if involved in an active shooter. Additionally, we expanded the Active Shooter Program to reach a greater audience by placing information and links to other sites on our Department website.

During this fiscal year, we saw indictments unsealed in the Peter Kema case. This particular crime involved the disappearance of a six-year-old boy in 1997. Working in collaboration with the Prosecutor's Office, we were finally able to bring to justice those responsible for his death. We pledge to continue to work on old unsolved cases in order to bring a sense of closure to the affected families.

Lastly, during the fiscal year, our department was faced with additional challenges with the implementation of a new fully digitized radio system and the tweaking of our soon to be implemented new Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) and Records Management System (RMS).

Thank you for the honor and privilege to have been selected as the Police Chief for the Hawai`i Police Department and commit to you and the community that we will stay true to our vision statement that "the Hawaii 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."

Sincerely,

PAUL K. FERREIRA POLICE CHIEF HAWAI'I POLICE DEPARTMENT

# Hawaii County Police Commission

The Honorable Harry Kim Mayor, County of Hawaii 25 Aupuni Street Hilo, Hawaii 96720



Dear Mayor Kim:

The County Police Commission continues to strive to fulfill its Mission Statement, to "advocate law enforcement based on due regard for the rights of all persons, promoting the highest degree of mutual respect between the police and the public". Commission members actively bring the concerns and successes of respective districts to our monthly meetings.

The Commission started 2017 by hiring Police Chief Paul Ferreira, to replace retiring Chief Harry Kubojiri. Some Commissioners also attended the statewide annual Police Commissioners Conference and the Hawaii State Law Enforcement Officials Association Conference. At monthly Commission meetings, both complainants and officers are encouraged to appear in person to give the Commissioners a comprehensive understanding of complaints against Department personnel. The Commission is also closely involved with the Police Department in the budgetary process.

The Commissioners appreciate Police Department challenges in maintaining and supporting sworn and civilian staff in a stressful profession, and in remaining proactive with crime, natural disasters, civil discord, homelessness, and other concerns. Commissioners remain committed to the duties of civilian oversight and service to the people of Hawaii County.

Sincerely,

PETE HENDRICKS, CHAIR HAWAII COUNTY POLICE COMMISSION

# Hawai'i County Police Commission



(From Left to Right) Wayne De Luz, Peter Hendricks, Arthur Buckman, Collen Pasco, and Paul Paiva. Not pictured: Keith Morioka, Jak Hu, and Carl Carlson Jr.

Nine Big Island residents serve on the Hawai'i County Police Commission. The Mayor appoints one member from each district, and each appointment is subject to confirmation by the Hawai'i County Council.

The commissions 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 Deputy Chief, and consider public compliance against the department or any of its members and then submit the 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 the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 the Police Commission members were:

- District 1- Peter Hendricks
- District 2- Paul Paiva
- District 3- Keith Morioka
- District 4- Wayne De Luz
- District 5- Arthur Buckman
- District 6- Robert Gomes, Sr.
- District 7- Jak Hu
- District 8- Carl Carlson
- District 9- Guy Schutte

# Hawai'i Police Department Organizational Chart



## Commanders



Kenneth Buagdo Jr. Deputy Chief



Marshall Kanehailua Assistant Chief Administration



Henry Tavares Assistant Chief Area I Operations



Mitchell Kanehailua Assistant Chief Area II Operations



Samuel Thomas Major Administrative Services Division



James O'Connor Major Technical Services Division



Randy Apele Major Operations Bureau Area I



Robert Wagner Major Operations Bureau Area II

# **Office of Professional Standards/Criminal Intelligence Unit**

Commander - Captain Burt Shimabukuro

The Office of Professional Standards (OPS) and Criminal Intelligence Unit (CIU) report directly to the Police Chief.

#### Office of Professional Standards (OPS)

#### Mission Statement

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

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

The Office of Professional Standards conducts quality control and compliance inspections of department areas, property, vehicles, personnel and issued equipment. The unit also assists administration personnel in conducting the department's drug testing program.

The Office of Professional Standards includes two selected detectives assigned to Police Headquarters. The unit falls under the command of a captain, who reports to the Office of the Police Chief.

During Fiscal Year 2016-2017, the Office of Professional Standards conducted 11 administrative investigations, 59 internal inquiries into actions by Police Department personnel and provided 36 in-service training sessions to employees. The Office of Professional Standards also conducted 12 quality control and compliance inspections of various elements of the department to prevent abuse, misuse, fraud and waste of department resources.

#### Criminal Intelligence Unit (CIU)

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

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

The Criminal Intelligence Unit gathers information from all sources in a manner consistent with the law in support of efforts to provide intelligence on the existence, identities and capabilities of criminal suspects and enterprises. The unit also conducts background investigations on applicants seeking employment with the Hawai'i Police Department and criminal history checks of other county, state and federal agencies. The Criminal Intelligence Unit is part of the Inter-County Criminal Intelligence Unit, which includes the intelligence units of the Honolulu Police Department, Maui Police Department and Kauai Police Department.

The Criminal Intelligence Unit is a member of the Law Enforcement Intelligence Unit, which is composed of law enforcement agencies in the United States, Canada and Australia.

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

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

During Fiscal Year 2016-2017, the Criminal Intelligence Unit submitted 368 intelligence reports, conducted 366 criminal history checks, provided 144 in service training sessions and provided intelligence information, which, in whole or in part, led to the initiation of 90 criminal investigations.

#### Administrative Bureau Commander — Assistant Chief Marshall Kanehailua

The Administrative Bureau is divided into two divisions: Administrative Services and Technical Services. A police major heads each Division.

#### Administrative Services Division

Commander - Major Samuel Thomas

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

The **Accreditation Section** maintains accreditation for the Department through the Advanced Law Enforcement Accreditation program offered by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). CALEA sets forth a total of 484 standards, and the Section ensures standards compliance. The program consists of an annual Web-Based Review (Year 1-4) and a Site-Based Assessment (Year 4 only). Upon successful completion of these reviews and assessment, the Department is awarded accreditation on Year 4. The Department's latest award for accreditation was in November 2015, and it's last Web-Based Review in December 2016.

The Department, along with CALEA headed efforts to create a State network for law enforcement agencies relating to accreditation and formed the Hawaiian Islands Police Accreditation Coalition Inc. (HIPAC) in October 2016. In June 2017, HIPAC held its inaugural conference.

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

The **Word Processing Center** is responsible for transcribing all narrative police reports that sworn personnel dictate into an internet/web-based Dictation Enterprise Platform system. The system was implemented in September 2010, replacing an aged and outdated on-site digital recording system. Throughout the 2016-2017 fiscal year, the Word Processing Center has managed to maintain the workload through hard work and perseverance even with staff shortages due to separations of service, promotions and/or transfers. The dictated reports transcribed by the Word Processing Center are routed via the Records Management System for officers' approval and timely prosecution. The transcribed reports become the official documents that detail the Police Department's criminal investigations. The Word Processing Center consists of one clerical services supervisor, one assistant clerical supervisor and 13 clerk III positions. In Fiscal Year 2016-2017, nearly 28,500 reports were transcribed, totaling more than 278,000 minutes and 2,105,702 completed lines of dictation.

The **Human Resources Section**, in cooperation with the Hawai'i County Department of Human Resources, conducted various open and internal recruitments for sworn and civilian vacancies, resulting in the hiring of 31 police officer recruits, ten radio dispatchers, six school crossing guards, two clerk III's, one firearms registration clerk, one account clerk, one police operations clerk, one public relations specialist, one police evidence specialist, one storeroom clerk, one storekeeper, and one custodian/groundskeeper I  $\frac{1}{2}$  time. Internally, there were 8 temporary promotions to police officer III, and one temporary promotion each to police captain,

police lieutenant, police sergeant, and secretary. There were 8 promotions to police sergeant/detective, four promotions to police lieutenant, two promotions to police captain and one promotion each to assistant police chief, police major, secretary, police evidence custodian, police investigative operations clerk, firearms registration clerk and clerk III. Additionally, there were 2 inter-governmental movements of a police officer II and one appointment each to police chief, deputy police chief, and secretary to police chief.

During Fiscal Year 2016-2017, the **Training Section** conducted training for the 84th Police Recruit Class, which began with 22 police officers and the 85<sup>th</sup> Police Recruit Class which began with 14 Police Officers. The department continues to provide training that will provide a foundation for officers to address various situations effectively and professionally. Some of the training classes include "Assisting Individuals and Groups in Crisis Intervention" and "Basic Homicide Investigator's Course". Recruit officers receive a wide variety of field training riding along and being evaluated by Field Training Officers. Field Training includes the practical application of criminal investigations; principles of Police patrol; interview and interrogation; constitutional and citizen's rights; federal, state and county statutes, and other topics pertinent to law enforcement. During the 2016-2017 County fiscal year, the Police Department provided in excess of 50,000 hours of instruction and training to its sworn police officers and civilian employees.

The **Community Relations Section** is responsible for maintaining programs to help the community and increase its awareness of police operations, including station tours for civic groups, students, parents and out-of-town visitors as well as managing requests for speakers on police-related subjects for community groups and schools. In the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year, the Hawai'i Police Department conducted 28 station tours for 1,184 participants and participated in 125 speaking engagements with 4,564 participants.

The **Public Relations Section** is responsible for maintaining the department's website, responding to inquiries from the news media, producing the cable access television program "Hawai'i Island's Most Wanted" and publishing the department's annual report and employee newsletter. In Fiscal Year 2016-2017, the department published 637 media releases to the department's website and through the Nixle service that allows the public to receive text messages, emails or both directly from the Police Department.

In addition, there is an Annual Police-Media Meeting held where members of the media are invited to exchange ideas, ask questions of police personnel and exchange ideas in an effort to improve communications between media and the department. Smaller group meetings are held quarterly alternating on both sides of the island.

#### **Technical Services Division**

Commander - Major James O'Connor

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 2016-2017 fiscal year, the **"Communications/Dispatch Center"** received 193,914 9-1-1 calls, a 9.6 percent decrease over the previous fiscal year (214,566 calls), with 7.5 percent of them transferred to the Hawai'i Fire Department. All requests for police service are recorded, logged and assigned by Dispatch personnel using a computer-aided dispatch system with six to seven dispatchers on shift at any given time.

The Dispatch Center documented 216,511 calls for service during this fiscal year, a 7.4 percent decrease over the previous year (233,793). On the average, about 69 percent of the calls received were from wireless phones.

The Dispatch Center fulfills requests for 9-1-1 and other audio recordings and information for the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, officer and internal investigations, as well as the general public. During this fiscal year, the Center completed 493 requests for such information compared with 656 the prior year, a 24 percent decrease.

Additionally, the Police Department implemented Public Safety training for new, or refresher training for veteran 9-1-1 Dispatchers, Supervisors, Command Staff, and Commanders. This training focuses on ascertaining the location of the 9-1-1 caller or the location of the emergency services deployment. This is critical for 9-1-1 operations that the location of "where to send help" be accurate to reduce the response time of the dispatched units that may save lives and property.

The **"Communications Maintenance Section"** is responsible for maintenance and repair of all county-owned radio sites. This includes towers, shelters, microwave radios, repeaters, base radios, mobile radios and handheld portable radios.

The Communications Maintenance Section installs and maintains all radio and emergency warning equipment in the Police Department's fleet and subsidized vehicles. During first half of Fiscal Year 2017 -2018, the Communications Maintenance Section completed 65 installations of radio, siren and warning lights in Police Department vehicles.

The Communications Maintenance Section repaired 21 Civil Defense sirens and performed preventive maintenance on an additional 12 sirens for the first half of this fiscal year.

The Communications Maintenance Section conducted preventive maintenance inspections of 31 district stations and 35 radio sites inspections/preventive maintenance visits during Fiscal Year 2017-2018.

The **"Records and Identification Section"** has several internal subsections (Records, Identification, Firearms and Evidence) with a variety of responsibilities. The overall responsibilities of the entire section are maintaining police records, conducting evidence fingerprint examinations, processing subpoenas and court documents, compiling and disseminating statistical information, and processing firearm permit applications and

registrations—including thorough background checks on each individual applying for a long gun or handgun permit.

In Fiscal Year 2016-2017, the Records Section processed requests for 4,764 copies of criminal reports and 7,257 copies of accident reports. The Firearms Section issued 3,583 firearms permits and registered 9,552 firearms. The Identification Section processed 18,116 court documents and 6,790 fingerprints. The Evidence Section processed 5,819 photo receipts and 9,800 property receipts.

The **"Computer Center"** is responsible for interconnectivity between all police stations and substations, installing and maintaining computer equipment, installing and troubleshooting software systems and providing technical assistance for varying computer issues. During Fiscal Year 2016-2017, the Computer Center continued work on replacing the electronic record management system, computer-aided dispatch and field-based reporting systems. The Computer Center responded to approximately 4,300 calls and helpdesk tickets.

During Fiscal Year 2016-2017, the Hawai'i Police Department requested reimbursement of \$654,140.97 in federal grant funds which the Traffic Services Section oversees for traffic enforcement and equipment purchases to improve traffic safety.

Police continued efforts to make Hawai'i Island roadways safer by using the grant funds to pay for overtime for checkpoints and other enforcement projects aimed at reducing injuries and deaths in motor vehicle crashes by increasing seat belt use rates, apprehending impaired drivers, and enforcing laws pertaining to distracted drivers, speed regulations and "outlaw" road racing.

Other Traffic Services Section highlights include:

- 72 road closure permits issued
- 256 violation letters sent out to motorists
- 52 school crossing guard checks conducted
- 1,061 abandoned vehicle cases were routed to the Department of Environmental Management.

# Special Response Team (SRT)



Officer Patrick Aurello of the Special Response Team providing annual Conducted Energy Weapon training with Officer Gabriel Wilson of patrol.

The mission of the Special Response Team (SRT) is to support the Hawai'i Police Department and any other requesting law enforcement agencies with a response to critical incidents, such as hostage situations, barricade situations, sniper situations, high-risk warrant service and special assignments. The team also provides security for visiting dignitaries.

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

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

From July 2016 through June 2017, the Special Response Team responded to three special assignments, one high risk warrant and provided three security details.

The Special Response Team is also tasked with managing the department's conducted electrical weapon program, firearms instructor program, patrol rifle program, all hazards training, rapid response to active threats training, and annual use-of-force review. In addition, SRT provides training to recruit officers in basic tactics and active shooter response along with participating in community outreach programs on various topics. From its inception through June 2017, SRT responded to 160 incidents.

# **Operations Bureaus**

#### Area I — East Hawai'i

Commanders: Assistant Chief Henry Tavares • Major Randy Apele

The Area I Operations Bureau includes investigative and patrol operations in East Hawai'i. Its districts include, Hamakua, 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: July 2016 Assistant Chief Paul Kealoha • Major Mitchell Kanehailua December 2016 Assistant Chief Mitchell Kanehailua • Major Robert Wagner

The Area II Operations Bureau includes area includes investigative and patrol Operations in West Hawai'i. The 2,234 square miles include the districts of North Kohala, South Kohala Kona and Ka'u, each headed West by a captain.



# **Criminal Investigations Divisions**

Commander — Capt. Randall Medeiros

## Area I Criminal Investigations Section (CIS)

Commander – Lt. Gregory Esteban

During Fiscal Year 2016-2017, Area I CIS investigated 1,267 crimes. Of those, 379 were burglaries, 209 were thefts and 178 were financial crimes. In comparison with the previous fiscal year, this represents a 30.7 percent decrease in the number of burglaries investigated, a 39.0 percent decrease in thefts and a 61.3 percent decrease in financial crimes. The overall solution rate in Area I was 75.54 percent. Area I detectives investigated 0 murder cases and 10 attempted murder cases.

In September 2016, a Pāhoa woman was arrested in connection with a burglary of a Hawaiian Paradise Park home that occurred about a week prior. Taken from the home were power tools, jewelry, household items, personal documents and blank checks. The 48 year-old suspect was charged with burglary, theft, habitual property crimes, drug offenses, unauthorized possession of confidential personal information and 10 counts of forgery.

Also in September 2016, a 22 year-old Puna man who was charged for robbery, was arrested again on unrelated charges of violence within 48 hours of bonding out on the robbery offense. In the robbery incident, a 19 year-old victim was walking near Route 130 and the Pāhoa Village Road when the suspect assaulted the victim before taking the victim's skateboard by force. The suspect was charged for the robbery and released from police custody after posting \$5000 bond. Two days later, the 22 year-old suspect was again arrested and charged for terroristic threatening, criminal property damage and unauthorized entry into a motor vehicle after he allegedly used a bat to smash a vehicle occupied by a 21 year-old woman and her 3 year old son in Hawaiian Beaches.

In December 2016, an attempted murder investigation was opened when a 41 year-old Hilo woman sustained severe lacerations after being involved in a domestic-related incident at a Hilo apartment complex. The suspect, a 30 year-old Hilo man, fled the area prior to police arrival and was suspected of stealing a sedan, then a pickup truck. Later that afternoon, the suspect was located in the stolen pickup on Highway 11 near the Shipman Industrial Park in Kea`au. The suspect failed to comply with lawful orders of the officers who were approaching and was shot by police when he drove forward, gunning his engine heading toward another officer. Police administered CPR at the scene until the suspect was transported to the Hilo Medical Center where he was pronounced dead.

Also in December 2016, a 35 year-old Pāhoa man was arrested for attempted murder after allegedly shooting at a vehicle occupied by two men. The victims, a 26 year-old and 27 year-old, both of Hilo were at a Hilo business when the suspect fired a shot that struck the front driver's side window of the vehicle. Neither victim was injured in this incident. The suspect was charged with one count of first-degree murder, two counts of second-degree attempted murder, place to keep firearm and use of a firearm in the commission of a separate felony.

In January 2017, and acting on tips from the public, a 26 year-old Hilo man was arrested in Volcano Village in connection with two stolen vehicles. The two cars were 2017 models that were taken from car dealerships in Hilo and Kona. The suspect was charged with two counts of first-degree theft, two counts of unauthorized control of a propelled vehicle, fraudulent use of a

license plate, resisting arrest and reckless driving (for fleeing from an officer who attempted to stop him in one of the stolen cars).

In February 2017, a 24 year-old man passed a note to a Hilo bank teller, demanding money and making reference to being armed. The suspect fled on foot with an undisclosed amount of cash, but was quickly apprehended nearby. The suspect was later charged for second-degree robbery.

Also in February 2017, police responded to a report of multiple gunshots at Hilo shopping complex. No one was injured, but four men and one woman, between the ages of 18 to 20, were in close proximity to a vehicle that the bullets struck. Patrol officers pursued the suspect's vehicle into the Puna District and later arrested a 29 year-old man after he abandoned his vehicle. The suspect was charged with five counts of attempted second-degree murder and one count each of attempted first-degree murder, first-degree terroristic threatening, resisting an order to stop a vehicle, and reckless driving.

In April 2017, patrol officers responded to a burglary report at a Waiākea Uka residence where over \$10,000 in cash belonging to a public school booster club was taken. The investigation revealed that the booster club's Vice President, a 42 year-old Hilo woman, took the money for herself, staged the burglary and made the fictitious report to police about the break-in. The suspect was charged with second-degree theft and false reporting to law enforcement authorities.

Also in April 2017, a 19-year-old Puna man was arrested in connection with the theft of a County of Hawai'i Mass Transit vehicle from their Hilo base yard two days earlier. The stolen truck was reported to have been driving recklessly throughout the Hilo area over the April 22-23 weekend, involved in two police pursuits and was responsible for at least two hit and run collisions involving members of the public. The suspect reportedly fired a gunshot in the Hawaiian Paradise Park subdivision while riding as a passenger in the stolen truck on April 24. No one was injured in that incident. The suspect was charged with one count each of reckless endangering in the first degree, terroristic threatening in the first degree, place to keep pistol, possession of prohibited weapons (for the ammunition magazine) and carrying/possessing a loaded firearm on a public highway. These offenses are all classified as felonies.

In May 2017, a 25 year-old Hilo man was arrested in connection with several stolen vehicles and was also found to be responsible for the April theft of the county truck. This suspect was charged for two counts of first-degree theft, and three counts of unauthorized control of a propelled vehicle.

Also in May, police responded to a Pāhoa bank robbery after the suspect demanded money from the tellers before brandishing a knife. No one was injured and the suspect fled on foot with an undisclosed amount of cash. After a search of the area, police arrested a 57 year-old man and recovered a knife, along with some of the cash that was believed to have been taken from the bank. A warrant of arrest was issued that charged the suspect for two counts of first-degree robbery.

# Area II Criminal Investigation Division

*Commander — Capt. Chad Basque* 

# Area II – Criminal Investigation Section (CIS)

Commander – Lt. Gerald Wike

The Area II Criminal Investigation Section investigated felony cases in the South Kohala, North Kohala, Kona, and Ka'ū Districts. During FY 2016-17, Area II CIS investigated 592 crimes. Of those, 203 were burglaries cases, 127 were theft cases, and 40 were financial crimes cases. In comparison with the previous fiscal year, this represents a 28% decrease in burglaries, a 44% increase in thefts, and a 87% decrease in financial crimes. The overall clearance rate was 69 percent. During this fiscal year, Area II detectives investigated one murder and one attempted murder case. Both cases were solved by the end of the fiscal year.

CIS cases from this fiscal year:

- In July 2016, police responded to a report of a vehicle which was stolen from a Kona business. Later that same day, a 32-year-old female was located within the stolen vehicle along with narcotics and paraphernalia and various pieces of mail belonging to other individuals. She was arrested and charged with unauthorized control of a propelled vehicle, promoting a dangerous drug, possessing drug paraphernalia, theft and eight counts of unauthorized possession of personal information.
- In October 2016, police received an anonymous tip of a possible murder that had occurred in Kailua-Kona. Investigation led to the discovery of human remains at a burial site off Hawai'i Belt Road (Highway 190) north of the 27-mile marker. An autopsy revealed the 36-year-old male victim suffered a gunshot wound and his death was ruled a homicide. A 29-year-old male was arrested and charged with second-degree murder, unauthorized control of a propelled vehicle, promoting a dangerous drug, and criminal property damage.
- In October 2016, police located a 39-year-old male who sustained head injuries and was unconscious near a Kailua-Kona business establishment. The victim was medivaced to Oahu for treatment to his critical injuries. Investigation revealed the victim had been assaulted by a 34-year-old male who was arrested and charged for attempted murder and assault in the first degree.
- In January 2017, a bank robbery was reported in which a male passed a note demanding cash to a bank teller. Police investigation, including a tip from the public, led to the identity of the 30-year-male suspect. Detectives, with assistance of the FBI field office in West Hawai'i, arrested and charged the responsible male for robbery in the first degree.
- In January 2017, a 62-year-old woman reported she woke up to find an unknown man in her apartment asking for money. When the victim tried to get away, the male shoved her to the floor and restrained her. He then left with an undisclosed amount of cash however his image was captured on a video surveillance camera. Police identified a 32year-old male as the suspect. He was arrested and charged for burglary in the first degree, robbery in the second degree, and kidnapping.

In June 2017, police arrested four individuals in connection with the 2015 murder of a 71-year-old male. The arrests were a result of an extensive investigation, which included the receipt of DNA results. Three brothers, 24-years-old, 27-years-old, and 35-years-old males, along with a 32-year-old female, were arrested. The 24 and 27-year-old males were charged with murder in the second degree and conspiracy to commit murder in the second degree. The 35-year-old male and 32-year-old female were released, pending further investigation. However the 35-year-old male was taken into custody by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

# Area I Juvenile Aid Section

Commander — Lt. Lucille Melemai

The Juvenile Aid Section (JAS) 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. The Juvenile Aid Sections also investigate runaways, truants, curfew violators and juveniles involved in serious crimes.

The Juvenile Aid Section is divided into three specialized units: the Sex Crimes Unit, the Domestic Violence Unit and the General Detail Unit. They receive training in domestic violence and sexual assaults, including sexual assaults involving children. Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANE's) are available to assist detectives in conducting forensic examinations on victims of sexual assault.

Area I JAS collaborated with the Missing Child Center of Hawai'i to obtain a scent discriminating canine "Falcon", due to the retirement of canine "Katie." The collaboration included training an officer in Area I JAS to become a canine handler, assisted by a sergeant. Their primary duties are to assist in locating missing children and Alzheimer's patients, although they also may be called upon to trail criminal suspects.

In March 2017, the Team of Area I JAS Officer Canine Handler, Sergeant, and Canine "Falcon" were called upon to assist South Hilo Patrol with locating a suspect involved in the theft of a motor vehicle. In April 2017, the Team of Area I JAS Officer Canine Handler, Sergeant, and Canine "Falcon" were called upon to assist Puna Patrol with locating a different suspect involved in the theft of another motor vehicle. Both incidents culminated in the Team successfully locating and apprehending both suspects.

In May 2017, three detectives transferred into the Area I Juvenile Aid Section to replace recently promoted/transferred detectives. Two of those detectives transferred in from the Area II Juvenile Aid Section, and the third from Area II Criminal Investigation Section. They received training in domestic violence and sexual assaults, including sexual assaults involving children.

During the 2016–2017 fiscal year the Area I Juvenile Aid Section investigated 555 cases of which 283 were reports of sexual assaults and 74 were reports of domestic violence. In comparison with the previous fiscal year, there was an approximate 2.5 percent decrease in the number of sexual assaults with a solution rate of 130 percent. In addition Area I JAS investigated 181 investigations of juveniles involved in serious crimes and status offenses (such as runaway, truancy, protective and placement services, and curfew violations), 17 other offenses related to sexual assault, domestic violence, juvenile offenses or personal-assist type of investigations, and 86 miscellaneous public bulletin reports were investigated by the Area I Juvenile Aid Section.

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

- At the close of the last fiscal year, during the end of June 2016, Area I Juvenile Aid Section detectives conducted a coroner's inquest investigation in connection with the death of a 9-year-old girl at a residence in the South Hilo District. Police and Fire Department personnel were summoned to the residence for a report of an unresponsive child. First responders were confronted with what appeared to be a severely malnourished and unconscious young girl lying on the floor within the residence. She was transported to the Hilo Medical Center where she died a few hours later. The investigation carried into this fiscal year and into the following fiscal year whereby the girl's grandmother, mother, and father were arrested in July 2017, for second degree murder under the strength of a bench warrant following a grand jury indictment.
- In July 2016, Area I Juvenile Aid Section detectives conducted a sexual assault investigation that occurred in the Puna District, involving an adult male and a female minor victim. I The male was arrested and later charged with five counts of sexual assault and related felony kidnapping offense.
- In July 2016, Area I Juvenile Aid Section detectives conducted a domestic violence investigation in the Puna District, involving an adult male and adult female victim. The male was arrested and later charged with felony abuse of a family or household member, felony sexual assault, and related felony and misdemeanor offenses.
- In August 2016, Area I Juvenile Aid Section detectives were assisted by the Maui Police Department who arrested an adult male for three counts of continuous sexual assault of a minor under the age of fourteen years, and ten counts of felony sexual assault under the strength of a bench warrant following a grand jury indictment.
- In October 2016, Area I Juvenile Aid Section detectives conducted a sexual assault investigation that was initiated in the Puna District ending in the South Hilo District, involving an adult male and a female minor victim. The adult male was arrested and later charged with 9 felony sexual assaults and four related misdemeanor offenses.
- In April 2017, Area I Juvenile Aid Section detectives conducted a domestic violence investigation in the South Hilo District involving an adult male and adult female victim. The male was arrested and later charged with felony sexual assault and related misdemeanor offenses.
- In June 2017, Area I Juvenile Aid Section detectives conducted a sexual assault investigation in the Puna District involving an adult male and a physically and mentally disabled adult female victim. The male was arrested and later charged with five felony sexual assault offenses. In January 2018 the adult male was sentenced to 20 years in prison.

### Area II Juvenile Aid Section

*Commander* — *Lt. Gilbert Gaspar* 

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

The Juvenile Aid Sections in Area I and Area II are each divided into three specialized units: the Sex Crimes Unit, the Domestic Violence Unit and the General Detail Unit. JAS personnel receive training in domestic violence and sexual assaults, including sexual assaults involving children. Sexual assault nurse examiners arc available to assist detectives in conducting forensic examinations on victims of sexual assault. JAS collaborated with the Missing Child Center of Hawai'i to obtain a replacement canine named "Falcon" due to the retirement of "Katie." The collaboration included training an officer in Area I, assisted by a sergeant, to become a canine handler. The Area II Juvenile Aid Section General Detail Unit also has an officer trained as a canine handler. Their primary duties are to assist in locating missing children and Alzheimer's patients, although they also may be called upon to trail criminal suspects.

In May 2016, two new detectives were assigned to the Area II Juvenile Aid Section to replace recently transferred detectives. They were to receive training in sex assault investigations, domestic violence and crimes against children.

During Fiscal Year 2016-2017, the Area II Juvenile Aid Section investigated 480 cases and 235 miscellaneous public incidents, including 161 sexual assaults, 112 domestic violence cases, as well as 207 sexual assault related crimes, other crimes against women, child pornography and other juvenile related crimes, such as burglaries, thefts, child abuse and neglect, and other status offenses. In comparison to fiscal year 2015-2016, there was an approximate 53% increase in the number or sexual assaults with a solution rate of 68%.

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

- In September 2016, detectives from the Area II Juvenile Aid Section investigated a sexual assault incident that occurred in the Kailua-Kona area. Through the investigation detectives identified two juvenile male suspects. In late 2017 and early 2018, the juveniles were charged with three counts of first-degree Sexual Assault, third-degree Sexual Assault, second-degree Assault, Kidnapping, second-degree Robbery, and firstdegree Terroristic Threatening and waived to adult court where they are scheduled to stand trial as adults.
- In September 2015, Area I JAS detectives conducted an abuse investigation in connection with a domestic violence incident in the Puna District involving a husband and wife at a home in Volcano. The incident escalated due to the husband possessing a firearm. The Special Response Team responded, while members of the Crisis Negotiation Team communicated with the occupants of the house throughout the night, and the following morning de-escalated the situation. The husband was arrested and later charged with several felony and misdemeanor criminal offenses.

- In April 2017, detectives from the Area II Juvenile Aid Section conducted a domesticrelated investigation in North Kohala. The suspect was charged with Murder 1 after he intentionally struck a vehicle several times with his estranged wife and another male inside. The female received minor injuries. The suspect later plead to lesser charges; Criminal Property Damage I and Possession/Ownership of a Firearm prohibited and stipulated to a 15 year prison sentence.
- In February 2016, detectives from the Area II Juvenile Aid Section investigated an abuse complaint involving a woman who made arrangements to live with an adult male homeowner in exchange for house duties. After about two weeks, an argument ensued between the female victim and the homeowner suspect over the electronic transferring of photos. During the argument, which escalated, the man pointed a handgun at the woman and threatened her. To prevent the victim from leaving, the man tied her up using a vacuum cleaner electric cord. Prior to police arriving at the scene, the suspect untied the victim. He was subsequently arrested and the following cases were added to the initial abuse case: kidnapping, terroristic threatening, promoting a harmful drug, promoting a detrimental drug and drug paraphernalia. At the conclusion of the investigation, those cases were forwarded to the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney for disposition.

#### **Area I Vice Section**

Commander — Lt. Reed Mahuna

The Vice Section is primarily responsible for preventing and suppressing all forms of criminal vice activity, including prostitution, gambling, cruelty to animals and the importation and distribution of illegal narcotics such as crystal methamphetamine, cocaine, heroin, designer drugs and diverted prescription pills.

The Area I Vice Section has three narcotics detection canine teams with one being a dedicated canine team that focuses its investigative efforts on the importation and exportation of illegal narcotics and/or proceeds from narcotics distribution by focusing on parcel interdiction.

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

The abuse of pharmaceutical prescription drugs (known as "pharmaceutical diversion") continues to remain a significant drug threat in the United States and Hawaii County is no exception. The most commonly diverted pharmaceutical drugs are oxycodone, hydrocodone, methadone and illegal steroids.

Vice officers belong to the Statewide Hawai'i Narcotics Task Force and are involved in joint operations with the Drug Enforcement Administration, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

The Vice Sections are also a part of the Hawai'i High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Task Force. They continue to strive to identify, infiltrate, and dismantle drug trafficking organizations in Hawai'i County from the street to the highest level. In 2016–2017, Area I Vice Section officers conducted 1139 drug investigations, resulting in 357 arrests and 780 charges. In addition, Vice officers recovered the following illegal drugs:

- 18.7 pounds of crystal methamphetamine
- 980 marijuana plants
- 56.6 pounds of dried marijuana
- 469.34 grams of heroin
- 379.17 grams of cocaine

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

- August 2016, Officers from the Area I Vice Section intercepted a suspicious parcel being shipped into an address in the Puna District. The parcel was screened by an Area I Vice K-9 narcotics detection team and that screen resulted in a positive alert. A search warrant was drafted and just over 7.4 pounds of crystal methamphetamine was recovered. The street value of this seizure is \$503,775 broken down to the end user. A controlled delivery was executed and two male parties, both 42 years old, were arrested. This investigation was turned over to the Department of Homeland Security, Investigations Division and both parties were transported to the Federal Detention Center on Oahu.
- November 2016, Officers from the Area I Vice Section intercepted a suspicious parcel being shipped into a fictitious location in the Puna District. The parcel was screened by an Area I Vice K-9 narcotics detection team and that screen resulted in a positive alert. A search warrant was drafted and just over 1.2 pounds of crystal methamphetamine was recovered. The street value of this seizure is \$81,135 broken down to the end user. The suspects in this case elected to pick up the parcel at the shippers office in Hilo. Two 22 year-old males, a 22 year-old male and a 39 year-old female were arrested at the scene. This case was routed to the Hawaii Prosecutor's Office for their final disposition.
- May 2017, Officers from the Area I Vice Section were tipped off by a confidential informant that a male party was in possession of what they believed to be child pornography. The informant stated that that the suspect was a "john" and propositioned her to have sex for money, during this encounter the suspect would look at sexually explicit images of underage children. The informant agreed to meet with the suspect and he was subsequently arrested by Vice Officers at the scene. The suspect, a 42 year-old male, was charged with three counts of second degree promoting child abuse and promoting prostitution.

### Area II Vice Section

Commander — Lt. Reynold Kahalewai

In 2016 - 2017, Area II Vice Section officers conducted 629 drug-related investigations, which resulted in 304 arrests for 438 charges. In addition, Area II Vice officers recovered the following illegal drugs:

- 6,699.12 grams (14.95 pounds) of crystal methamphetamine
- 2,518 marijuana plants
- 3,264.24 grams (7.28 pounds) of dried / processed marijuana
- 246.4 grams (8.8 ounces) of heroin
- 2,728.4 grams (6.09 pounds) of cocaine
- 667 assorted prescription pills

In December 2016, the Area II Vice Section's Airport Task Force unit recovered 2,800.4 grams (approximately six pounds) of suspected crystal methamphetamine from a package intended for an address in Kona. The task force officers had located an incoming package to which a narcotics detection canine displayed a positive alert, indicating an odor of a controlled substance was emanating from the package. Officers prepared and executed a search warrant on the package, which led to the recovery of approximately six pounds of suspected crystal methamphetamine with an estimated street value of \$280,000. Although no arrests were made, officers continue to develop leads in the investigation.

In January 2017, Area II Vice officers arrested a 40-year-old Waikoloa man for numerous felony charges following his arrest for drug and firearms offenses. The male, who was suspected of distributing narcotics, was contacted in a parked pickup truck at a public park in Waikoloa. A narcotic canine screen was conducted and a positive alert indicated the presence of an odor of a controlled substance. During a cursory search of the male, police recovered 57.7 grams of crystal methamphetamine and \$111 in cash, which was seized for forfeiture. Officers executed a search warrant on the vehicle and recovered a loaded 40 caliber pistol. Following the arrest, officers executed a search warrant on a Waikoloa home that the male occupied. Officers recovered approximately 28.8 grams of crystal methamphetamine, 15 grams of marijuana, 8.3 grams of cocaine, 2 grams of heroin, 165 controlled prescription pills, 14 doses of Suboxone and paraphernalia associated with narcotics use and distribution. In addition, officers seized for forfeiture numerous pieces of jewelry, numerous collector-type coins, numerous United States bank notes and \$116,000 in cash. The male was initially arrested and charged with first-degree promotion of a dangerous drug, promoting a controlled substance near a public park, possessing drug paraphernalia, and numerous firearms offenses, including possession of a firearm with intent to facilitate the commission of a felony drug offense. As a result of the search warrant executed at the Waikoloa residence, the male was also arrested and charged with first-degree promotion of dangerous drugs, three counts of second-degree promotion of dangerous drugs, five counts of promoting harmful drugs, one count of promoting detrimental drugs, and seven counts of possessing drug paraphernalia.

In March 2017, a search warrant was executed at a homeless campsite at the Old Kona Airport after officers received information of narcotics distribution. Officers recovered 171.3 grams of crystal methamphetamine, .4 grams of heroin, 45.5 grams of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. As a result, a 43-year-old female and a 53-year-old male were arrested for one count of promoting a dangerous drug in the first degree, one count of promoting a dangerous drug in the second degree, three counts of promoting a dangerous drug in the third degree, one count of promoting a detrimental drug and possessing drug paraphernalia.

In May 2017, Area II Vice officers executed a search warrant at a residence off Puuhalo Street following a narcotics investigation into a 45-year-old man suspected of distributing narcotics. Officers recovered 131 grams of crystal methamphetamine, 93 grams of cocaine, 33 grams of marijuana, 3 Acetaminophen/Hydrocodone pills, 3 Buprenorphine pills, 5 Clonazepam pills, digital scales and drug paraphernalia. The man was arrested for four counts of promotion of a dangerous drug, two counts of promotion of a harmful drug, promotion of a detrimental drug and five counts of drug paraphernalia. Also recovered were \$993 in cash and two BMW sedans for asset forfeiture.

#### Crime Lab Supervisor — Criminalist Kathy Pung

In Fiscal Year 2016–2017, HPD Crime Lab earned American Society of Crime Lab Directors/Laboratory Accreditation Board (ASCLD/LAB) accreditation in the areas of Drug Analysis, Latent Print Development, Serial Number Restoration, and Firearms Test-Firing for Operability.

In Fiscal Year 2016–2017, Crime Lab personnel completed 1,204 cases, compared with 1,324 in Fiscal Year 2016, 1,363 in Fiscal Year 2015, and 1,630 in Fiscal Year 2014. The casework consisted of 787 drug analyses, 343 latent print development, 28 firearms test fire/serial number restoration, 34 biological evidence processing, and 12 forensic computer/mobile device cases. The Evidence Specialists and Criminalist assisted in 131 call-outs that included major crime scenes, traffic fatalities, autopsies and requests for specialized evidence processing.

Crime Lab personnel provided online safety and awareness training on fentanyl type drugs for sworn personnel to address current safety concerns regarding opioid drug exposure, conducted 51 face to face in-service training sessions for Area I and Area II Operations, and assisted Patrol with developing online training modules and ordering safe evidence handling supplies. Crime Lab personnel provided community service through public speaking engagements such as the Onizuka Science Day, St. Joseph High School Career Day, and Waiakea Intermediate School THINK Day of Discovery Program.

Within this time period, Crime Lab personnel have attended grant funded training events which included the IAI Annual Educational Conference, American Academy of Forensic Sciences Annual Scientific Meeting, Clandestine Laboratory Investigating Chemists Annual Technical Training Seminar, DEA Forensic Chemist Training Seminar, Discovery and Recovery: Death Investigation in Natural Environments workshop, and a GCMS Instrument training hosted by HPD-SIS.

# Area I Patrol Districts

Commander - Assistant Chief Henry Tavares; Major Randy Apele

## Puna District

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

Forty-five patrol officers, four Community Policing Officers, two School Resource Officers, six Sergeants, one Lieutenant and one Captain position are designated for the Puna District. Additionally six volunteer Reserve Officers and three civilian staff members are assigned.

Community Policing officers in Puna work with seventeen Neighborhood Watch groups in crime prevention, community awareness and problem solving. Command staff from the Puna District attends several of these community meetings including the monthly Puna Watch meeting, which bring together the majority of the Neighborhood Watch leadership from the district to one forum to discuss concerns and share information.

Improving the quality of life is a police and community priority in Pahoa town. The Community Policing and Patrol officers conduct crime reduction details and walking patrols to increase police presence in town. Community police officers attend Pahoa Main Street Association meetings monthly to discuss and address issues with the major business owners in town.

During this past fiscal year, historical Pahoa Landmark Akebono Theater and Luquins Mexican Restaurant caught fire near midnight on October 27, 2016, and burned to the ground. HFD was able to prevent the fire from spreading to other buildings and engulfing the town, fortunately no lives were lost or injuries sustained.

Also during this fiscal year, Officer Joshua Baumgarner was named as the Aloha Exchange Club of East Hawaii's "Officer of the Year" for his actions that saved a life; and Officer Brian Souki was named as Hawaii County's "2016 Top Cop" by the Law Enforcement and Security Coalition of Hawaii for his impressive efforts toward solving several notable cases and apprehending the responsible suspects. Officer Daniel Tam was honored by his peers and supervisors as "2016 Puna Patrol Officer of the Year" for his dedication, efforts and work ethic.

Criminal cases initiated in the Puna District have gone down slightly 6,193 as compared to 6,392 cases initiated in the previous fiscal year a decrease of 3%. Burglaries decreased by 2.6%, with 223 reported cases compared with 229 the previous fiscal year. Thefts decreased by nearly 6.7% percent to 926 compared with 993 the previous fiscal year.

The Puna District court document service is nearly the same with 2,848 papers served as compared to 2,843 served the previous fiscal year.

The district of Puna, situated between South Hilo and Kau Districts, is larger in land mass than the entire island of Oahu or the cities of Fort Worth and Dallas, Texas, combined. It has been described as the fastest-growing district on the island, with a projected population of more than 58,000 people by 2020. Its district police station is located in Pahoa at 15-2615 Kea'au-Pahoa Road (Highway 130) just outside Pahoa town; a substation is located in Keaau town off the Old Volcano road.

# Hāmākua District

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

The Hāmākua District ended the 2016 – 2017 fiscal year with an increase in burglaries, having 38 reported cases compared with 20 from the previous fiscal year. Ten of the burglaries were solved, for a clearance rate of 26 percent. The number of reported thefts nearly doubled from 68 to 119, due to a number of cases involving fraudulent use of credit cards and forged checks. The theft clearance rate increased to 37 percent.

Traffic enforcement remains a priority in the Hāmākua District. Major traffic collisions increased from 37 to 41 in fiscal year 2016 – 2017. Hāmākua Patrol officers issued more than 2,100 citations. Of those, 608 were for speeding and 144 were for seat belt or child restraint violations and 66 were for Use of an Electronic Device (cell phone) while driving. Emphasis on traffic enforcement remains an important motivator for reducing the number of major traffic accidents.

The School Resource Officer assigned to Honokaa Schools remained active working with the school administrators and facility at the Honokaa and Paauilo Schools to reduce incidents of bullying, truancy, thefts, and drug activity.

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

The Hāmākua District at Ka'ala Gulch and the South Hilo District at Hakalau Gulch form the boundaries of the North Hilo District. Its police station is located at 36-2285 Pu'ualaea Homestead Road in Laupāhoehoe just west of the 25-mile marker off Old Māmalahoa Highway.

# North Hilo District

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

In Fiscal Year 2016 – 2017, the North Hilo District had an increase in reported burglaries, with 13 burglary reports being filed compared with 3 the year before. Of the 13 burglary investigations, one was closed, for a clearance rate of 8 percent. Theft cases remained steady at 31 cases. Officers were able to solve 15 of the theft cases, for a clearance rate of 48 percent.

The district logged 37 major traffic accidents, versus 23 in fiscal year 2015 – 2016.

As in other districts, traffic enforcement in North Hilo is an important part of police work, as it makes our roads safer. North Hilo District patrol officers issued more than 1,400 citations in the fiscal year. Of those, 550 were for speeding and 82 for seat belt or child restraint violations.

The North Hilo Community Policing officer often works in partnership with the Hāmākua District Community Policing officer and school resource officer to better serve the community. In the North Hilo District, they assisted with Drug Free Bash celebrations, Big Island Biker Fest at Laupāhoehoe Point and Laupāhoehoe Music Festival.

The North Hilo 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 Māmāne Street in Honoka'a

#### **South Hilo Patrol**

*Commander — Capt. Gregory Esteban Area: 635 square miles / Authorized sworn positions: 88* 

The South Hilo District is the department's largest staffed patrol division and is situated on the ground floor of Building B at the Public Safety Complex, 349 Kapi'olani Street. Patrol officers also operate out of the Mo'oheau Bus Terminal mini-station.

The district provides 24-hour police service and consists of the Patrol Division— which also operates the East Hawai'i Detention Center, which houses pre-trial detainees for the four police districts that comprise Area I Operations — the Community Policing Section, which includes community policing and school resources officers, and the reserve officer program.

Burglaries decreased by 13 percent this fiscal year as police investigated 155 burglaries this year compared with 178 reported the previous fiscal year. This was also a 5 percent decrease from the 164 reported burglaries two fiscal years ago. Decreases in burglary rates can be attributed to crime trend analysis, intelligence, objective-based task forces, and the cooperation of Neighborhood Watches in raising community awareness and sharing information with friends and neighbors. The rise of social media has also assisted not only in identifying suspects and sharing information but also in stigmatizing criminal activity in the East Hawai'i community.

Thefts also decreased to 1,878 from 2,062 reported during the previous fiscal year. Theft of motor vehicles decreased by 3 percent this fiscal year to 235 compared with 242 in the previous fiscal year. Although there was a reduction in auto thefts, this crime trend remains a concern of the South Hilo District, as well as throughout Hawai'i County. Robberies in South Hilo remained consistent for the year with 27 reported cases. The majority of robberies occur in commerce areas, where shoplifting attempts sometimes turn physical during the suspects' attempts to flee.

Officers saw an increase of reported sexual assault cases. This fiscal year, 130 sex assaults were reported compared with 160 the previous fiscal year. Officers responded to 432 major traffic accidents compared with 438 the previous fiscal year. In the area of traffic enforcement, officers arrested 155 impaired drivers and issued 1,126 speeding and 721 seat belt citations. Overall, officers issued 10,608 traffic citations.

Officers also served 3,634 court documents, including bench warrants, penal summonses, subpoenas and restraining orders.

Police investigated no murder cases in South Hilo this fiscal year compared with eight the previous fiscal year. In July 2016, in the Wainaku area, a 48 year-old man was stabbed by his 38 year-old girlfriend who was arrested for attempted murder. In December 2016, a 27 year-old man was shot at by a 35 year-old man fronting a business on Makaala Street. The suspect was arrested for attempted murder. Also in December of 2016, a 30 year-old man was shot and

killed after he drove a stolen vehicle towards a police officer. In January 2017, an officer discharged his weapon at a stolen vehicle as it drove towards him in the Papaikou area.

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

#### **Traffic Enforcement Units (TEU)**

Area I Commander — Sgt. Clarence Davies

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

In Fiscal Year 2016 – 2017, Area I investigated 14 fatal crashes that killed 16 people. One fatality was related to alcohol, four fatalities were related to drugs and two fatalities were related to both alcohol and drugs.

Area I TEU officers conducted 92 DUI sobriety checkpoints, arrested 192 drivers who were under the influence of intoxicants and conducted 76 seat belt and distracted driver checkpoints. The officers also issued 4,792 moving citations, of which 2,465 were for speeding. They issued 1,158 regulatory citations and made 170 other arrests.

#### Area II Patrol Districts

Commanders - July 2016 Assistant Chief Paul Kealoha • Major Mitchell Kanehailua December 2016 Assistant Chief Mitchell Kanehailua • Major Robert Wagner

#### North Kohala District

#### *Commander — Capt. Albert Jason Cortez*

Area: 123 square miles/Authorized sworn positions: 16

During Fiscal Year 2015-2016, the North Kohala District experienced a slight decrease in the number of reported burglaries (17 cases compared with 19 cases the previous fiscal year). Reported assaults were up (25 cases compared with 18 cases the previous fiscal year), and thefts were up (72 cases compared with 62 cases the previous fiscal year).

A police-comunity meeting was held at the Kohala High School cafeteria, where members of the community voiced their concerns to the police captain and his Community Policing officer.

North Kohala patrol officers issued 524 speeding citations this fiscal year (compared with 639 the previous fiscal year). The number of major traffic accidents increased (from 25 to 40) with no fatalities.

Among the incidents that occurred in North Kohala, one was particularly noteworthy: In July 2015, police responded to a report of a domestic dispute at a home in Halaula. Officers learned that gunshots had been fired prior to their arrival. When they approached the house, a 38-year-old man shot and wounded a 13-year veteran of the Police Department and barricaded himself inside the house. The wounded officer was given first aid at the scene and continued to secure the perimeter. Officers later made contact with a 34-year-old woman, who reported that the suspect had shot her in the leg during the dispute. The Police Department's special response team responded, and a lengthy standoff ensued. Through the efforts of the crisis negotiation team, the suspect surrendered and was arrested for multiple offenses, including attempted murder.

The North Kohala community police officer participated with the community in annual events, including the Kamehameha Day parade, Skare Day, and Toys for Tots. HI-PAL activities at Kohala Elementary and Middle School also continued with the community police officer, including kickball and dodge ball. The district's first annual SPLASH! pool event was held at the Kohala community pool. Approximately 70 kids of all ages participated in games, food and fun. Monthly articles in the Kohala Mountain News are contributed by the Community Policing officer to address police and community concerns. Interviews of our Community Policing officer have been conducted on a local radio station to address current issues and have been met with positive feedback from the community.

The North Kohala District is bounded by South Kohala at Kai'dpae and Hamakua at Honopue. Its police station is located behind the Kamehameha statue in Kapa'au at 54-3900 Akoni Pule Highway.

# South Kohala

#### Commander — Captain Randall Medeiros

Area: 688 square miles/Authorized sworn positions: 35

The South Kohala District experienced a decrease in property crimes during Fiscal Year 2015-2016. Although burglaries increased by 1.8 percent to 54 reported burglaries (up one from 53), thefts (including vehicle break-ins) decreased by 31.8 percent to 240, and auto thefts decreased by 20 percent to 24 reported stolen vehicles. Patrol officers cleared 30 percent of burglaries and 62 percent of theft cases (including vehicle break-ins).

South Kohala officers conducted 35 drug investigations to interdict criminal activity associated with drug use and distribution within the South Kohala community.

Throughout the year, Community Policing and Patrol officers conducted search warrants and traffic stops that led to the recovery of drugs and numerous illegal firearms.

South Kohala patrol officers' traffic enforcement increased to 6,146 citations compared with 5,967 citations during the previous fiscal year. DUI arrests also increased to 111 compared with 107 the previous fiscal year.

Officers conducted 149 major traffic investigations and 438 minor traffic investigations for a total of 587 collisions, which reflect a 1.7 percent increase over the previous fiscal year. The district experienced two fatal traffic crashes.

#### 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 Kamamalu Street in Waimea.

#### **Kona Patrol**

*Commander — Captain Gilbert Gaspar Jr. Area: 834 square miles/Authorized sworn positions: 83* 

The Kealakehe police station serves as the main station for the Kona Patrol Division and also houses a cellblock detention section, a firearms registration section and an evidence section.

During Fiscal Year 2016-2017, Kona Patrol clerks processed 2,590 firearms registrations, including handguns, rifles and shotguns. Of these registered firearms, 1,254 were imported from outside the state.

The evidence section, which is staffed by two evidence custodians, is responsible for the storage and preservation of several thousand pieces of evidence recovered in criminal investigations as well as non-criminal incidents. The preservation of these pieces of evidence is critical to the successful prosecution of criminal cases. Evidence is stored at the main Kealakehe police evidence room as well as in an evidence storage facility owned by Hawai'i County in the Kaloko area. Vehicle evidence is stored in the Vehicle Storage Lot at the main station rear parking area eliminating the transporting of evidence vehicles to the East side.

During the 2016-2017 fiscal year, the Kona Patrol District has maintained consistency in keeping the 83 authorized positions filled. This is done through transfers and graduation of new police recruits.

Kona Patrol officers responded to more than 9,057 criminal complaints and more than 17,937 calls for service related to noncriminal complaints, such as minor nuisances or persons needing assistance. They also issued 24,123 citations, of which 3,998 were for speeding violations. In a department-wide effort to combat distracted driving, Kona Patrol officers issued 1,358 citations for using an electronic device while driving. In addition, 1,577 citations were issued for mandatory seat belt use, 1,820 for driving an unsafe vehicle, and 502 drivers were arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. The Kona District received 11,279 court documents and served 3,197 court documents.

The Kona Community Policing Unit is headed by a police sergeant and consists of six community police officers and two school resource officers. The community police officers focus on addressing community-related issues in the North and South Kona areas. Their responsibilities also include bicycle and foot patrols, concentrating in Kailua town area. They also conduct beach sweeps to ensure the safety of the tourist community and businesses and to address the growing number of transient homeless persons attracted to the warm climate. Their problem-solving efforts include crime reduction details and spear heading Neighborhood Watch groups.

The school resource officers are assigned to Konawaena Middle School and Kealakehe Intermediate School. In addition to teaching DARE classes, they provide students with information on anti-bullying, internet safety, laws and ordinances, and a variety of other topics, the school resource officers establish a rapport with the students so that they perceive police officers as more approachable. They provide a liaison between the school and the Police Department.

The Kona district occupies the area between the South Kohala District at Waikoloa and the Ka'u District at Kaulanamauna. Its main police station is in Kealakehe at 74-611 Hale Maka'i Place. In addition to the main station, the Kona district has two sub-stations. One is located at Hale Halawai in downtown Kailua-Kona and the other is in Captain Cook.

### Ka'u District

#### *Commander — Captain Kenneth Quiocho Area: 700 square miles/ Authorized sworn position: 22*

Patrol officers investigated 95 major traffic accidents, an increase of 12 from Fiscal Year 2015-2016. A total of 3,646 citations were issued. Of those, 685 were during Fiscal Year 2016-2017, Ka'u speeding and 186 were for seat belt or child restraint violations.

Ka'u Patrol officers investigated more than 1,879 incidents and responded to 4,078 calls for services of non-criminal complaints. Officers investigated 122 burglaries, an increase from the 69 cases initiated in the previous fiscal year. Theft and unauthorized entry into motor vehicle cases increased to 168 from 296 the previous fiscal year.

The district received 742 court documents and served 666 of them.

Community police officers continue to work with Neighborhood Watch groups in Discovery Harbor, the Green Sands subdivision and Hawaiian Ocean View Estates to maintain community support and awareness.

They were also involved in crime prevention programs, various school presentations such as Anti-Bullying Campaigns, and Kau Christmas, Kau Celebration, and coordinated HI-PAL youth activities, such as three-on-three basketball tournaments, baseball, movie nights and other juvenile activities in Na'alehu, Pahala and Hawaiian Ocean View Estates.

The Ka'u District is bounded by the Kona District at Kaulanamaua and the Puna District at Keauhou Landing. Its police station is located at 95-5353 Mamalahoa Highway in Na'alehu.

### **Traffic Enforcement Units (TEU)**

Area II Commander — Sergeant Bradley Freitas

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

In Fiscal Year 2016 – 2017, Area II investigated 20 fatal crashes that killed 25 people. 13 fatal crashes involved alcohols and drugs.

Area II TEU officers conducted 84 DUI checkpoints, arrested 42 drivers who were under the influence of intoxicants and conducted 96 seatbelt and distracted driver checkpoints. The officers also issued 4,973 moving citations of which 2,331 were for speeding. They issued 1,450 regulatory citations and made 49 other arrests.

#### **Community Policing** Commanders – Lt. Robert Fujitake (Area I)/Sgt. Roylen Valera (Area II)

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

At the end of Fiscal Year 2016 – 2017, the Community Policing Unit had 36 authorized positions island-wide, including a supervising sergeant in Area II and a lieutenant in Area I. Of those, 27 positions were allocated for community police officers, 8 for school resource officers, and one for a civilian.

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

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

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

In Fiscal Year 2016-2017, School Resource officers provided Drug Abuse Resistance Education to approximately 2,500 students in grades 5-8 through sixteen elementary and intermediate schools in Hawai'i County

Community Policing Officers are also responsible for HI-PAL events which strive to provide a variety of youth oriented activities throughout the year targeting children who may be "at risk" of being either crime victims or making poor personal choices. These activities are provided and designed to teach and steer youth toward healthy and legal choices.

Through events such as Basketball Tournaments, Girls Volleyball League, and a Football Combine, HI-PAL in East Hawai'i has attracted over 900 student athletes, 366 of them identified as "at risk" youth to their events. HI-PAL events in West Hawaii target youth who are unable to travel to events and enjoy sports, games, gardening, movie nights, arts and crafts, sports clinics

and activity days held at or near housing developments. West Hawaii also sponsors a HIPAL Boxing events for clubs island-wide.

Other notable Community Policing/School Resource activities and partnerships include:

- Merrie Monarch Festival
- Downtown Hilo Hoʻolaulea
- July 4<sup>th</sup> festivities in both Hilo and Kona
- Big Island Triathlon
- DARE Day
- KWXX Downtown Ho'olaulea
- Island wide Coffee with a Cop events
- Shop with a Cop
- Hawai'i National Guard Youth Challenge presentations and beautification projects
- Child Passenger Safety Seat Checks and clinics
- Boy Scouts of America Aloha Council
- Kokua Pāhoa
- Project IMPACT
- Drug Court, State of Hawai'i
- Kurtistown Family Fun Day
- Mountain View Family Fun Day
- Kea'au Family Fun Day
- Chronic Homeless Intervention and Rehabilitation Program
- Hope Services
- Laupāhoehoe Music Festival
- IRONMAN Triathlon Week and events
- Homeless outreach
- Beautification and public area clean-up projects
## Grants

The following grants were funded by state or federal agencies during the Fiscal Year 2016-2017

### 'Click It or Ticket' Basketball

To increase the number of youths and adults being informed or educated regarding the importance of wearing a seat belt and restraining young children in a child safety seat during "Click It or Ticket" events. To reduce fatalities and injuries to occupants age 17 and under during motor vehicle operations. This was accomplished by improving awareness of state laws to increase the seat belt usage rate of youth and teens ages 4-17

### Traffic Records/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 by increasing the usage rate of seat belts.

### Speed Enforcement Grant

To reduce the number of motor vehicle collisions resulting in injuries and fatalities caused by speeding drivers by issuing speeding citations and launching an aggressive islandwide speeding campaign.

### **Traffic Investigations**

To increase the number of officers trained in advanced traffic accident reconstruction and other traffic crash related courses.

### **Aggressive Driving**

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

### SANE/SART Training

To provide SANE personnel training, technical assistance and information to respond to violent crimes, physical abuse and crimes of violence against women.

### Distracted Driving

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

### Crime Lab Improved Forensic Services in Hawai'i County

To impose and enhance the quality of Hawai'i County forensic services.

### **Tobacco Sales to Minors**

To provide continued enforcement of the state law prohibiting tobacco sales to minors in the County of Hawaii Police Department.

### Wrongful Conviction Project

To improve Hawai'i Count's response to wrongful conviction allegations by purchasing recording equipment and using related technology for recording custodial interrogations of individuals by law enforcement.

### 2011 Justice Assistance Grant Program

To purchase a trailer to transport training materials and mats to outer districts and purchase audio and video equipment for training which will allow the department to produce in-house training videos.

### 2015 Justice Assistance Grant Program

To purchase equipment and related technology to assist and managing accreditation files, implement microfilm conversion project and install a security door system for Area I CID.

### FBI Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force

To assist with overtime incurred by officers working with the FBI Organized Crime Enforcement Task Force on specific investigations and/or strategic initiative.

### **US Marshals Service**

To assist with overtime incurred to Hawai'i County police officers working with the United States Marshals Service on the enforcement and capture of fugitives wanted under the Hawai'i Fugitive Task Force Initiative.

### COPS

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

# United States Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration—Hawai'i Airport Task Force

To assist with overtime incurred by Hawai'i County Police Department officers working with United States Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration, under the Hawai'i Airport Task Force, for the purpose of disrupting the flow of illicit drug trafficking into Hawai'i.

### Leica ScanStation Training

To purchase Leica ScanStation and to host ACTAR MapScenes and ScanStation training classes. This equipment will reduce the time to reopen roadways after fatality investigation and complete the completeness, consistency, and accuracy of the motor vehicle accident report diagram in fatal motor vehicle collision.

# Budget

The following are the budget figures for Fiscal Year 2016-2017:

### **Personnel Services**

Salaries and wages, straight time Salaries and wages, other	\$ \$	43,636,603 4,593,192
Other current expenses		
Contractual services	\$	9,586,813
Materials and supplies	\$	121,249
Other charges	\$	103,000
Equipment	\$	336,135
Miscellaneous accounts	\$	841,891
Grants funded	\$	3,069,133
Total	\$	62,288,018

## **Personnel Changes**

### **New Hires**

Abaya, Kaneala M. Acido, Wernher M. Ah Chong, Jr. Devin P.K. AhLoy, Miexia K. Arquitola-Takiue, Bryson Κ. Asato, Chaz H. A. Bohol, Kainen K. Camero, Francine Campbell, Christopher A. Carballo, Erica C. Chiu, Nina Y. Dodo, Justin Y. K. Fiesta, Russ Q. Francisco, Tristan J. Fui, Denapoli M. Fukuhara, Cowin T. Gouveia, Ila D. Hairston, Jamie S. Hanes, Adam L. Herrod, Lokahi R. Herzig, Casey L. Jaramillo, Debney K. K. S. Kaulu, Jonalyn K. Keltner, Sybastian I. King, Leslie W. Kolish, Chyane M. Krizek, Kincaid J. Langford, James E.

Police Officer Police Officer

School Crossing Guard

Police Officer

Police Officer Police Officer Police Officer Storekeeper Police Officer Police Officer Storeroom Clerk Police Officer Police Officer Police Officer Police Officer Custodian/Groundskeeper Police Radio Dispatcher Police Radio Dispatcher Police Officer Police Officer Police Officer Police Officer Police Radio Dispatcher Police Officer Police Radio Dispatcher School Crossing Guard Police Officer School Crossing Guard

Lawrence, Golden I. Lee, Ryan

Magno, Talmadge Manarpaac, Melanie J.

Martin, Kesha P. K. Midkiff, Mary S. Mirafuentes, Shawn E. Miranda, Monica A. Miyashiro, Jason C. Morgan, Paul Muronaka, Naomi H. K. Nelson, Quinn Emily A. Nishiki, Brent A. Okutsu, Jarrin T. Penner, Nicole M. Rapoza, Johnathan K. Richmond, Alan B. Rios, Linda M. Rose, Paul-Lawrence K. Rosete, Toni Marie K. Saldana, Charles Sheline, Dorothy J. Sherlock, Braxton P. Sumera, Jessica S. C. Taggart, Michael J. Ware, Jack E. Yeung, Lawrence N.

Police Radio Dispatcher School Crossing Guard **Firearms Registration** Clerk Police Radio Dispatcher Police Radio Dispatcher Police Evidence Specialist Police Officer Clerk III Police Officer Police Officer Clerk III Police Radio Dispatcher Police Officer Police Officer Police Operations Clerk Police Officer **Public Relations Specialist** Police Radio Dispatcher Police Officer Police Officer Police Radio Dispatcher School Crossing Guard **Police Officer** Account Clerk School Crossing Guard **Police Officer** Police Officer

### Promotions

Almeida, Robert E. Caravalho, Claude A. Derr, William H. Duldulao, Duffy K. Esteban, Gregory M. Fernandez, Peter M. Gaspar Jr., Gilbert M Grantz, Jefferson A. Grouns, Jason N. Hanoa, Pernell Jackson, Erich

Jumalon, Jessie A. Ka'aihue, Matthew K. Police Lieutenant Police Evidence Custodian Police Lieutenant Police Sergeant Police Captain Police Captain Police Captain Police Lieutenant Police Sergeant Detective Police Sergeant Secretary Detective Ka'aukai-Perreira, Michelle K. Kanehailua Jr., Mitchell K. Mansur, Brandon Quiocho, Kenneth A. K. Sagon, Bobbie-Jo Saludares, Regino R. Serrao, Royce P. Shimizu, Wendy M. A. Tadio, Florinda Tina, Bryan Villalobos, Gina M. Wagner, Robert Firearms Registration Clerk Assistant Police Chief Detective Police Captain Detective Police Lieutenant Police Lieutenant Secretary - Headquarters Custodian/Groundskeeper Police Sergeant Police Investigative Operations Clerk Police Major

### Retirements

Ah Mow III, Walter Detective Kubojiri, Harry S. Police Chief **Public Relations** Castillo, Terrilynn U. Police Records Clerk Specialist Loos, Christine L. **Police Evidence** Farias, Mark K. Police Lieutenant Maldonado Jr., Albert Custodian Gali, Christopher D. Police Sergeant Morinaka, Renee E. Detective Gomes, Robert **Reserve Police Officer** Rodrigues, Jr., John Detective Haanio, Stanley Police Officer Sherlock, Richard J. **Police Captain** Haitsuka, Nancy J. Police Lieutenant Thornton, Hannah L. **Police Operations Clerk** Kawamoto, Harriet M. Secretary Toledo, Richard B. **Police Sergeant** Kealoha Jr., Paul H. Assistant Police Chief Wike, Gerald N. **Police Lieutenant** 



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

### From 2015 to 2016:

• The rate of reported murders increased 12.4%, with 8 murders reported in 2015, versus 9 murders reported in 2016.

### Comparing 2016 to 2007:

 The murder rate increased 58.6%, with 9 murders were reported in 2016, as compared to 5 murders reported in 2007.

In 2016, of the 9 murders reported:

- Firearms were involved in 88.9% (8).
- An "other" or unknown dangerous weapon was involved in 11.1% (1).



Rate per 100,000 Population



<u>Rape (legacy)\*</u> - 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.

<u>Rape (revised)\*</u> - Penetration, no matter how slight, of the vagina or anus with any body part or object, or oral penetration by a sex organ of another person, without the consent of the victim.

### From 2015 to 2016:

Reported rapes increased 20.9% in rate.

### Comparing 2016 to 2007:

The rape rate, based on the legacy definition, decreased 17.6%.

\*Note: On January 1, 2014, the State of Hawaii began collecting rape data under the FBI's revised definition. The State of Hawaii will continue to also collect rape data under the old, or legacy, definition so that comparative trends can be established. See page 3 for more information.



<u>Robbery</u> - 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 2015 to 2016:

Reported robberies increased 27.6% in rate.

### Comparing 2016 to 2007:

The robbery rate decreased 40.4%.

In 2016, of the 69 robberies reported:

- Strongarm weapons (hands, fists, feet, etc.) were involved in 71.0% (49).
- Knives or cutting instruments were involved in 11.6% (8).
- Other dangerous weapons were involved in 10.1% (7).
- Firearms were involved in 7.2% (5).





<u>Aggravated Assault</u> - 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 2015 to 2016:

Reported aggravated assaults increased 12.2% in rate.

### Comparing 2016 to 2007:

The aggravated assault rate decreased 9.2%.

In 2016, of the 274 reported aggravated assaults:

- Other dangerous weapons were involved in 38.3% (105).
- Strongarm weapons (hands, fists, feet, etc.) were involved in 26.6% (73).
- Knives or cutting instruments were involved in 21.9% (60).
- Firearms were involved in 13.1% (36).



**<u>Burglary</u>** - The unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or a theft. Attempted burglary is included.

### From 2015 to 2016:

· Reported burglaries decreased 22.5% in rate.

### Comparing 2016 to 2007:

The burglary rate decreased 47.5%.

In 2016, of the 823 burglaries and attempted burglaries reported:

- Burglary accounted for 98.1% (807).
- Attempted burglary accounted for 1.9% (16).

In 2016, of the 807 burglaries that were reported:

- Structures entered by force accounted for 58.0% (468).
- Structures entered without force accounted for 42.0% (339).

# Hawaii County's burglary rate in 2016 was at its lowest level on record since the start of statewide data collection in 1975.



Motor Vehicle Theft Rate, Hawaii County, 2007-2016

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

### From 2015 to 2016:

· Reported motor vehicle thefts decreased 42.3% in rate.

### Comparing 2016 to 2007:

• The motor vehicle theft rate decreased 14.6%.

In 2016, of the 525 motor vehicle thefts reported:

- Autos accounted for 54.5% (286).
- Trucks and buses accounted for 26.7% (140). Included in this category are pickup trucks and vans.
- Other vehicles accounted for 18.9% (99). Included in this category are motorcycles, mopeds, and golf carts.



Arson Rate, Hawaii County, 2007-2016

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 2015 to 2016:

Reported arsons increased 32.1% in rate.

### Comparing 2016 to 2007:

The arson rate decreased 54.3%.

Hawaii County's arson rate in 2016 was the lowest in the State of Hawaii.