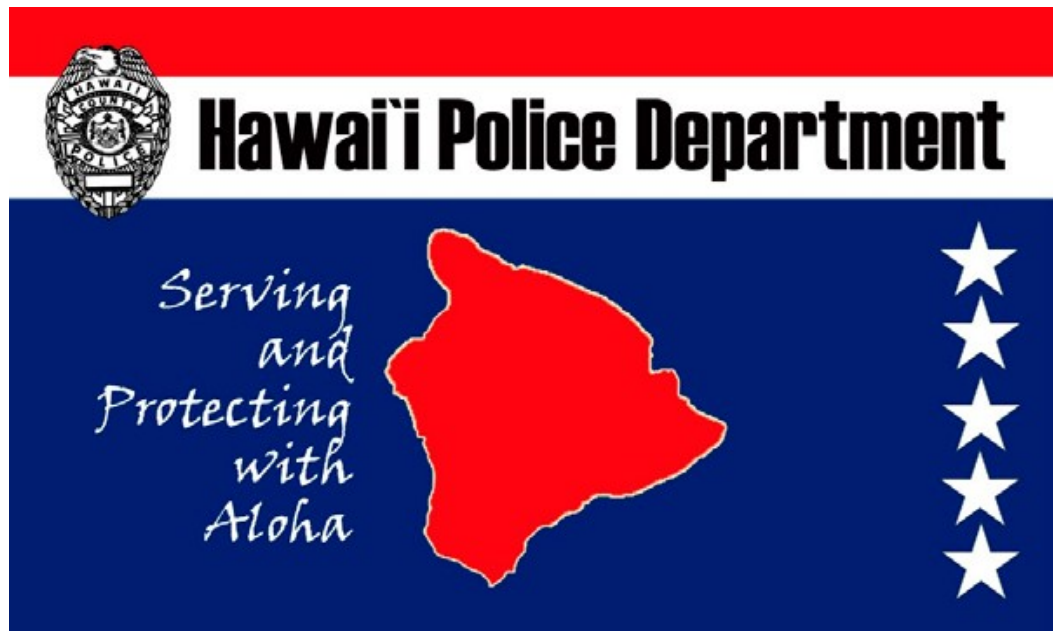


Annual Report Fiscal Year 2018-2019



**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 Hawai'i

2018 - 2019 Police Department Annual Report

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



Dear Commissioners:

Fiscal Year 2018-2019 started out to be one of the most devastating for the Hawai'i Police Department. While we were still dealing with the impacts of the continuing eruption on the Kilauea East Rift Zone that was affecting lower Puna, we were dealt the on-duty murder of Officer Bronson Kaimana Kaliloo. This, however, did not deter the men and women of the Hawai'i Police Department from responding to the needs of the community and demonstrating their commitment to ensuring their safety.

On July 18, 2018, the Hawai'i Police Department suffered a great loss, as Officer Bronson Kaimana Kaliloo succumbed to the gunshot wounds he had sustained on the evening of July 17, 2018, while on a traffic stop with other officers attempting to apprehend a wanted felon on Highway 19, in the Kurtistown area of the Puna District. In response to this horrendous act, a task force comprised of members of the Hawai'i Police Department and Federal Agencies conducted a manhunt for the responsible felon. On July 20, 2018, acting on information received on the location of the responsible felon, police responded to the area of South Point in the Ka'u district and established a vehicle checkpoint. Subsequently, the responsible felon was located hiding in the back of an SUV and upon discovery, he fired upon the police officers, wounding a member of the department's Special Response Team (SRT). The officers present returned fire, resulting in the death of the responsible felon. The wounded officer was taken by Fire Rescue to the Hilo Medical Center for treatment of his injuries and has since returned to full duty. Three other individuals, who are suspected in aiding the responsible felon, were arrested at the scene for Hindering Prosecution in the first degree and subsequently charged. The investigation continued into identifying other individuals that aided the responsible felon, which resulted in grand jury indictments for four other individuals for Hindering Prosecution.

On August 4, 2018, Officer Kaliloo was remembered at a memorial service held in his honor at the Afook-Chinen Civic Auditorium. In attendance were more than a thousand people, including police officers and first responders from across Hawai'i and throughout the United States.

In April 2019, under the management of the department's Accreditation Section, we underwent a rigorous mock assessment by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies® and in June 2019, completed a successful fourth and final annual web based assessment. The department is preparing for a site-based assessment in August 2019 in hopes to achieve reaccreditation in November 2019 (FY 2019-2020).

The Hawai'i Police Department in July 2018 committed to participating in the Hawai'i Medication Drop Box Program. This is a public health and public safety partnership between the Department of the Attorney General (AG), Department of Health (DOH), Department of Public Safety (PSD), Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), and the Hawaii, Maui, Honolulu, and Kauai Police Departments. This is a major statewide collaboration to ensure a more convenient way for the public to drop off unused prescription drugs at designated police stations across the State. As of June 30, 2019, the Hawai'i Police Department has a collection "drop box" installed in each District police station to allow for the collection of prescription medications from the general public.

Throughout the fiscal year, the Hawai'i Police Department like other police departments across the State of Hawai'i and across the nation was faced with the challenges of filling vacant police officer positions created by retirements and/or separations from service. In spite of our department's Human Resources working in conjunction with the County Department of Human Resources on active recruitment strategies, we closed the fiscal year with thirty (30) sworn vacant positions that included officers from the rank of Lieutenant to Police Officers II. Additionally, we closed the fiscal year with nine (9) non-sworn vacancies primarily consisting of Police Radio Dispatchers, which is another position that plagues law enforcement agencies in terms of recruitment and retention.

In closing, I sincerely wish to thank all of the men and women of the Hawai'i Police Department for all their hard work and the sacrifices they make daily in the performance of their duties. As I've stated in the past and will continue to state in the future, it is only through their dedication and commitment to the citizens of Hawai'i Island that make the Hawai'i Police Department second to none in the State.

Hawai'i County Police Commission

The Honorable Harry Kim
Mayor, County of Hawai'i
25 Aupuni Street
Hilo, Hawai'i 96720



Dear Mayor Kim:

This year of 2019 has included numerous and unpredictable concerns for the department and the leadership of our Hawaii Police Department, along with the Commission.

The staffing issue alone is a major issue of concern as the department continues to lose seasoned officers and senior staff members to retirement. Despite aggressive recruiting it is hard to replace the knowledge and experience these fine officers bring to the department. Much is appreciated of your continued support to add new positions, it greatly helps in the long range planning and expanding population of the island.

The TMT issue has strained the department of valuable resources that were not planned events; nevertheless the Chief and his staff have managed the challenge well and are committed to providing the best assistance to this matter.

The Commission itself is struggling to maintain our meeting schedule and duties, despite losing 4 commissioners for varied reasons. It is requested that a great emphasis be placed on recruiting and adding qualified individuals to fill those positions as it has been a strain on staff and current commissioners.

With the above concerns and other issues, the Commission strives 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” (Mission Statement).

The Commission strives to hear all citizen concerns in person and carefully reviews each one. If it warrants, we follow up with the Chief on corrective actions.

The Commission continues to advocate for sorely needed renovation of Police Headquarters, including a new Emergency Communications Center to replace the present antiquated and crowded facility.

Hawaii County Police Commissioners remain committed to the duties of civilian oversight of the Department and to the people of Hawaii County.

Sincerely,

WAYNE K. DE LUZ, CHAIR
HAWAI'I COUNTY POLICE COMMISSION

Hawai'i County Police Commission



(From Left to Right) John Bertsch, Joan Obra, Wayne De Luz, Denby Toci, Guy Schutte

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

The Commission's most important responsibilities, as delineated in the Hawai'i County Charter, are to appoint and remove the Police Chief at its sole discretion, confirm the Chief's appointment of Deputy Chief, and consider public complaints against the department or any of its members and then submit the findings to the Chief.

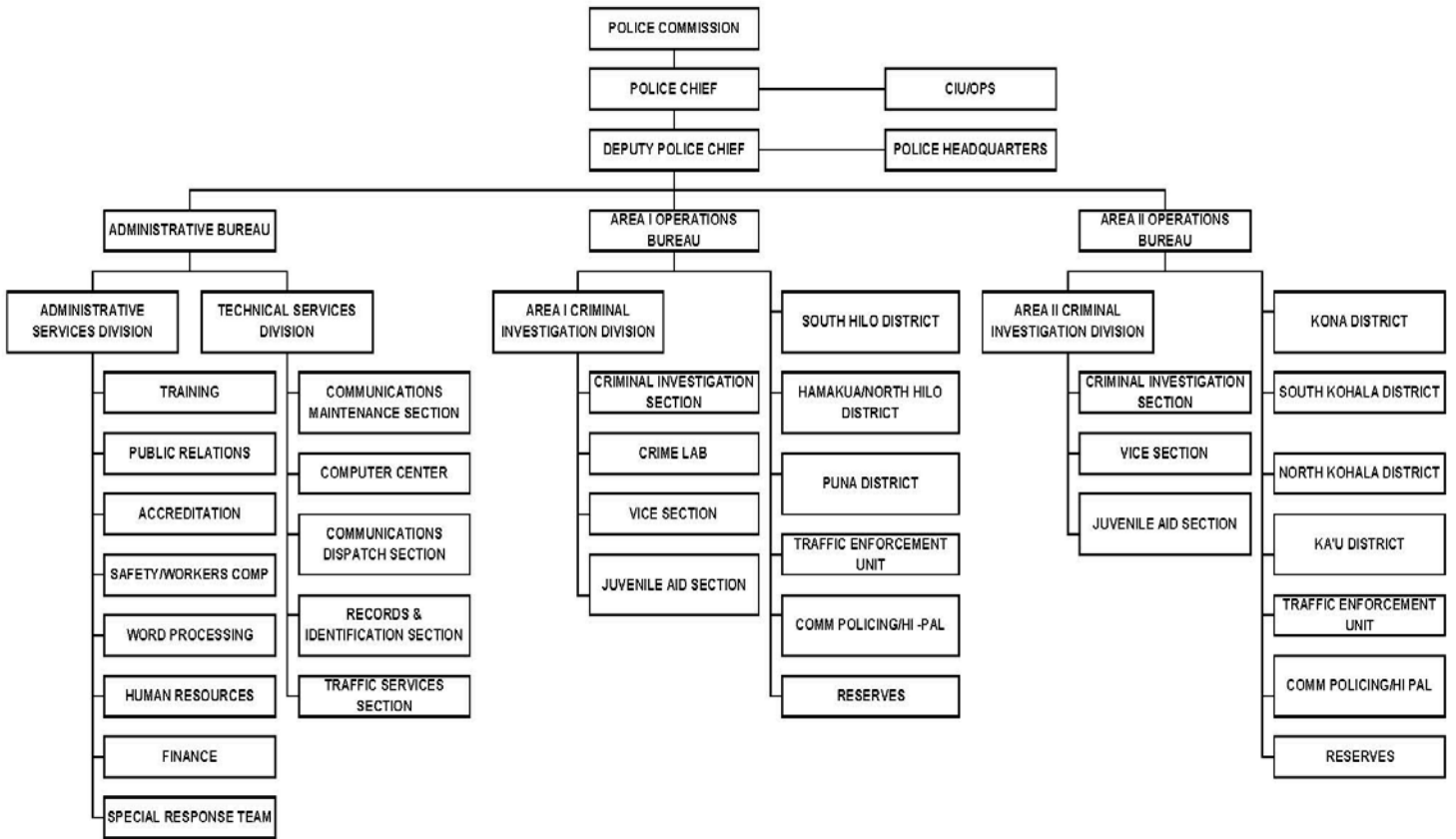
According to the County Charter, the Commission's other functions are to:

- 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 Fiscal Year 2018-2019, the Police Commission members were:

- District 1- Wayne De Luz (Chair 2019)
- District 2- Colleen Pasco
- District 3- Paul Paiva
- District 4- Joan Obra
- District 5- Thomas Brown
- District 6- Denby Toci
- District 7- John Bertsch
- District 8- Jack Hu (resigned)
- District 9- Jude Mattos (passed away)

Hawai'i Police Department Organizational Chart



Commanders



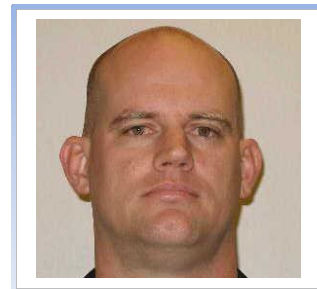
Kenneth Bugado Jr.
Deputy Chief



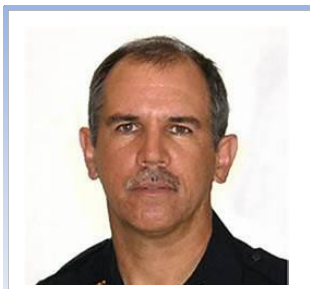
Samuel Thomas
Assistant Chief
Administration



Mitchell Kanehailua
Assistant Chief Area I
Operations



James O'Connor
Assistant Chief
Area II Operations



Robert Wagner
Major
Operations Bureau
Area II



Andrew Burian
Major
Technical Services
Division



Samuel Jelsma
Major
Operations Bureau
Area I

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 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, and police personnel and their 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.

The Office of Professional Standards conducted 24 Administrative investigations, 16 internal inquiries into actions by police department personnel, and provided 39 in-service training sessions to employees.

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 2018-2019, the Criminal Intelligence Unit submitted 335 intelligence reports, conducted 410 criminal history checks, provided 144 in-service training sessions and provided intelligence information which, in whole or in part, led to the initiation of 62 criminal investigations.

Administrative Bureau

Commander - Assistant Chief Samuel Thomas

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

Administrative Services Division

Commander - Major Robert Wagner

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. This Division also works on civil liabilities and civil litigation issues involving the department.

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 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. During the 2018-2019 fiscal year, the Department underwent a rigorous mock assessment which enabled the Department to complete a successful Web-Based Review (Year 4), and assisted in preparation for a Site-Based Assessment. The Department also continues to play an active role with the Hawaiian Islands Police Accreditation Coalition Inc. (HIPAC) as it remains a member of the coalition, and the Department's Accreditation Manager is the current President of the Executive Board.

The **Finance Section** is responsible for processing of payroll, maintaining personnel attendance records, accounts payable, purchasing supplies and equipment, distributing supplies to districts and bureaus and furnishing custodial and maintenance services. The Section is also in charge of tracking Officers' gas and oil accounts, Special Duty work, grants, contracts, inventory and other finance-related tasks. The Section is under the direction of the Accountant IV, prepares the department's annual budget, maintains all accounts and ensures budgetary needs are met. Throughout the 2018-2019 fiscal year approximately 7,355 invoices were processed, 5,207 Special Duty requests were filled and 4,934 orders were completed.

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 2018-2019 fiscal year, the workload in the Word Processing Center became more manageable due to being fully staffed by July 2018. Also, the transition to the Spillman system from the Records

Management System in September 2018 brought a decrease in officers' dictations; therefore, allowing the Word Processing Center to meet all of its goals and objectives starting in November 2018. Towards the latter part of the fiscal year, there was a slight increase in the amount of officers' dictations; however, with a full staff, the Word Processing Center has been able to continue to meet all of its goals and objectives.

The dictated reports transcribed by the Word Processing Center are routed via the Spillman 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 2018-2019, nearly 20,105 reports were transcribed, totaling more than 211,000 minutes and 1,605,558 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 30 police officer I recruits, twelve police radio dispatchers, six school crossing guards, two custodian/groundskeeper I, two clerks III, and one criminalist II. Internally, there were 17 temporary promotions to police officer III and one to police captain. There were ten promotions to police sergeant/detective, four police captains, three police lieutenants, and one each, assistant police chief and police major, accountant III, and supervising police radio dispatcher. There were 10 inter-departmental transfers of police sergeant/detective, six police lieutenants, five police officer II, three police captains, two assistant police chiefs, and one each, police major and custodian/groundskeeper I. There were 9 reinstatements to the permanent class of police officer II, two to police radio dispatcher II, and one to police records clerk. Additionally, there were 17 movements during the initial probation period of police officer I recruit, one upward reallocation to human resources assistant, and one voluntary demotion to police officer II.

In conjunction with the on-boarding and internal actions listed above, the following activities and processes were conducted during FY 2018-2019 by the Human Resources Section. Eight hundred fifty-six salary adjustments and across the board increases for all bargaining units, one hundred thirty step-movements, one hundred sixty-two military leave requests, one hundred thirty family medical leave requests, and sixty-seven retirements/separation from service. Also, notification to departmental members in the form of seventy-seven personnel orders and fifty-three administrative notices were disseminated.

The **Public Relations Section** is responsible for maintaining the department's website, responding to inquiries from the news media, producing and hosting the cable access television program "Hawai'i Island's Most Wanted" and publishing the department's annual report and quarterly employee newsletter. In Fiscal Year 2018-2019, the department published 536 media releases to the department's website and through the Nixle service.

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 the media and department. Smaller group meetings are also held alternating on both sides of the island.

Technical Services Division

Commander - Major Andrew Burian

The **Technical Services Division** consists of the Communications Dispatch Center, Communications Maintenance Section, Computer Center, Records and Identification Section and Traffic Services Section.

During the 2018-2019 fiscal year, the Communications/Dispatch Center received 208,658 9-1-1 calls, a 3.75 percent increase over the previous fiscal year (201,902), with 14.18 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 233,793 calls for service during this fiscal year, a 4.2 percent increase over the previous year. On the average, about 71.12 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, officers and internal investigations, as well as the general public. The implementation of Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG9-1-1) is currently taking place and should be completed by the beginning of 2020 with coordination of all of the other PSAP's throughout the State.

The **Communications Maintenance Section**, often referred to as the Radio Shop, has accepted responsibility for Land Mobile Radio equipment installation and maintenance for most county-owned or subsidized vehicles. This includes Police Department fleet and subsidized vehicles, Fire Department fleet vehicles and other county agency vehicles. Assuming the installation duties has resulted in the savings of tens of thousands of dollars annually. The Radio Shop team performs site maintenance and service on the twenty radio sites located on Hawaii Island. Network management, tower maintenance, and repeater maintenance are under the supervision of the Radio System Manager who works closely with the Communications Maintenance Section. The Radio Shop personnel duties include updating software/firmware in both mobile and handheld radios. The radios are tuned for optimum performance yearly and at the same time updated code plug software is installed. The Radio Shop crew has completed 88 radio installations for Police Department vehicles and 8 radio installations for the Fire Department in Fiscal Year 2018/2019. One of the more visible projects the Radio Shop crew has been involved with is upgrading the emergency warning lights on police vehicles. The new upgraded blue LED lights afford higher visibility for the public and better officer safety. Radio Shop personnel fabricated and installed IRR (Instant Recall Recorder) modules for Police Dispatch, Fire Dispatch and Civil Defense. The IRR feature allows dispatch operators to replay radio traffic for clarification or missed calls instantly. Upon request the Radio Shop crew responds to Civil Defense emergencies.

The **Records and Identification Section** comprises of several internal subsections (Records, Identification, Firearms and Evidence), which has a variety of responsibilities.

The Records Section maintains police records and disseminates reports to other agencies. The Section does fingerprinting for government and private employment. They also provide statistical data for the Uniform Crime Reporting Program (UCR) which is administered by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and used to monitor the nature and type of crime occurring in the nation.

The Firearms Section processes firearm permit applications and registrations, including background checks on each individual applying for a long gun or handgun permit, and conducts firearm registration checks on firearms reported stolen, lost, or recovered.

The Identification Section conducts evidence fingerprint examinations and inputs them into the national AFIS (Automated Fingerprint Identification System) for criminal identification purposes. It processes subpoenas, court documents and covered offender registrations.

The Evidence Section is responsible for processing, preservation, release and destruction of all items collected which includes items subjected for civil forfeiture.

In Fiscal Year 2018-2019, the Records and Identification Section issued 3,158 firearm permits, registered 7,359 firearms, processed requests for 12,677 copies of criminal and accident reports, fingerprinted 1,567 individuals and processed 19,118 court documents.

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 a variety of computer issues.

Help Desk Call Statistics for FY 18-19

- 1446 Calls Opened
- 1338 Calls Closed

During Fiscal Year 2018-2019, the Computer Center had the following projects in play:

New RMS System - The Spillman Computer Aided Dispatch and Records Management System went live in September 2018.

Network Upgrades - New networking equipment has been installed in Hilo as part of a multi-phase project to replace outdated equipment island wide and improve network response and resiliency. In addition, the Ocean View Police Substation was added to the County network and will go live in FY19-20.

New MDT Project - The Computer Center is preparing to upgrade Mobile Data Terminals (MDT). The MDT's being used by officers have reached their end of life.

Traffic Services Section

During Fiscal Year 2018-2019, the Hawai'i Police Department requested reimbursement of \$ 300,363.23 in federal grant funds - which the Traffic Services Section (TSS) oversees - for traffic enforcement, equipment purchases, and training 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 and speed regulations. Other Traffic Services Section highlights include: 81 road closure permits issued, 270 violation letters sent out to motorists, 140 school crossing guard checks conducted, 2750 abandoned vehicle cases were routed to the Department of Environmental Management.

During the Fiscal Year, our Department's Traffic Services Section's detailed monthly report includes contributory factors (i.e., speed, distracted driving, alcohol or drug abuse, etc.) gathered from the traffic casualty reports. This information is sent to the District Commanders and the Traffic Enforcement Units to be used for implementation of selective enforcement techniques in the areas of concern to conduct routine and/or increased traffic enforcement, speed enforcement, seatbelt and distracted driver checkpoints and DUI checkpoints.

In spite of our enforcement efforts, during Fiscal Year 2018-2019 there were 14 fatal crashes resulting in 14 fatalities, compared with 13 fatal crashes resulting in 15 fatalities for the same time last year. This represents an increase of 7.7% for fatal crashes and a decrease of 6.7 % for fatalities. The analysis of these accidents noted that impairment (i.e., alcohol and/or drugs) was a factor in four fatalities, compared to 13 fatalities the same time last year, which is a decrease of 69.2%.



Special Response Team (SRT)

Commander - Lieutenant James Gusman

The mission of the **Special Response Team (SRT)** is to support the Hawai'i Police Department and 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 to include 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 difficult volatile situations.

SRT 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.

The Special Response Team provided four dignitary security details and responded to one hostage situation, five high risk warrants, two armed barricaded situations, one fugitive tracking and one major event.

Operations Bureaus

Area I - East Hawai'i

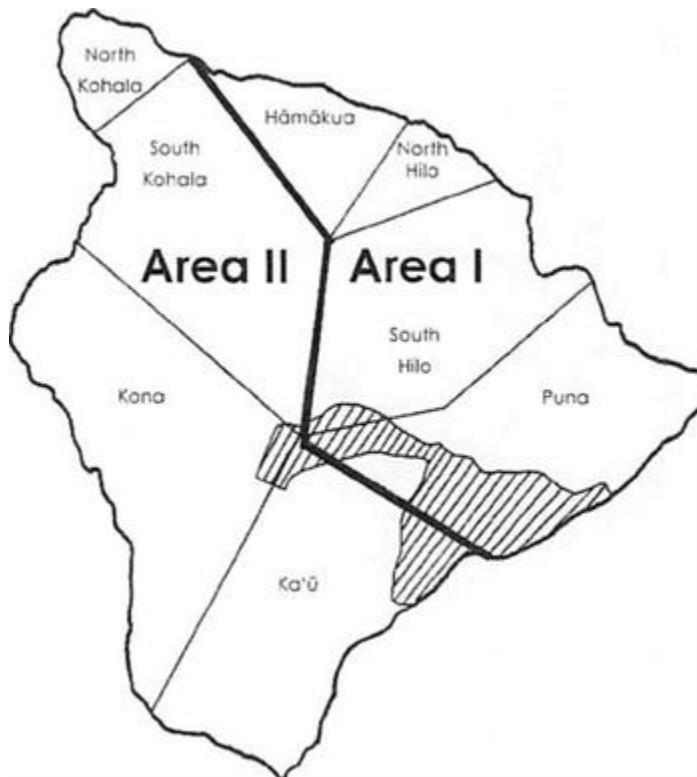
Commanders: Assistant Chief Mitchell Kanehailua & Major Samuel Jelsma

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: Assistant Chief James O'Connor & Major Robert Wagner

The Area II Operations Bureau 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 by a captain.



Area I - Criminal Investigation Division

Commander – Captain Gregory Esteban

The Area I Criminal Investigation Division is comprised of the Area I Criminal Investigation Section, Area I Juvenile Aid Section, Area I Vice Section, and the Department's Crime Laboratory.

Area I - Criminal Investigation Section (CIS)

Commander - Lieutenant Rio Amon-Wilkins

During Fiscal Year 2018-2019, the Area I Criminal Investigation Section (CIS) investigated 775 crimes. Of those, 204 were burglaries, 130 were thefts and 156 were financial crimes. In comparison with the previous fiscal year, this represents a 50.9 percent decrease in the number of burglaries investigated, a 57.0 percent decrease in thefts and a 48.8 percent decrease in financial crimes. The overall solution rate in Area I was 68.8 percent. Area I detectives investigated 3 murder cases and 13 attempted murder cases.

On July 17, 2018, Officer Bronson K. Kalilooa was killed in the line of duty. He was assigned to the Puna District. 33-year-old Justin Waiki was identified as the suspect. Following the shooting death of Officer Kalilooa, Hawaii Island police conducted a 24-hour a day, island-wide manhunt for Waiki. He was finally located within a vehicle on South Point Road on July 20. Upon officers contacting the occupants of the vehicle, Waiki was located hiding in the back of the vehicle and opened fire on officers, striking one of them. SRT members returned fire and subsequently killed Waiki. The officer that was shot was transported to the hospital for treatment. Following this event, a total of 7 individuals were arrested for offenses in connection to the investigation. The offenses included being accomplices to first-degree murder, place to keep firearm, conspiracy to commit first-degree hindering prosecution, first-degree hindering prosecution, as well as various firearm and drug-related offenses.

On April 23, 1978, the partially nude body of a 24-year-old female was discovered in a coconut grove across from the Harry K. Brown Beach Park in Kalapana. The female victim was a National Park Ranger visiting Hawaii from California. An autopsy performed concluded that she was strangled. Evidence at the scene identified a 28-year-old male suspect; however, due to a lack of evidence at the time, the case was considered unsolved and it was closed in 1982. Over the years, additional information was received and investigations were done. In 2017, this case was officially reopened and various items of evidence were analyzed using current methods and several witnesses were interviewed. In February 2019, after almost 41 years after this murder occurred, this case was deferred to the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney. The suspect, who is now 69 years old, is currently incarcerated for unrelated crimes.

In the early morning hours of March 18, 2019, Puna Patrol officers responded to a residence on Plumeria Street in Mountain View for a report of a male party that had

been shot. Police determined that the 38-year-old victim had been shot by a 35-year-old suspect, and the victim died at the scene. The suspect was later located and subsequently charged with second-degree murder, use of a firearm in commission of a separate felony, and first-degree terroristic threatening. His bail was set at \$310,000.

Area I - Juvenile Aid Section (JAS)

Commander – Lieutenant Royce Serrao

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 has a scent discriminating canine assigned to the section named "Falcon". The team consists of a Canine handler and 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 August of 2018, a Lieutenant from Area II transferred to Area I JAS taking new command.

In June of 2019, the Lieutenant of Area I JAS was transferred to the Area I Vice Section and temporarily replaced by an Acting Lieutenant.

During the 2018–2019 fiscal year, the Area I Juvenile Aid Section investigated 404 cases of which 121 were reports of sexual assaults and 40 were reports of domestic violence. In comparison with the previous fiscal year, there was an approximate 35 percent decrease in the number of sexual assaults with a solution rate of 36 percent. In addition Area I JAS investigated 194 investigations of juveniles involved in serious crimes and status offenses (such as runaway, truancy, protective and placement services, and curfew violations), 49 other offenses related to sexual assault, domestic violence, juvenile offenses or personal-assist type of investigations, and 73 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:

In March of 2019, detectives from the Juvenile Aid Section investigated the shooting of a 35-year-old female by her 41-year-old husband. The male suspect was charged with

Attempted Murder in the Second Degree, Reckless Endangering in The First Degree and Carrying or Use of a Firearm in the Commission of a Separate Felony.

In May of 2019, detectives from the Juvenile Aid Section investigated the kidnapping and sexual assault of a 36-year-old female. The suspects in the investigation were a F-35, M-40, and F-50 who held the victim at a residence in Puna where she was tortured and sexually assaulted. A search warrant of the scene was conducted utilizing the Special Response Team and resulted in the discovery of methamphetamine and the arrest of F-32 for Promotion of a Dangerous Drug. The suspects involved were arrested and charged with a combination of offenses which included Kidnapping, Assault I, Assault 2, Terroristic Threatening, Sexual Assault I and various drug offenses.

Area I - Vice Section

Commander - Lieutenant 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 two 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 Section is also 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 2018-2019, Area I Vice Section officers conducted 685 drug investigations, resulting in 272 arrests and 223 charges. In addition, Vice officers recovered the following illegal drugs:

- 24.18 pounds of crystal methamphetamine
- 464 marijuana plants
- 28.1 pounds of dried marijuana
- 294.38 grams of heroin
- 129.2 grams of cocaine

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

- August 2018, Officers from the Area 1 Vice Section along with Homeland Security Investigations executed a search warrant on a residence in Hilo resulting in the recovery of 4 pounds of methamphetamine, 4.2 grams of heroin, a firearm, and the forfeiture of \$5772.00 US currency. The case was adopted by Homeland Security Investigations.
- October 2018, Officers from the Area 1 Vice Section executed a warrant on a residence in Mountain View which was in close proximity to a school. Officers recovered 817.6 grams of crystal methamphetamine and three firearms. Officers forfeited just over \$13,000.00 in US Currency and four vehicles.
- January 2019, Officers from the Area 1 Vice Section executed a warrant at a Paho address. Officers recovered 585.1 grams of crystal methamphetamine, 115.5 grams of cocaine, 31 grams of heroin, 597 Oxycodone pills, 147 hydrocodone pills, 10, Alazopram pills, and 1505.1 grams of dried marijuana. Also just over \$14,000.00 in U.S. Currency was forfeited. The suspect was charged with numerous narcotic offenses and his bail was set at \$451,000.00.

Crime Lab

Supervisor - Criminalist Kathy Pung

In Fiscal Year 2018-2019 the HPD Crime Lab received \$50,460 in Coverdell 2017 grant funds to maintain ANSI National Accreditation Board (ANAB) accreditation and upgrade equipment: crime scene photography lenses; high powered scene search lamps; solvent dispensers; high capacity balance with printer; alternate light source (ALS); sex assault DNA evidence freezers for both Areas I and II; and an evidence drying cabinet for Area II Criminal Investigations.

These grant funds also provided for updated training for personnel at the American Academy of Forensic Sciences Annual Scientific Meeting, IAI Annual and Regional Educational Conferences, Clandestine Laboratory Investigating Chemists Annual Technical Training Seminar, digital forensic training, and accreditation training. Personnel also attended Gas Chromatograph Mass Spectroscopy and Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy training provided through other agencies grant funds.

Within this fiscal year, the Crime Lab was awarded Coverdell 2018 grant funds of \$63,973 for new technology in the form of hand held field analyzers of drug evidence for both Areas I and II Vice sections, and \$175,000 through the Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant to replace GCMS and FTIR instruments used for drug analyses.

With the transition of the HPD Records Management System from RMS to Spillman, Crime Lab personnel completed 795 laboratory requests, compared with 1,477 in Fiscal Year 2018; 1,204 in 2017; and 1,324 in 2016. The casework consisted of 544 drug analyses, 200 latent print development, 8 firearms test fire/serial number restoration, 9 biological evidence processing, and 34 forensic computer/mobile device cases. The Evidence Specialists and Criminalist assisted in 215 call-outs that included major crime scenes, traffic fatalities, autopsies and requests for specialized evidence processing.

Crime Lab personnel conducted 48 face to face in-service training sessions for Area I and Area II Operations, providing refresher and updated training on various forensic services, and represented HPD at several public speaking events such as the Onizuka Science Day and Astro Day.

Area I Patrol Operations

Puna District

Commander - Captain Kenneth Quiocho/Captain John Briski

Area: 683 square miles/Authorized positions: Sworn: 59 Civilian: 3

The Community Policing Officers in the Puna District work with numerous Neighborhood Watch groups in crime prevention, community awareness and problem solving. The Community Policing Officers allow for the immediate attention to community concerns that would otherwise be addressed through other means that may not always be effective or as direct. The Community Policing program brings the Neighborhood Watch leadership from the district into one forum to establish partnerships, discuss concerns and share information.

The School Resource Officers work diligently in the Pahoia and Keaau Intermediate schools to keep our “Keiki” safe and prevent school violence through drug awareness and prevention.

The Puna District Police Officers are focused on doing outstanding work; dedicated to preventing and investigating crime, improving the safety of the public, protecting citizens, and making the Puna District a safe place to live, work and conduct business.

During this fiscal year, Officer Kupono Mata was recognized as the Puna Officer of the Year for his outstanding work in all areas of police work.

The Officers in the Puna District responded to over 30,000 calls for service, not included are the walk-in public service calls or telephone calls to the station handled daily by staff and personnel. Officers in the Puna District issued over 7,000 citations and served over 2,400 various court documents.

Hāmākua / North Hilo District

Commander - Captain Andrew Burian/Captain Albert Jason Cortez

Area: 367 square miles/Authorized positions: Sworn: 31 Civilian: 2.5

The South Hilo District at Hakalau Gulch and the South Kohala District at Lakeland form the boundaries of the newly combined Hāmākua/North Hilo District. Its 2 police stations are located at 45-3400 Māmane Street in Honoka‘a Town and at 36-2285 Pu‘ualaea Homestead Road in Laupāhoehoe, just West of the 25-mile marker on Highway 19/ Hawaii Belt Road.

The Hamakua/North Hilo districts were combined in July 2019, increasing the ratio of supervisors to patrol officers. Operations remained the same, with two fully staffed police stations - one in each community - and a shared pool of supervisors.

In that the statistics for both districts were kept separate for the fiscal year, they will be reported separately.

Hāmākua

For the 2018-2019 fiscal year, property crimes in the Hāmākua District remained relatively stable with the previous fiscal year. There were 18 reported burglaries compared with 20 the previous fiscal year.

Theft reports also declined with 75 reported this year compared with 132 the previous year.

Traffic enforcement remains a priority as officers issued more than 2,300 citations. Of those, 550 were for speeding, 134 for seat belt or child restraint violations and 80 for using a cell phone or other electronic device while driving.

Emphasis on traffic enforcement remains an important motivator for reducing major traffic accidents. There were 33 major traffic accidents this fiscal year, a slight increase from the 32 accidents during the previous fiscal year.

The school resource officer assigned to Honoka‘a schools actively worked with school administrators and provided a visible presence at the Honoka‘a and Pa‘auilo schools to limit incidents of bullying, truancy, thefts and drug activity.

Throughout the year, the community policing and school resource officers worked in partnership with Neighborhood Watch organizations, schools and other community organizations, such as the Honoka‘a Traffic Safety Council and Honoka‘a Business Association, to address various community concerns.

Some of the major community events in which they were involved included the annual Western Week parade and block party, Honoka‘a Peace Day Parade and Fair, and the popular First Friday events in Honoka‘a.

North Hilo Patrol

North Hilo officers issued just under 1,500 citations for the fiscal year. Of those, 508 were for speeding, 72 for seat belt or child restraint violations and 37 for handheld electronic devices.

There were 34 major traffic accidents this fiscal year, a decrease from the 53 accidents during the previous fiscal year.

The North Hilo District experienced a slight decrease with 7 reported burglaries compared with 11 the previous fiscal year. One of the reported burglaries was closed, for a clearance rate of 14 percent.

Thefts also slightly decreased to 32 cases compared with 35 the previous fiscal year.

The North Hilo and Hāmākua community police officers and Hāmākua school resource officer work together in North Hilo and collaborated with the Queen Lili'uokalani Children's Center to host two Drug-Free Bash celebrations. Our community police officers also assisted with the Big Island Biker Fest and the Laupāhoehoe Music Festival, two large community events held at Laupāhoehoe Point Park.

South Hilo Patrol

Commander - Captain Gregory Esteban/Captain Kenneth Quiocho

Area: 635 square miles/Authorized Positions: Sworn: 88 Civilian: 2

The South Hilo Patrol Division is the largest patrol division in Area 1. In spite of the large geographic area of 635 square miles that is covered by 24-hour police service in South Hilo, at a ratio of 1 officer per 1100 people, the patrol division is also responsible for all initial calls for service.

Last year the South Hilo Patrol Division responded to nearly 20,000 calls for service, generated over 8,000 incidents, and almost 5,000 miscellaneous public complaints in 2018, a 4% increase over the last year (2017). The district also has a Community Policing section, with a Lieutenant and 4 Community Policing Officers, that service over 40 community groups and 2 School Resource Officers in two of the eight public schools within the district.

The South Hilo Temporary Detention Facility, which can house a maximum of 40 detainees, intakes all Area 1 detainees temporarily pending court appearances. The facility is managed by a Sergeant, three sworn officers and 14 private security guards working a rotating shift of 3 Security Guards per shift for 24-hour coverage.

The patrol division is also supported by a small contingent of Reserve Officers (5) made up of retired veteran police officers that volunteer putting in 20 hours per month to support patrol operations.

The district experienced a slow decline of property related crimes that include burglaries, thefts, vehicle break-ins and property damage. There was also a decrease in stolen vehicles reported during 2018 and criminal activity associated with this; the decrease was associated to targeted enforcement on auto theft related cases toward the end of 2017.

Firearm related cases and firearm recovery and drugs remain a major crime concern for the district, and efforts are made toward curtailing that potential crime trend.

Officers served over 3,000 warrants and 3,000 miscellaneous paper documents that include summons, subpoenas, and family related protective orders.

Traffic issues within the district remain a focal point of public safety as the officers issued over 7,000 citations, arrested 49 impaired drivers and responded to over 200 major traffic crashes that involved injury.

The district is supported by a small traffic enforcement unit, so the district is self-dependent on providing traffic safety utilizing district patrol personnel that play a dual role in this effort.

Traffic Enforcement Unit (TEU)

Area I Commander - Sergeant Chis Correia

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 2018-2019, Area I TEU investigated 8 fatal crashes that killed 8 people: 1 fatality was related to alcohol, two fatalities were related to drugs and 0 fatalities were related to both alcohol and drugs.

Area I TEU officers conducted 124 DUI sobriety checkpoints, arrested 174 drivers who were under the influence of intoxicants and conducted 104 seatbelt and distracted driver checkpoints. The officers also issued 4,431 moving citations, of which 2,280 were for speeding. They issued 2,259 regulatory citations and made 44 other arrests.

Area II Criminal Investigation Division

Commander - Captain Chad Basque/Captain Reed Mahuna

Area II - Criminal Investigation Section (CIS)

Commander - for majority of FY 2018-19 the position was vacant

The Area II Criminal Investigation Section investigated felony cases in the South Kohala, North Kohala, Kona, and Ka'u Districts. During FY 2018-19, Area II CIS investigated 399 crimes. Of those, 171 were burglaries, 58 were thefts, and 20 were financial crimes cases.

During this fiscal year, Area II detectives investigated one murder and five attempted murder cases. All but one attempted murder case was solved by the end of the fiscal year.

In April 2019, police responded to a report of a stabbing in the Ka'u District. Upon arrival, officers found an unresponsive female with a stab wound to her upper left torso area. Officers also found a male victim with several stab wounds to his upper and lower body parts. Investigation revealed a female suspect who was the girlfriend of the male victim was responsible for the attack on both victims. The suspect turned herself in to the Ka'u police station and was arrested and charged for Murder in the second degree, two counts of Murder in the first degree and Attempted murder in the second degree.

In March 2019, officers responded to a report of a disorderly male causing a disturbance at a restaurant in Kailua-Kona. Upon officer's arrival, they found the male suspect to be yelling obscenities at a tourist in the area. As officers tried to calm the suspect down, the suspect became agitated and grabbed an officer and pulled him into the ocean. A struggle ensued in the ocean and the suspect was able to hold the officer's head under water for a period of time. The second officer jumped into the ocean and was able to apprehend the suspect. The suspect was arrested and charged for Disorderly conduct, Criminal property damage, Resisting arrest and Assault on a Police Officer.

In September 2018, police responded to an affray at a hotel in Kailua-Kona. Upon arrival, officers found a male security guard unresponsive on the ground. The security guard was taken to Kona Community Hospital, and then later flown to Oahu for emergency treatment. Officers determined that the security guard was brutally assaulted by four suspects. Officers located the four suspects and arrested and charged three out of the four with attempted murder.

In October 2018, an unresponsive six-year-old male was brought to the Kailua-Kona Fire Station. The victim was subsequently transported to the Kona Community Hospital and later pronounced dead. The multiple injuries the victim sustained did not match the statements given by the parents of the child. Detectives were able to obtain enough evidence to obtain a Grand Jury Indictment warrant. Both suspects were arrested and

charged for two counts of Murder in the second degree, six counts of felony Abuse of a family or household member, Hindering prosecution, Tampering with physical evidence and two counts of Terroristic threatening in the first degree.

Area II - Juvenile Aid Section (JAS)

Commander - Lieutenant Roylen Valera

The Area II Juvenile Aid Section investigated Domestic Violence, Sex Crimes and Juvenile felony & status offenses in the South Kohala, North Kohala, Kona, and Ka'ū Districts. During FY 2018-19, Area II JAS investigated 235 crimes. Of those, 98 were sex assaults, 13 domestic violence, 8 child abuse, 7 assaults, 16 burglaries, 2 property damage, 11 runaways, 6 thefts, 8 custodial interference, 2 minor liquor violations, and 66 other offenses. 88 (90%) of the 98 sex assaults investigated were cleared. The overall clearance rate of cases investigated by the Area II Juvenile Aid Section during FY 2018-19 was 81% JAS cases from this fiscal year.

In March 2019, detectives investigated a domestic violence incident between a F-24 and M-42 who were involved in a shooting in which the female sustained a single gunshot wound to her face. The female was taken to the hospital for treatment. Upon officers arrival, they identified the woman and her boyfriend through previous contacts. Officers located the suspect in the Kailua-Kona area and attempted to arrest him. The suspect used his vehicle to strike an officer's vehicle and eluded officers. The suspect was later located in the North Kohala area. As officer's attempted to arrest the suspect again, he used his vehicle and struck another officer's vehicle and eluded officers again. Suspect was later located in South Kona and arrested and charged for Motor Vehicle Theft, Assault, Resist Order to Stop, Terroristic Threatening, Reckless Endangering, Accident involving damages, Carrying/possession of a firearm, Ownership prohibited and vehicular accident-related charges.

In June 2019, detectives investigated a sexual assault case involving a F-78 and a M-18 in South Kohala. The victim reported she was awakened by the suspect and then sexually assaulted. The suspect was identified and located in South Kohala, whereby he was arrested and charged for numerous offenses of Sexual Assault, Assault, Terroristic Threatening, Burglary and Kidnapping.

Due to the complexity of investigation into Sexual Assault cases, most cases are not adjudicated within the same year that they occurred and, therefore, are unable to be listed as part of this report.

Area II Vice Section

Commander - Lieutenant Reynold Kahalewai

In 2018-2019, Area II Vice officers conducted 322 illicit drug investigations, resulting in the arrest of 110 individuals. The following illicit drugs were recovered;

- 15.25 pounds of crystal methamphetamine
- 2,247 marijuana plants
- 68.5 pounds of dried marijuana
- 4.99 ounces of heroin
- 16.3 ounces of cocaine

In August 2018, officers received information that 10 lbs. of crystal methamphetamine was being shipped to Kona from Los Angeles. Officers were able to determine that a 65-year-old male and 49-year-old female would be receiving the parcel and staying at a location in Kona. Surveillance was conducted and the suspects were observed carrying the parcel, at which time they were arrested. A narcotic canine screen on the parcel indicated a positive alert for narcotics. A search warrant was obtained for the parcel and upon opening it, officers recovered 5,424.2 grams (11.97 lbs.) of crystal methamphetamine.

In November 2018, Area II Vice officers executed a search warrant at a residence in Kona. Upon executing the warrant, officers recovered 53.7 grams of crystal methamphetamine and arrested a 47-year-old male and a 33-year-old female. A search of the male's locker at his place of employment resulted in the recovery of an additional 279.2 grams of crystal methamphetamine; total of 332.9 grams (11.8 ounces). Officers also seized \$2,370 for forfeiture. The male, who was on federal probation, had his probation revoked and was turned over to federal authorities for prosecution.

In May 2019, Area II Vice officers executed a search warrant at a residence in Kealahou. Upon executing the warrant, officers observed the male suspect in the garage area and saw him toss a bag away from him. A search of the bag resulted in the recovery of 87.5 grams of crystal methamphetamine. A search of the residence resulted in the recovery of 29 grams of marijuana, 21.4 grams of heroin, seven (7) Alprazolam pills and 13 Oxycodone pills. Officers also seized \$7,624 for forfeiture. A 42-year-old male and 35-year-old female were arrested for various drug offenses.

Area II Patrol Operations

North Kohala District

Commander - Captain Jeremie Evangelista

Area: 123 square miles/Authorized positions: Sworn: 18 Civilian: 1 1/2

During Fiscal Year 2018-2019, the North Kohala District experienced an increase in the number of reported burglaries (19 cases compared with 12 cases the previous fiscal year). Reported assaults increased (19 cases compared with 12 cases the previous fiscal year) and thefts also increased (71 cases compared with 59 cases the previous fiscal year). Officers assigned to the North Kohala District also initiated 6 investigations for a variety of drug-related offenses.

Among the incidents that occurred in North Kohala, two were particularly noteworthy: In March 2019, North Kohala patrol officers responded to reports that an individual wanted in connection with a police involved shooting was sighted in the district. Officers located the armed and dangerous individual, and a motor vehicle pursuit ensued culminating in further gunfire and the suspect crashing his vehicle into a police vehicle. The suspect fled the area on foot and remained at large for several days until his arrest in another district.

Also in March 2019, North Kohala officers responded to a man acting bizarrely. When they arrived they heard a gunshot and saw the man fall. Despite having no cover to protect them, the officers moved in to rescue the injured man and brought him to safety. He suffered numerous gunshot wounds but survived after officers took him to the hospital for emergency treatment.

North Kohala patrol officers issued 2,208 citations during this fiscal year, an increase from the previous year's 1,937. Of those, 627 were for speeding (compared with 404 the previous fiscal year), 161 were for seatbelt violations (compared to 89 the previous year) and 97 were for using a mobile electronic device while driving (compared to 49 the previous year). The number of major traffic accidents decreased (from 34 to 20) and there were no fatal motor vehicle crashes.

The North Kohala community police officer coordinated numerous crime prevention presentations, business watch activities and HI-PAL events during the year. Monthly articles in the Kohala Mountain News are contributed by the Community Policing officer to address police and community concerns.

South Kohala District

Commander - Captain Sherry Bird

Area: 688 square miles/Authorized positions: Sworn: 35 Civilian: 1

The South Kohala District experienced an increase in property crimes during Fiscal Year 2018-2019 from 312 reported property crimes to 340. Burglaries increased by 39 percent from 38 reported burglaries to 53, thefts (including vehicle break-ins) increased by 8.6 percent from 242 to 263, and auto thefts decrease by 34.35 percent from 34 to 23 reported stolen vehicles.

Patrol officers cleared 17 percent of burglaries and 18 percent of theft cases (including vehicle break-ins).

South Kohala officers conducted 88 drug investigations, a decrease of 4.35 percent from 92 the previous fiscal year.

Throughout the year, 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 7,714 citations compared with 6,744 citations during the previous fiscal year, however, DUI arrests decreased to 92 compared with 95 the previous fiscal year.

Officers conducted 99 major traffic investigations and 433 minor traffic investigations for a total of 532 collisions, which is a decrease from last year's 586 total traffic collisions. The district experienced 4 fatal traffic crashes.

Kona District

Commander - Captain Gilbert Gaspar Jr.

Area: 834 square miles/Authorized positions: Sworn: 83 Civilian: 9

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 2018-2019, Kona Patrol clerks processed 1,633 firearms registrations, including handguns, rifles and shotguns. Of these registered firearms, 1,133 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 2018-2019 fiscal year, the Kona Patrol District has maintained consistency in keeping the 83 authorized positions filled. This was done through transfers and graduation of new police recruits.

The Kona District has hosted the Ironman World Championships since 1981. It is considered the most iconic one day sporting event in the world. It is a test of mental strength and physical endurance. During the month of October, triathletes from around the world come to Kona to acclimate themselves prior to race day. Also descending upon the Kona district are throngs of family members and supporters of the athletes and of the Ironman race itself. There is an increase in pedestrian, vehicular and bicycle traffic at this time and Kailua-Kona is transformed into "Ironman Central".

This sudden increase in population presents extra policing challenges. It requires much prior planning and preparation to ensure the safety of all in attendance while not overly disrupting the daily lives of residents. During this time, calls for service increase, and officers must be extra vigilant to ensure public safety and to make sure that the participants and their supporters have the most enjoyable and memorable Ironman experience.

Ka'ū District

Commander - Captain Miles Chong

Area: 922 square miles/Authorized positions: Sworn 36 Civilian: 2

During Fiscal Year 2018-2019, the Ka'ū Patrol Division responded to a total of 5,044 calls for service which included 1,344 criminal complaints. 656 court documents were served out of the 775 received.

Patrol officers also investigated 62 major traffic accidents, a decrease of 17 over the previous fiscal year. Of the 3,987 traffic citations issued by the Division, 657 were for speeding and 199 for seatbelt or child restraint violations. 24 motorists were arrested for DUI compared to 29 during the previous year.

The district experienced a slight upswing in property crimes within this period. Burglaries were up 3% to 87, thefts (including thefts from vehicles) grew 4% to 234, and motor vehicle thefts increased 5% to 35.

The administrative duties of the Division's Police Operations Clerk did include the processing of 114 Permits to Acquire a Firearm and 179 firearms registrations during the fiscal year.

Community police officers regularly met with Neighborhood Watch groups in the Discovery Harbor, Green Sands, and Hawaiian Ocean View Estates subdivisions to promote awareness.

Traffic Enforcement Unit (TEU)

Area II Commander - Sergeant Thomas Koyanagi

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 2018–2019, Area II investigated 21 fatal crashes that killed 21 people. 4 fatalities were related to alcohol, 4 fatalities were related to drugs and 5 fatalities were related to both alcohol and drugs. Impairment was a factor in 13 fatalities.

Area II TEU officers arrested 12 drivers who were under the influence of intoxicants. Area II TEU officers also conducted 25 seatbelt/distracted driver checkpoints and issued 369 moving citations and 799 speeding citations. In addition, they issued 403 regulatory citations and made 53 other arrests.

Community Policing

**Commanders - Lieutenant Robert Almeida (Area I)
Sergeant Joseph Stender (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 proactive problem-solving techniques, enhanced community awareness and increased community and neighborhood involvement.

At the end of Fiscal Year 2018-2019, the Community Policing Unit had 37 authorized positions island-wide, including a supervising sergeant in Area II and a lieutenant in Area I. Of those, 28 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 and parks and recreation 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 Policing 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 Ali'i 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 2018-2019, School Resource Officers provided Drug Abuse Resistance Education to approximately 1,285 students in grades 5-8 through seventeen elementary and intermediate schools in Hawai'i County.

The 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 and Girls Volleyball League, HI-PAL in East and West Hawai‘i has attracted numerous student athletes, many of which are 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 and at public schools. Approximately 50 to 60 students have participated this year.

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

- Merrie Monarch Festival
- Downtown Hilo Ho‘olaulea
- July 4th 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 - The HONOUR project
- Beautification and public area clean-up projects

Grants

Traffic Records Grant

Establish a statewide traffic data system in 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 via the apprehension/arrest/conviction of individuals smuggling narcotics into, out of and within the County of Hawai'i.

DUI 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/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 island-wide speeding campaign.

Traffic Investigations

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

SANE/SART Training

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

Distracted Driving

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 improve 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.

Wrongful Conviction Project

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

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

Provide additional support to the department and various communities to assist in crime prevention. 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

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

Budget

Personnel Services

Salaries and wages, straight time \$45,120,288.86

Salaries and wages, other \$5,579,232.35

Other current expenses

Contractual services	\$10,217,460.35
Materials and supplies	\$ 73,516.18
Other charges	\$ 106,132.84
Equipment	\$ 329,438.91
Miscellaneous accounts	\$ 1,021,458.05
Grants funded	\$ 3,608,288.94
Total	\$66,055,816.48

Personnel Changes

2018-2019 New Hires

Full name	Last hire date	Position Title	Home Dept. description
BECHERT, SAMANTHA AN	7/16/2018	CLERK III	Police - Word Processing
SILVA JR, LIONEL V	8/1/2018	CUSTODIAN/GROUNDSKEEPER I	Police - Kona District
MIRANDA, ARMI K	8/16/2018	CUSTODIAN/GROUNDSKEEPER I	Police - Kona District
SHELINE, DOROTHY J	8/28/2018	SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD (HRLY)	Police - Traffic Services
BANUELOS, KANANI C	9/4/2018	POLICE RADIO DISPATCHER I	Police - Communications
BEYER, WILLIAM K	9/4/2018	POLICE RADIO DISPATCHER II	Police - Communications
COLEMAN, KIMBERLY D	9/4/2018	POLICE RADIO DISPATCHER II	Police - Communications
GONZALES, JENNIFER L	9/4/2018	POLICE RADIO DISPATCHER I	Police - Communications
KAUHANE, KATRINA K A	9/4/2018	POLICE RADIO DISPATCHER II	Police - Communications
NAKASHIMA, NIKKI L	9/4/2018	POLICE RADIO DISPATCHER II	Police - Communications
NOBLE, CLIFFTON Z	9/4/2018	POLICE RADIO DISPATCHER II	Police - Communications
VALLENTI, SARAH JANE S	9/4/2018	POLICE RADIO DISPATCHER II	Police - Communications
NAVOR, VICENTE N	10/16/2018	SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD (HRLY)	Police - Traffic Services
FEJERAN, KAINALU IT	11/7/2018	SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD (HRLY)	Police - Traffic Services
ARELLANO, JOHNNY ANGELO J	12/3/2018	POLICE OFFICER I (TEMP)	Police - Personnel & Training
BAKER, SAYAALII K	12/3/2018	POLICE OFFICER I	Police - Ka'u District
BEASLEY, BRANDON P	12/3/2018	POLICE OFFICER I	Police - Ka'u District
BOREK, JESSICA NA	12/3/2018	POLICE OFFICER I (TEMP)	Police - Personnel & Training
CLAY, CHARLES R	12/3/2018	POLICE OFFICER I (TEMP)	Police - Personnel & Training
COMILLA, LEVI DA	12/3/2018	POLICE OFFICER I	Police - Kona District
DAVIS, LAURENCE S	12/3/2018	POLICE OFFICER I	Police - Ka'u District
GRACE, DAMIEN K	12/3/2018	POLICE OFFICER I	Police - Kona District
KEALOHA, KELENA FL	12/3/2018	POLICE OFFICER I	Police - Kona District
KENUI JR, MILTON H	12/3/2018	POLICE OFFICER I (TEMP)	Police - Personnel & Training
KOSINSKI-SANTOS, JENNA A	12/3/2018	POLICE OFFICER I (TEMP)	Police - Personnel & Training
MCCOMAS, IAN P	12/3/2018	POLICE OFFICER I	Police - Kona District
PAGLINAWAN, PRESTON J	12/3/2018	POLICE OFFICER I	Police - Kona District
PEREZ, EVERETT APD	12/3/2018	POLICE OFFICER I	Police - Kona District
PHILLIPS, DAVID E	12/3/2018	POLICE OFFICER I (TEMP)	Police - Personnel & Training
QUINN, WILLIAM KF	12/3/2018	POLICE OFFICER I (TEMP)	Police - Personnel & Training
RAMIREZ, NICHOLAS SO	12/3/2018	POLICE OFFICER I (TEMP)	Police - Personnel & Training
ROBINSON, PATRICK J	12/3/2018	POLICE OFFICER I	Police - Kona District
ROME II, JAMES R	12/3/2018	POLICE OFFICER I	Police - Kona District
STENDER, JOSHUA KN	12/3/2018	POLICE OFFICER I (TEMP)	Police - Personnel & Training
SWAIN-HO'OMANAWANUI, KELI'INANINUI JK	12/3/2018	POLICE OFFICER I (TEMP)	Police - Personnel & Training
TURQUEET, AZIZ K	12/3/2018	POLICE OFFICER I	Police - Kona District
WALIEZER, SHANE D	12/3/2018	POLICE OFFICER I (TEMP)	Police - Personnel & Training
DOMONDON, ANTHONY	12/6/2018	SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD (HRLY)	Police - Traffic Services
DE LIMA JR, RODNEY J	2/1/2019	POLICE OFFICER I (TEMP)	Police - Personnel & Training
DOAN, LAM X	2/1/2019	POLICE OFFICER I (TEMP)	Police - Personnel & Training
MASUTANI, JONATHAN MK	2/1/2019	POLICE OFFICER I (TEMP)	Police - Personnel & Training

2018-2019 NEW HIRES (Continued)

Full name	Last hire date	Position Title	Home Dept. description
MATSUMOTO, RICHARD J	2/1/2019	POLICE OFFICER I (TEMP)	Police - Personnel & Training
NOBRIGA, MARK KK	2/1/2019	POLICE OFFICER I (TEMP)	Police - Personnel & Training
TAGALOA, LELAULOTO	2/1/2019	POLICE OFFICER I (TEMP)	Police - Personnel & Training
WON, ELIJAH K	2/1/2019	POLICE OFFICER I (TEMP)	Police - Personnel & Training
DE PERALTA, VICTOR	2/12/2019	SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD (HRLY)	Police - Traffic Services
BECKER, STACY M	3/4/2019	CUSTODIAN/GRNDSKPR I (1/4T)	Police - N Kohala District
MANDALONIZ, STACIE A	3/18/2019	CRIMINALIST I	Police - Crime Lab
ANTOLIN, PRISCILLA-ALANA P	5/16/2019	POLICE RADIO DISPATCHER I	Police - Communications
HOLGUIN, PRISCILLA L	5/16/2019	POLICE RADIO DISPATCHER I	Police - Communications
KAANHILI, TAYLOR KUWA	5/16/2019	POLICE RADIO DISPATCHER I	Police - Communications
PAIKULI, RYAN K	5/16/2019	POLICE RADIO DISPATCHER I	Police - Communications
MEDEIROS, SHY-ANN K	6/3/2019	CLERK III	Police - Records & Identification
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2018-2019 Promotions

Effective Date	Employee Name	New Position Title
7/16/2018	MILARE-SAMBRANA, URSULA A	SUPVGV POLICE RADIO DISPATCHER
8/1/2018	CHONG, MILES K	POLICE CAPTAIN
8/1/2018	BIRD, SHERRY D	POLICE CAPTAIN
8/1/2018	EVANGELISTA, JEREMIE CO	POLICE CAPTAIN
9/16/2018	PAUOLE, ROBERT P	POLICE LIEUTENANT
9/16/2018	VALERA, ROYLEN L	POLICE LIEUTENANT
9/16/2018	AMUIMUIA, FETUUTUUNAI F	POLICE LIEUTENANT
12/1/2018	ACOB, CLARENCE M	DETECTIVE
12/1/2018	MOHICA, FRANK J	DETECTIVE
12/1/2018	AURELLO, PATRICK MARC D	POLICE SERGEANT
12/1/2018	BARTZ, MATTHEW H	POLICE SERGEANT
12/1/2018	CABRAL, CASEY L	POLICE SERGEANT
12/1/2018	DEWEY, SCOTT A	POLICE SERGEANT
12/1/2018	HASEGAWA, CORY RF	POLICE SERGEANT
12/1/2018	MORISHITA, BLAINE HJ	POLICE SERGEANT
12/1/2018	REYES, ERIC S	POLICE SERGEANT
12/1/2018	STENDER JR, JOSEPH KH	POLICE SERGEANT
12/16/2018	THOMAS JR, SAMUEL K	ASSISTANT POLICE CHIEF
1/16/2019	BRISKI, JOHN L	POLICE CAPTAIN
2/1/2019	ANTONIO, CLIFFORD B	POLICE OFFICER III
2/1/2019	CARDINES JR, EDDIE	POLICE OFFICER III
2/1/2019	CABATU, JARED SH	POLICE OFFICER III
2/1/2019	ABALOS, AARON PA	POLICE OFFICER III
2/1/2019	GASPAR, JUSTIN A	POLICE OFFICER III
2/1/2019	IBARRA, SHAWN A	POLICE OFFICER III

2018-2019 Promotions (Continued)

Effective Date	Employee Name	New Position Title
2/1/2019	KISHIMOTO JR, STEPHEN J	POLICE OFFICER III
2/1/2019	FOXWORTHY, JASON M	POLICE OFFICER III
2/1/2019	ELLIS, BRYAN GK	POLICE OFFICER III
2/1/2019	PASSMORE, JOSEPH W	POLICE OFFICER III
2/1/2019	MATSUI, BLAYNE M	POLICE OFFICER III
2/1/2019	MATA, KUPONO L	POLICE OFFICER III
2/1/2019	NAHALE, WYATTLANE K	POLICE OFFICER III
2/1/2019	ONDO JR, LOUIE S	POLICE OFFICER III
2/1/2019	WALKER, KENNETH L	POLICE OFFICER III
3/16/2019	KAILIULI, KELSIE KK	ACCOUNTANT III
4/16/2019	MAHUNA, REED K	POLICE CAPTAIN
4/16/2019	BASQUE, CHAD J	POLICE MAJOR
5/16/2019	KOBAYASHI, KELSEY K	POLICE OFFICER III
6/1/2019	KAE0, AARON K	POLICE OFFICER III

2018-2019 Retirements

Effective Date	Employee's Name	Position Title
7/31/2018	FREITAS, BRADLEY PK	POLICE SERGEANT
7/31/2018	KAINA JR, STANLEY K	POLICE OFFICER II
8/30/2018	SOUTHER, WILLIAM G	POLICE LIEUTENANT
8/31/2018	PASCIUTA, OLIVIA SL	POLICE INVESTIGATIVE OPTNS CLK
8/31/2018	RICHARDS, FLOYD C	POLICE SERGEANT
9/30/2018	EDMONDSON, JULIE C	POLICE OFFICER II
10/31/2018	CANDA, JUERGEN L	POLICE SERGEANT
10/31/2018	DUARTE, BJ	POLICE SERGEANT
10/31/2018	FUIAVA, ROMEO V	POLICE OFFICER II
10/31/2018	FUKUDA, PAUL M	POLICE SERGEANT
10/31/2018	KANEHAILUA, MARSHALL K	ASSISTANT POLICE CHIEF
11/30/2018	TOLENTINO, DARRYEL M	POLICE SERGEANT
12/28/2018	MEDEIROS, RANDALL A	POLICE CAPTAIN
12/28/2018	FUKUI, RAYNETTE P	ACCOUNTANT III
3/31/2019	MAKUA, GEORGE KN	POLICE LIEUTENANT
4/30/2019	CRUSAT SR, ROBIN P	POLICE OFFICER III
5/31/2019	SMITH, SEAN MK	DETECTIVE
6/28/2019	YEE JR, CLARENCE KS	POLICE OFFICER II

Statistical Crime Information

The Hawai'i Police Department recorded the following Major Crime incidents in Fiscal Year 2018-2019

Murder	22
Sexual Assault (Rape)	275
Robbery	59
Assault	936
Burglary	1,301
Motor Vehicle (UCVP)	557