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Message From the Director's Office

After the great response to our holiday request for stories we decided to ask you to do it again. You didn't disappoint! The rest of this newsletter is made up of your submissions.

This time we wanted to put out a newsletter for National Correctional Officers and Employees Week (May 4-10) and National Police Week (May 11-17).

We are very proud of all the men and women in uniform and the support staff who make Public Safety what it is.

On Wednesday, May 7, Gov. Neil Abercrombie and Lt. Gov. Shan S. Tsutsui proclaimed May 4-10 "Correctional Officers and Employees Week" and

May 11-17 "Police Week" in Hawaii. The two proclamations were presented by Acting Gov. Tsutsui to the Corrections and Law Enforcement Divisions.

"We commend all those who currently serve in the corrections and law enforcement profession, those who have served and those who have been lost in pursuit of these most honorable professions," Acting Gov. Tsutsui said.

In 1984, President Ronald Reagan designated May 4-10 as National Correctional Officers and Employees Week under Proclamation 5187. It is designed to provide correctional employees the respect and recognition they deserve.

In 1962, President Kennedy proclaimed May 15 as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which May 15 falls as National Police Week.

National Police Week pays special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others as well as the family members, friends and fellow officers they left behind.

To see copies of the two proclamations and pictures go to www.facebook.com/HawaiiPSD or check them out on the L:Drive.



Lt. Gov. Shan Tsutsui presents proclamations to PSD Corrections and Law Enforcement staff



Five Outstanding MCCC Business Office Employees



Maui Community Correctional Center

Written by:
Heather Alvarado,
MCCC

I am a proud employee of PSD at the Maui Community Correctional Center Business Office.

It is unimaginable that I find only one of my co-workers admirable! I

work with five intelligent, hard-working, dedicated, women.

As you know, the Fiscal and Personnel functions of all PSD facilities are non-stop! Working with Jo-Anne, Laverne, Bridgette, Jan, and Lauren is a pleasure! I am lucky to have five mentors who are strong

women and dedicated to the work that they do.

Along with being dedicated to work, they are also dedicated to personal causes such as canoe paddling, animal rights, and volunteer work. So I nominate all of five of them!

Pete Kahahane - "A Consummate Professional Who Embodies Aloha"



Pictured: Peterice "Pete" Kahahane

Written by: Jennifer Lopez, Clinical Section Admin, MCCC

Peterice "Pete" Kahahane is the Office Assistant for Health Care Services at Maui Community Correction Center.

She has 15 years of dedicated service with the department.

One thing that stands out about Pete is her extraordinary personality. She is consistently kind to others, a con-

summate professional, and always willing to help.

Pete works closely with ACO's, staff, nurses, physicians, and community health care providers. I didn't realize how much work Pete does for our office until she took leave to help care for her sister who was being treated for breast cancer. I was never so thankful to see Pete when she finally returned!

Pete is always happy at work; always smiling. She

greet everyone she passes with a warm "aloha."

As Pete's supervisor, I can tell you that she has left an indelible mark on our office. She is a great co-worker, and loyal friend. Pete embodies all the qualities of Aloha in the Hawaiian culture, and is an exceptional representative of our department. When Pete is not working, she enjoys distance running, and spending time with her 5 grandchildren. Pete lives with her husband and two cats in Upcountry Maui!

Lance Valdez— A Positive Player in HI Correctional Industries

Written by: Shawntay Yasuda, HI Correctional Industries

The power to brighten someone's day is not used often or made a priority for many. However, I've come to learn from Lance Valdez, that if you make that your daily purpose, life's many struggles cannot break you down. Lance is a CI Specialist at the HI Correctional Industries.

Working along side Lance, in CI's Special Projects section for several years I've watched him take negative events and create memorable moments for his fellow co-workers, our valuable customers, and the offenders that we work with. He is always first to assist when others need help and last to leave, making sure everyone and

everything has been taken cared of regardless if it was his job to do so or not. Lance has worked in almost every area of Correctional Industries, started and completed numerous profitable projects, and continues to choose to be positive in all situations and events thrown his way. I look up to Lance and practice daily to brighten someone's day, thanks to him."

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Lieutenant Pat Sniffen: 40 Years and Counting

Written by: Pat Lee, First Deputy, Sheriff Division

The Sheriff Division's Maui Section has been under the direction of Lieutenant Patrick Sniffen, who has been working in the State system for the past 40 years.

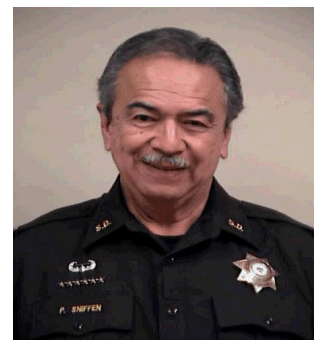
Lt. Sniffen started out as a corrections officer at the Oahu Prison in 1976. In 1982, he transferred to the

then Sheriff's Department under the Judiciary and was in the first Sheriff's Recruit Class. He rose through the ranks and became a Sheriff Lieutenant in 1984. In 1986, he moved to Maui to start up the Sheriff's Maui Section.

Lt. Sniffen has not only be a guiding force for the Maui Section, but the Sheriff Division as a whole. Lt. Sniffen

has done a fantastic job of developing a capable staff that can handle any situation that comes their way.

His loyalty to the Department has never been in question. He could have retired a long time ago, but his dedication to the Sheriff Division and Public Safety has kept him on the job. We are comforted by the fact that he is still here.



Pictured: Lt. Patrick Sniffen, Maui SD

Sheriff Deputy Completes FBI National Academy

Written by:
Lt. Koa Dobrowolsky,
Sheriff Division Special Operations
Branch

I was honored to have been selected to attend the 256th Session of FBI National Academy. Classes consist of approximately 225 officers. Participation is by invitation only, through nomination and a strict screening process conducted by the FBI. Participants are drawn from every state in the union, from U.S. territories, and from over 160 international partner nations.

Various courses of study are offered in areas such as law, behavioral science, forensic science, leadership development, communications, and health/fitness. Officers participate in a wide range of leadership and specialized training, and they share ideas, techniques, and experiences with each other, creating lifelong partnerships that span state and national lines.

I took advantage of my time there to self-evaluate and learn from some of this nation's best instructors and police executives. I was able to forge a network of subject matter experts and friends from across the United States and 33 foreign countries. I was humbled to attend after-hour leadership seminars by some of the most inspirational speakers I have ever heard.

I was cold (temperatures ranged from 5 degrees to 40 degrees) and I missed home but the opportunity to learn from my classmates and the instructors was truly worth the challenges.

Being almost 50 years old and far beyond my school days, it was intimidating to be required to write multiple ten to twenty page term papers in American Psychological Association (APA) format. My papers included the Psychopathy and

Sociopathy of Violent Offenders in Hawaii, Law Enforcement Executive Leadership, Philosophy of Leadership, and Psychosocial Behavior and Intelligence Trends.

Physical fitness is stressed heavily during the training and each section meets three days per week to learn and apply physical conditioning training for two hours per session. Each fitness instructor is a fully credentialed trainer and most were former strength and conditioning coaches for professional sport teams in the MLB or the NFL.

As an extra, each Wednesday the entire class would come together for a "Wizard of Oz" themed challenge that started with a two mile run on week one called, "You Aren't In Kansas Anymore" and ended with the 6 mile endurance challenge called the "Yellow Brick Road". In addition, I participated in the Blue Brick Challenge which consisted of a 34 mile swim which needed to be completed in less than 9 weeks. The challenge symbolized swimming from Quantico to D.C. via the Potomac River.

As a class we were required to participate in field trips to venues such as the National Law Enforcement Memorial (see picture) and the Holocaust Museum. At the museum, we were treated to a personalized guided group tour and later participated in a short seminar which asked, "What could Law Enforcement have done to prevent Nazi Germany." The tour was terribly sad and moving but the museum was incredible.

One of the most valuable lessons I learned while attending the academy is that my professional and personal life will never be the same. The National Academy will guide me in my future decisions and my conduct for the remainder of my life. As a graduate of the NA, the law enforcement community expects more from you and demands that you conduct your daily activities with a healthy dose of honor and respect. That honor reflects the pride in your agency and your association with the National Academy.

The Department of Public Safety Graduates

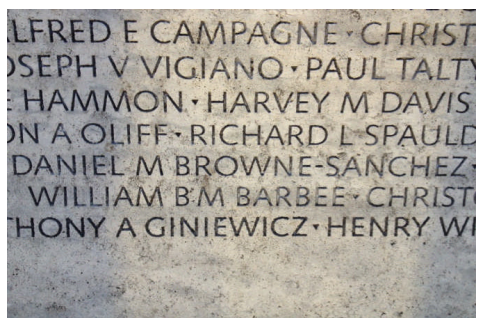
The State of Hawaii, Department of Public Safety has supported the FBI National Academy for decades and has benefitted by the many graduates of the program. Graduates include Deputy Director of Law Enforcement Shawn Tsuha, NED Administrator Keith Kamita, Investigator Jared Redulla, SD Lieutenant Michael DeCenzo, SD Sergeant Penny Kalua, and the latest graduate of the academy is SD Lieutenant Lanikoa Dobrowolsky.

Background

The FBI National Academy serves to improve the administration of justice in police departments and agencies at home and abroad and to raise law enforcement standards, knowledge, and cooperation worldwide. Its mission is "to support, promote, and enhance the personal and professional development of law enforcement leaders by preparing them for complex, dynamic, and contemporary challenges through innovative techniques, facilitating excellence in education and research, and forging partnerships throughout the world."



Top: Law Enforcement Memorial
Bottom: "Daniel M. Browne- Sanchez"
Hawaii State Sheriff - End of Watch



Sheriffs Help Reunite Twin Boys

“I REALIZE THERE IS A VERY PAINFUL HUMAN ELEMENT IN DOING WHAT YOU DO.”

Written by: Pat Lee, First Deputy, Sheriff Division and Lt. Michael Oakland, Airport Patrol Section, Sheriff Division

This case originated in Cook County, Illinois and involves twin boys who are 3 1/2 years old.

On Friday, April 11, 2014, the Sheriff's Airport Section received a call about a Custodial Interference case where the estranged mother of the sons had taken one of the boys to Japan. Information was received that the mother and son would be flying through Honolulu.

After working on this case for several days, Sergeant Collin Malani and Deputy Sheriffs James Lupu and

Brian Brunn met up with Jerry Canada, the father of the twins and went over the documents.

On Tuesday, April 14, 2014, Deputy Lupu was able to reunite the twin boys and their father at Honolulu International Airport. It was an emotional situation as the mother became visibly upset, yet the twin boys were overjoyed to finally be reunited.

The following email and photo was sent to Lt. Oakland:

Dear Sgt. Malani, Lt. Cmd. Oakland, Deputy Lupu, and Team:

I want to thank each of you for your help in reuniting my son Kanoa with his iden-

tical twin brother Manato after 568 days of being separated. I realize there is a very painful human element in doing what you do. I know you are all professionals however, I'm sure there is little joy in the way this had to come about. Please know that I had tried everything within reason long before involving the law, with a person that separated brothers, leaving her other child with underlying health conditions behind. I have attached a picture of Kanoa and Manato from their flight back to the mainland.

You have my deepest gratitude.

Mahalo,
Jerry

Deputy Douglas Takayama - Going Above and Beyond

Written by: Deputy Dean Dung, Airport Section, Sheriff Division

This is a story about the actions of Deputy Douglas Takayama, who on March 26th at around 7 p.m., was sent to a report of a woman driving erratically in the Inter-island parking structure.

Security had reported that a woman was "driving erratically." Upon his arrival, he observed a female in her vehicle who appeared to be very emotional. She was crying and constantly wiping tears from her eyes.

Numerous security personnel in the area reported

that she had struck many of the yellow-colored, plastic pylons that separated the entry lanes to the parking structure.

Deputy Takayama approached the woman and asked her if she needed medical attention, and if she was okay. She stated that she had forgotten to take her medication. Takayama asked what she needed and she started crying hysterically, and stated, "I want to kill myself."

Takayama reacted by performing in a very professional, caring manner, and was able to get her to come out of her vehicle.

Prior to talking to Takayama, the woman did not appear to have any intention of exiting her vehicle. Takayama created such a good rapport with her, that he was able to get her to come out of the vehicle without incident.

Takayama kept telling her that he would not leave her, and he was there to help her.

The incident turned out to be something totally different than what had been reported by security. Takayama responded appropriately as the circumstances changed. He per-

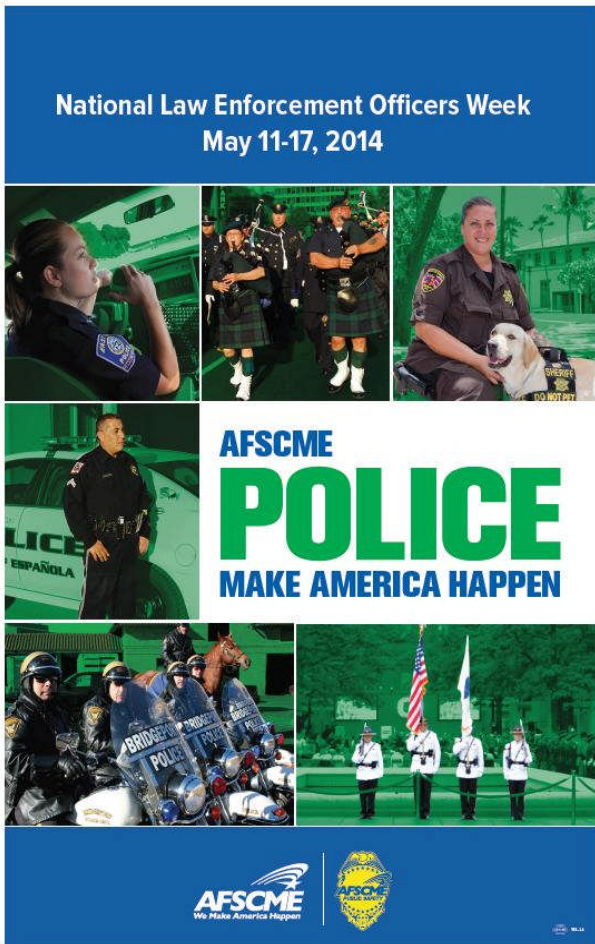


Deputy Douglas Takayama

formed with the utmost level of professionalism and concern. He truly protected and served this woman.

I am proud to say that he is my partner, friend, and that he is an asset to our agency.

Deputy Shiroma-Kauahi Featured in AFSCME Police Week Poster



Deputy Sheriff Helen Shiroma-Kauahi didn't expect this to be in the newsletter but we couldn't pass it up!

She was asked by the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) union to submit a photo for their National Law Enforcement Officers Week poster (left). She expected it to be a small part of a whole bunch of pictures but she and her K9 Llinger can be seen top right in the poster. This poster will be used by the AFSCME to recognize law enforcement officers who lay their lives on the line every day to protect others.

We are proud to see Deputy Shiroma-Kauahi and Llinger represent the Hawaii State Sheriffs in a nationwide campaign.

Egan's Fit Body Beach Boot Camp: Fun & FREE

Looking for a way to get fit for **FREE**? Join some of our PSD employees at **Egan's Fit Body, Beach Boot Camp , Saturday's at Ala Moana Beach Lifeguard Stand D1 from 7-8 a.m.**

Our very own WCF Sergeant Glenn Philhower has been a boot camp trainer for several years. He describes it as MMA style body weight training for all fitness levels.

Sgt. Philhower knows what he's talking about. He decided to change his life and get healthy the right way by eating right and working out. He has lost 80 lbs and kept it off for 2 years!

It's FUN, FREE, and a GREAT way to start your day! Did we mention it's FREE?



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Nominate Your Employee, Manager, and/or Team of the Year

We are now accepting nominations for the Department of Public Safety's Distinguished State Service Employee of the Year, Manager of the Year and Team of the Year Awards.

Nominations must be submitted to Personnel ERT by June 6, 2014.

To have a copy of the Suggested Selection Criteria form (used by the selection committee when evaluating nominations) emailed or sent to you, please contact Robyn Yanaga, PER-ERT at 587-3471.

Nomination forms for the Employee, Manager and Team of the Year can be downloaded from the DHRD website at:

<http://dhrd.hawaii.gov/state-employees/employee-benefits/incentive-and-service-awards-program/>

PICTURES OF PUBLIC SAFETY EVENTS

Here are some more pictures from various PSD events over the past few months. Enjoy! Most of these pictures and more can be found on our Facebook page (www.Facebook.com/HawaiiPSD) or on the L:Drive.



MARCH

Book Donation made by NaMea Native Books, Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce, Former Gov. John Waihe'e



MARCH

Governor speaks to Hilo BCT class about the importance of the job.



MARCH

Governor speaks to OCCC staff about future improvements.



APRIL

Service Act Award presented to Sgt. Guy Ching (blue shirt) for saving a man's life.



MAY

Toastmasters award given to PSD. Dir. Sakai with educators who help implement the program at WCF, HCF, MCCC.



MAY

Former HPA board member Joyce Matsumori-Hoshijo is sworn in for a second term by Dir. Sakai.