# I HO'OKAHI NO KAKOU "WE ARE ONE"

Honolulu Police Department's District 6 Community Policing Team Newsletter

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"It always seems impossible until it's done"

- Nelson Mandela

### **UPDATES AND NEWS**

#### **Thank You!**

Aloha everyone and thank you for all the wonderful feedback regarding this newsletter! Big shout out to Monte McComber of Royal Hawaiian Shopping Center for helping us correct our title and being grammatically correct. We appreciate you in helping us correct that. We are happy to hear that everyone enjoys the new look and will definitely continue to be open with any other suggestions that you folks may have.

#### **Updates**

Some quick updates that have recently occurred within our district. We wanted to wish former Major Mark Cricchio a happy retirement from the department! Thank you for an amazing 31 years of dedicated service.

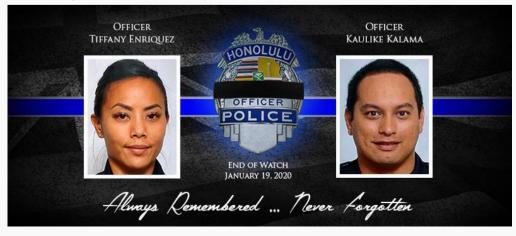
We also wanted to give a warm welcome to Major Randall Platt who now takes the helm for our district. Major Platt comes with a wealth of knowledge and is excited to come on board. As a way to welcome our new Major, we want to invite you all to the Starbucks at the Marriott Hotel (2552 Kalakaua Avenue; Ohua Avenue Side) on February 23rd from 8am to 10am for a Coffee with a Cop and Meet the Major event! View our flyer at the end of this newsletter for more information.

#### **Electric Guns - AKA "Tasers"**

One of the new laws that took effect this year was the legalization of electric guns or what is commonly called "Tasers" or "Stun Guns". Starting this year, it is now legal to purchase and possess an electric gun. To purchase, you will need to go to a licensed distributor where you will be subject to a criminal background check and go through a information briefing prior to receiving the electric gun. If you are interested in learning more about electric guns, please feel to contact us.

#### In Remembrance...

January will always be a somber month for officers within Waikiki. It is a month that we reflect and remember Officer Tiffany-Victoria Enriquez and Officer Kaulike Kalama. Their sacrifice that day will never be forgotten. Rest in love you two.



# **RECAP OF LAST MONTH**

# January 2022

How quickly this month came and went! January was a month that was used to reevaluate some of our existing programs and presentations to see how we can improve. A lot of time was spent revamping our current presentations to include up-to-date information and try to make the information a little easier to take in. One of which was our newest Trauma Preparedness Presentation where we discuss how to protect yourself and provide aid to someone if they experienced a traumatic injury. If you are interested in learning more about this particular presentation or any other ones we have to offer, please feel free to reach out to Officer Ryan Yamamoto at ryan.yamamoto@honolulu.gov or by phone at 808-723-3349.

We wanted to give thanks to Karen Halemano and the residents of The Plaza at Waikiki for their wonderful hospitality and their showing of appreciation for law enforcement on National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day (January 9th). District 6 CPT went to the The Plaza at Waikiki to speak with the residents about various topics that range from scams and personal safety to our reasons for being an officer and what we wear on our belts. It was truly a fun experience for all and we are looking forward to visiting them again real soon!

Another shout out we wanted to give was to James Li and his participants of Kupuna Connect at Lanakila. Every Thursday we participate in their online "HPD Community Policing Round Table" talks and provide information on various topics that they are interested in. It has been a great way to connect with our kupuna from all over the island and to just talk story.

And finally, we want to thank everyone that comes out to our Citizen Patrols that we hold every Tuesdays and Thursdays. For those that are interested, we do want to invite you all to come out and join us for these walks where citizens can speak with officers about various concerns they may have regarding their neighborhoods. That's in addition to just enjoying some time out and about!





REPORTED INCIDENTS		
OFFENSES	January-21	January-22
ASSAULT	38	29
BURGLARY	14	15
DRUGS / LIQUOR	77	44
DUI	13	6
CRIMINAL PROPERTY DAMAGE	39	45
ROBBERY	8	12
THEFT **	129	168***
CAR BREAK-IN (UEMV)	38	29
TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE	5,334*	3,921

<sup>\*</sup>Includes reports of COVID violations (Accounted for about 25% of the calls received - 1,363)

Beach Theft Purse Snatch
Pickpocket Theft form Building
Theft of Bicycle Other Thefts

Shoplifting Theft of Vehicle

Additional statistical information can be found on the HPD public website at www.honolulupd.org

#### **SAFETY TIP: PEDESTRIAN SAFETY**

By: Officer Taryn Osborne

This month's safety tip, we would like everyone to be mindful of the pedestrian laws and safety. Your safety as a pedestrian is very important. We see quite often, especially in Waikiki, people committing numerous pedestrian violations. It can be from either jaywalking, disregarding illuminated red palms to even looking at their mobile electronic devices while crossing the street. If you choose to disobey the laws, it may result in a citation which requires either a fine or a court appearance. Not only can you be issued a citation, but these actions can also place yourself in danger of being hit by vehicles driving on the roadway.

We do understand and know that we have honest good law abiding citizens who will wait until it is appropriate to cross the roads. It will still behoove you to ascertain that it is safe to cross the street before doing so. This may mean double checking for oncoming cars before entering into the road even though you have the right of way. We also encourage that at night you do not wear dark clothing. Bright colored shirts/shorts and even reflective vests or shoes will help make you as a pedestrian more visible. Remember a car will do more damage to you than the other way around.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Statistics under the category of "Theft" reflect the following incidents:

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Although there is a significant increase, almost 20% of cases had complainants withdrawing their case or declining to prosecute. In addition, there was an increase of tourist coming through as emergency orders were scaled back to open up our state.

# **CONNECT WITH US!**

The District 6 Community Policing Team strives to be the liaison between the general public and our patrol officers. We can be that link for those that may simply have a question, but don't want to call 9-1-1 or stop an officer to ask. In addition, we also offer presentations / seminars on various topics that range from Active Threat Preparedness to the different ways of reporting crime. If you are interested in a list of types of presentations we have to offer or any other comments / concerns, please feel free to contact myself by email at ryan.yamamoto@honolulu.gov or by our office phone at 808-723-3349. Stay safe and take care!

## **Stay Connected**



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YouTube: TheHonoluluPD



NextDoor: Honolulu Police Department



Join your neighbors and public servants for coffee & conversation! No agenda or speeches- just a chance to ask questions, voice concerns, and get to know the community leaders in your neighborhood!

STARBUCKS 2552 KALAKAUA AVE (OHUA AVE SIDE)

> Questions? Contact District 6 Community Policing Team at (808) 723-3349

# COME JOIN US FOR A CITIZEN PATROL IN AN AREA NEAR YOU!



WE MEET EVERY TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS. Waikiki Baptist Church 424 Kuamo'o Street Tuesdays - 4:30PM

Eaton Square
438 Hobron Lane
Tuesdays - 6:00PM

POLICE

Banyan Tree
Intersection of Kalakaua
Avenue & Uluniu Street
Thursdays - 4:30PM

Ala Wai Boat Harbor
1651 Ala Moana Boulevard
Thursdays - 6:00PM

FOR INQUIRIES, CALL DISTRICT 6 COMMUNITY POLICING TEAM: (808) 723-3349

