HPD HOSTS 'CHRISTMAS WITH COPS' IN KAKAAKO

In December, the District 1 Community Policing Team held the second annual "Christmas with Cops" event at the Family Assessment Center in Kakaako. More than six families, many with young children, participated in this year's modified festivities.

Santa Claus made a surprise visit and passed out gifts donated by HawaiiUsa Federal Credit Union and Weed and Seed Hawaii. Families also received a bento lunch.
HPD OFFICERS GIVE BACK TO COMMUNITY

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Honolulu Police Department was unable to hold its traditional "Shop with a Cop" events for keiki and kupuna.

To keep up the holiday spirit, the District 7 Community Policing Team decided to participate in the Salvation Army’s Angel Tree program. Officers collected a total of $500 from the various watches and purchased toys and gift cards for families in need.

"It’s a small gesture of kindness that hopefully will bring a joyful smile to someone during this holiday season," said Corporal John Mau.

Instead of hosting the annual Aloha Christmas Dinner, the District 6 Community Policing Team passed out gifts to 75 deserving students at Jefferson Elementary School.

"It's a small gesture of kindness that hopefully will bring a joyful smile to someone during this holiday season," said Cpl. John Mau.
From its opening on April 8 to November 27, the HPD's Provisional Outdoor Screening and Triage (POST) program has provided services to 714 different individuals. While most have obtained assistance and stayed in the tent shelters, some have chosen to receive services and live elsewhere. POST staff have assisted 362 or approximately half of the individuals move into a shelter (286), reunite with family members (42), relocate to the Neighbor Islands or mainland (20), enter substance abuse treatment (17), or find permanent housing (15). Individuals who entered POST but were not placed include those who voluntarily exited or were required to leave after violating shelter rules. Some individuals experienced medical emergencies.

In addition to immediate shelter, POST provides meals, daily COVID testing, basic medical care, shower facilities, substance abuse counseling, and client navigation assistance. Community partners such as the Institute for Human Services and Hawaii HOME Project are contracted to provide specialized services like the mobile urgent care clinic. As of November 27, the HOME staff had treated 279 patients and conducted tele-med visits for an additional 38 patients. On-site treatment has saved on ambulance transport and emergency room expenses. IHS handles the guest intake, client assessment, and case management, benefits assistance, transport and other services.

When an officer from the Community Outreach Unit found out that a guest staying at the POST site couldn’t start his new job because he didn’t have steel-toed boots, she bought the shoes and several pairs of socks with her own money.

“Random acts of kindness by police go unnoticed every day in our department,” said Officer Tiyani Mead. “I just did what any other officer would have done.”

HPD’s Maka’i Video Productions recently produced two videos on the POST program. Be sure to check them out by clicking on the links below.

POST: Provisional Outdoor Screening and Triage Facility
POST: Thanksgiving Celebration
BEST WISHES TO OUR RETIREES!
MAHALO FOR YOUR SERVICE!

Cpl. Walter Gouveia Jr. 23 years
Sgt. Bobby Eleccion 27 years
Cpl. Roy Fuata 32 years
Det. John Haina 30 years
Deputy Chief Clyde Ho 32 years
Det. Derek Horinouchi 21 years
Sgt. Mae Kim 37 years
Det. Eric Lalau 28 years
Lt. Craig Miki 25 years
Sgt. Danton Nakama 31 years
Lt. Roy Nakama 30 years
Ms. Amy Nakasone 15 years
Lt. Jon Nakashima 27 years
Sgt. Darren Nihei 26 years
Cpl. Domingo Oliveros 23 years
Mr. Mark Scroggins 30 years
Sgt. James Smith 36 years
Sgt. Albert Somera 31 years
Det. Kenny Toriki 30 years
Cpl. Michael Tsuda 32 years

NEW OFFICERS SWORN IN

In October, a modified swearing-in ceremony was held at Ke Kula Maka’i for the 196th Recruit Class. The graduating class is comprised of 34 recruits from all walks of life. The new officers are now assigned to the Field Training and Evaluation Program where they will partner with current officers to gain experience in the field.
THE UNEXPLAINED PARANORMAL STORIES OF HPD

In case you missed it, check out the latest episode of HPD's paranormal web series. Click here to watch the video.

HALLOWEEN AT HPD HEADQUARTERS

Community Affairs Division

Chief's Office and Professional Standards Office

Scientific Investigation Section
CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY PROMOTED PERSONNEL!

In December, 44 officers and two civilians were honored during a modified promotion ceremony at the HPD's Alapai headquarters.

The new lieutenants include:
- Paul Lee, District 3 (Pearl City/Waipahu)
- Nalani Sue, District 7 (East Honolulu)

The new corporals include:
- Spencer Andersen, District 2 (Wahiawa)
- Gregory Arrell, District 8
- Jason Boquer-Wintjen, Training Division
- Mitchell Cadina, District 1 (Central Honolulu)
- Jarrett De Soto, District 1
- Ryan Domingo, District 8
- Elmer Dulatre, District 5 (Kalihi)
- Walter Espiritu, District 4 (Windward Oahu)
- Don Faumuina, District 1
- Jason Fong-Aiu, District 1
- Christopher Goshi, District 1
- Bo Grenander, District 4
- Jessey Gutierrez, District 3
- Ashley Hare-Schuler, District 4
- Keenan Lau, District 7
- Dustin Lui, District 1
- John Lynn, District 4
- Garrett Maekawa, District 8
- Paul-James Mariano, District 7
- Meagan Miyasaka, District 1
- Royce Ohira, District 1
- Zachary Plevel, District 2
- Robert Sepulveda, District 2
- Stephan Steed, District 7
- Chad Yamada, District 1
- Windsor Yap, District 1

The new sergeants include:
- Taase Faumui, District 8 (Kapolei)
- Stephen Kardash, District 6 (Waikiki)
- Jeffrey Sarae, District 7
- Brendan Smith, District 8
- Robert Steiner, Traffic Division

The new detectives include:
- Leon Barcenas, Criminal Investigation Division
- David Cavaco, District 3
- Chad Gibo, Criminal Investigation Division
- Ronald Libarios, Criminal Investigation Division
- Liana Lorico, District 8
- Aaron Ostachuk, Criminal Investigation Division
- Troy Stewart, Criminal Investigation Division
- Nathan Suzuki, Criminal Investigation Division
- Lance Vierra, District 3
- Michele Yoshiki, District 8

The newly promoted civilians include:
- Craig Arakaki, Radio Mechanic, Telecommunications Systems Section
- Gail Kinumatsu, Secretary 2, Narcotics/Vice Division

On December 1, Deputy Chief Aaron Takasaki-Young was sworn at the Alapai headquarters. He replaces Deputy Chief Clyde Ho, who retired.
As hard as it has been, I am thankful for the opportunity to participate and bring comfort during many funerals and memorial services of our officers and families.

- Chaplain Andy Kikuta

After 35 years of service, the HPD bids farewell to Chaplain Andy Kikuta. Mahalo for your service!

Q: What was your favorite part of being a chaplain?

A: I love being available to our Blue Ohana and their families. It has been so rewarding to be a part of weddings, Police Week events, graduations, promotions, baby, home, retirement blessings, and sharing music with my Heartsong band at HPD retirement banquets for 17 consecutive years.

Q: What will you miss the most?

A: I will miss all my police family as they have become very dear to me. I will continue praying for HPD and ask God to protect, provide, and encourage those who serve. I will also miss very much my Chaplain Corps and our Peer Support officers. They are not only colleagues, but very close friends.

Q: Anything else you want to share?

A: I am so thankful for all my experiences as an HPD chaplain and will always have the department in my heart and mind. If I may, here are blessings I give to all my HPD ohana from Psalm 37:5-5: "Commit your way to the LORD; trust in Him and He will do this: He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, and the justice of your cause like the noonday sun." And from Psalm 90:17: "May the favor (blessing) of the Lord our God rest upon us; establish the work of our hands...yes, establish the work of our hands."
On December 22, Chief Ballard and Deputy Chief Takasaki-Young, along with other first responders, received their COVID-19 vaccine.

**WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY**

Ret. Sgt. David Campbell (District 5)
Ret. Det. Darry Jeremiah (District 8)
Ret. Sgt. Richard Lee (District 1)
Ret. Sgt. William Luat (District 5)
Ret. Ofc. Gordon Young (District 3)
Ret. Ofc. Newton Yuen (District 5)

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