

# A Note From the Director's Office



As I sat here trying to decide what to write to all of you I thought, 'What would you want to hear from me?' It struck me that this is the first newsletter going out since I came back to the Department of Public Safety in June. As you know, I was Director 10 years ago, and when my time was done, I moved on to become a private consultant. In my 10 years away I had a chance to do things I had missed

out on - read the newspaper at my own pace and sleep in past 6 a.m. When I was asked to come back I was hesitant at first. Did I want to give up my life of leisure to rejoin the fast pace of PSD once again? After some time to think it over, my answer was 'yes'. You may think I'm crazy for saying it, but I realized I missed the people. Many of the hard working employees I knew 10 years ago are still here, still pushing the Department forward, still continuing to promote public safety for the communities we serve. I know there are days when the work seems endless. But there are also days when I see the hard work you all do come to fruition through your dedication to programs and practices that better the lives of the people we serve.



**Ted Sakai**  
*Interim PSD Director*

Especially on those days, I know that I made the right decision to come back. Lots of things have changed in the 10 years I was gone, but some things remain, like the people who make Public Safety the amazing and unique place that it is. That is something I am truly glad for.

*To uphold justice and public safety by providing correctional and law enforcement services to Hawaii's communities with professionalism, integrity and fairness.*

## Justice Reinvestment Initiative Begins

There is consensus among policymakers in Hawaii that the state needs to right size our prison population. As of 2011, approximately one-third of the state's adult prison population is housed out of state. At the same time, state leaders are determined to reduce violent crime, which, like the state prison population, has increased significantly over the last decade.

Governor Neil Abercrombie, Chief Justice Mark Recktenwald, Senate President Shan Tsutsui, House Speaker Calvin Say and Department of Public Safety Director Ted Sakai seek to employ

a data-driven justice reinvestment strategy to reduce spending on corrections, reinvest savings into programs and eventually reduce the need to house inmates in out-of-state facilities. To this end, they sought assistance from the Bureau of Justice Assistance, a division of the U.S. Department of Justice, and the Pew Center on the States.

The state leaders agreed to establish a bipartisan, inter-branch Justice Reinvestment Working Group, comprised of leading state and local officials, which would receive intensive technical assistance from the Council on State Governments (CSG) Justice...**(Cont'd pg. 2)**

### Special points of interest:

- *Sheriff Warrant Sweep*
- *Sheriff Recruit Graduation with U.S. Sen. Daniel Inouye*
- *Halawa GED Graduation Ceremony*
- *PSD Incentive Awards Ceremony*
- *PSD Walkers "Step-Out" for Diabetes*

# Justice Investment Initiative Begins (Cont. from pg. 1)

... Center. The CSG Justice Center assisted the working group in analyzing data and developing a comprehensive set of policy options.

During the previous Legislative session, those policy options were transformed into SB 2776 with the help of lawmakers like Senator Will Espero and Representative Henry Aquino, who championed and helped pass the bill. The bill was signed into law by the Governor this year as Act 139-2012.

Act 139 will improve the State's criminal justice system and increase public safety by focusing on incarceration, supervision, and treatment in a manner that most efficiently addresses and reduces the recidivism rate.

The purpose of Act 139 is to address the areas of pretrial process, parole, and payment of restitution to reduce costly inefficiencies, hold offenders more accountable, and reinvest savings in more effective public safety strategies.

The pretrial population has increased due to longer lengths of stay. The bill now requires that an objective assessment be conducted within the

first three working days of a person's commitment to a community correctional center.

This allows the courts to more quickly exercise discretion in determining whether to release a pre-trial offender. The bill also requires PSD to provide the Hawaii Paroling Authority with validated evidence based risk assessments for inmates considered for parole. It also limits to six months the length of time certain parole violators can be held in prison.

This bill will also help the Hawaii Paroling Authority, which will now consist of five members. It also changes the terms for when parole will be granted. Act 139 also increases the amount of victim restitution collection to 25 % of the total of all moneys earned, new deposits, and credits to the inmate's individual account. The money is deducted monthly and paid to the victim once the amount reaches \$25, or annually, whichever comes first.

For more information on Act 139, copy and paste this link into your internet browser:  
[http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2012/bills/GM1241\\_.pdf](http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2012/bills/GM1241_.pdf).

## Other PSD Bills that passed Legislative session:

- Act 140 - Probation; sentencing
- Act 141 - Reentry
- Act 076 - Comprehensive Offender Reentry System
- Act 051 - Pre-sentence Reports
- Act 050 - Detention Credit for Time Served
- Act 029 - Controlled Substances
- Act 077 - Federal Reimbursement Max. Special Funds
- Act 142 - Service of Process

## Two Sheriff K9 Teams Honored for Helping Sniff Out Drugs

Two Sheriff Deputies and their Deputy Sheriff canines were recognized by the United States Postal Inspection Service for their role in "Operation Club Shabu." The national operation ran from January 23 to February 10, 2012 and targeted illegal importation of controlled substances into Hawaii and Guam through the U.S. mail.

U.S. Postal Inspection Service Team Leader Miguel Montalvo presented a letter of appreciation to Sheriff Division K9 Unit Members Deputy Sheriff Randall Silva with Deputy Sheriff Canine Zorro; and Deputy Sheriff

Patrick Lewis with Deputy Sheriff Canine Rico for their work in "Operation Club Shabu".

The team randomly screened more than 170,000 parcels, of which, 225 were alerted on by the K9s.

The Operation resulted in 36 arrests along with the seizure of various types of contraband, and more than \$726,000 in cash.

The first of several asset forfeiture checks was also given to the Sheriff Division. That money can be used for law enforcement training and equipment.



Lt to Rt: Deputy Sheriff Randall Silva and Zorro, Sheriff Shawn Tsuha, Deputy Sheriff Pat Lewis and Rico

## Recent Sheriff Warrant Sweeps Result in 27 Arrests

As part of an ongoing effort to address outstanding warrants, the Sheriff Division Special Operations Section-Fugitive Unit conducts night warrant sweeps throughout the year.

The sweeps target traffic, Grand Jury, Probation/Parole violations and criminal outstanding warrants.

On a sweep in late September, 40 warrants were cleared and 27 arrests were made. The warrants included 10 felony, 23 traffic, six criminal and one outside assist. The felonies consisted of seven Grand Jury/Information

Charging and three probation and supervised release violations.

Since January, 2,738 warrants have been served.

"We will continue to work at reducing the existing warrants backlog by utilizing sweeps to maximize limited resources," said State Sheriff Shawn Tsuha.

Special Note: In October, KITV's Paula Akana went out with the Warrants Teams to witness the sweeps first hand. The KITV feature will air in November. We will have more on her story in the next newsletter.



## 2012 PSD Team, Manager, Employee of the Year Named

The picks for the 2012 Public Safety Incentive Awards have been named. The Team, Manager and Employee of the Year went on to represent the department in the Governor's Award Ceremony.

This year's pick for Team of the Year was the Narcotics Enforcement Division. The

runner up is the Sheriff Division, Special Operation Section Fugitive Unit.

Manager of the Year was KCCC Chief of Security Lewis Lindsey. The runner up was WCCC's Winona "Bootsie" Kauwe. The Sustained Superior Performance Award went to HCCC ACO Clayton Morante and the

Employee of the Year was HCCC Business Services Supervisor Margaret Serain.

Three Special Service Awards were also presented. Daniel Kauleinamoku was recognized for coordinating the relocation of staff from the AAFES building during the week of September 4-7. Without him it couldn't have happened. (Cont'd pg. 3)

# U.S. Sen. Daniel Inouye Guest Speaker at Sheriff Recruit Graduation

U.S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye, members of the Legislature, Public Safety Officials, family and friends gathered in Waipio on August 24th to witness the graduation of the 2012 Sheriff Recruit Class at the Hawaii Okinawa Center. 17 new Deputies were added to the Sheriff Division.

"For more than 150 years, Hawaii Sheriffs have bravely protected our way of life. Their dedication to duty and willingness to sacrifice to maintain the safe and stable communities we enjoy is to be commended," stated U.S. Senator Inouye. "Since assuming the role of President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate, I have been fortunate to benefit from their experience and expertise each time I come home to Hawaii. It is an honor to participate in this important ceremony."

The 17 new Deputies were presented with graduation certificates, followed by the Oath of Office and badge presentation. The recruits received nearly 1,000 hours of academic instruction in laws and procedures, constant testing, training in physical fitness, and police tactics.

The new Deputies will be assigned to various positions statewide. Thirteen will be assigned to Oahu, three to Hawaii County, and one on Kauai County.



Top to bottom: Sen. Daniel Inouye speaks to Sheriff Recruit Class. Class sworn in. Families pin badges on new Sheriff Deputies.



## WCCC Women Perform Prison Monologues Across State

Five Inmates from the Women's Community Correctional Center (WCCC) presented a special performance of "Prison Monologues" in WCCC's Maunawili Courtyard last month. "Prison Monologues" is a dramatic presentation of the women's writings that they perform at schools and other organizations around Oahu.

The women are participants in the Prison Writing Project, which began nine years ago as a small creative writing class at WCCC.

Since 2003, classes have been held twice a week for both beginning writers and advanced students. Their

stories are published in a journal of prison writings called *Hulihia*. The title means "to transform". In conjunction with the presentation of "Prison Monologues", the group dedicated their eighth volume of *Hulihia*.

The group currently consists of five inmates



who have to meet rigorous criteria in order to be chosen for a place in the monologues cast.

"The creative writing class, through the voices of Prison Monologues, has become its own successful program," said WCCC Warden Mark Patterson. "It's transforming the lives of the women within WCCC".

So far, the "Prison Monologues" has presented 30 performances at high schools, universities and conferences on Oahu.

"Prison Monologues" will travel to Maui next.

## Ten Halawa Inmates Earn GED at Graduation Ceremony

Ten inmates housed at the Halawa Correctional Facility (HCF) are now one step closer to reintegrating back into society. A cap and gown graduation ceremony was held in September at the facility where the ten men were handed their GED diplomas.

The HCF Education Center is run by PSD's Corrections Education Program Services Division.

"As people pursue educational goals they learn firsthand the fruits of perseverance as well as the road to better decision making," said HCF Warden Nolan Espinda. "With these skills they are better prepared to return to their communities as good neighbors."

Inmates in the GED prep class take, on average, about nine months to one year to complete the course.



## 2012 PSD Awards (Cont. from pg. 2)

Waiawa Correctional Facility Security Section Supervisor, Sergeant Glenn Philhower, and ACO Brandon Torricer were also honored with Sustained Superior Performance Awards for their role in saving an inmate's life. The inmate had a heart attack while out on one of the recreation fields. Sgt. Philhower and ACO Torricer performed CPR for 20 minutes and revived the inmate.



**TEAM of the Year: NED**



**Mgr. Of Yr.: Lewis Lindsey**



**Emp. of Yr: Margaret Serain**



**Sp. Svc Act: Daniel Kauleinamoku**



**TEAM r/u: SD Fugitive Unit**



**Mgr. r/u: Bootsie Kauwe**



**Sust. Sup. Perf.: Clayton Morante**



**SSA: Glenn Philhower/Brandon Torricer**

# Public Safety Shows Up in Force for Step Out Diabetes Walk

The Department of Public Safety was a force to behold at this year's Step Out to Walk Diabetes fundraising event in March. More than 100 staff members from PSD came out for the walk, including the latest Basic Corrections Training Class.

Still more donated money. Many people who could not do the walk donated over \$1,000 dollars to the effort.



The staff of the Halawa Medical Unit raised \$1,075.

For the first time in PSD history, the Training and Staff Development Sergeants and BCT 12-01 participated in the Diabetes Walk. BCT 12-01 marched 2.3 miles and ended at the finish line with the "Stomp & Drag".



And, they kept the momentum going.

On May 20th the BCT 12-02 class and their training sergeants participated in the 2012 Arthritis Walk.

Let's all try to keep up the energy and enthusiasm that started at the beginning of this year.



## Basic Corrections Training Class Graduation

We would like to congratulate the BCT 12-01 graduating class of 2012. This large class of 37 recruits and 15 civilians was the very first class to participate in any charity walk, serving to enhance our image in the community. In another first, this class recited both the Public Safety Mission Statement and the Corrections Mission Statement at their graduation.

BCT 12-01's graduation represents an important milestone for the Department as we attempt to change instill a greater sense of professionalism among our staff; their instructors refer to them as the beginning of the NEXT GENERATION.



(Above) BCT 12-01 class at TSD building on Waimano Home Road.

(Below) BCT 12-01 class at 2012 Diabetes Walk.



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Mahalo for your kokua in this effort, and mahalo for all your efforts every day on behalf of PSD and the clients we serve!