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Message From the Director's Office

This newsletter is meant to put a spotlight on National Correctional Officers and Employees Week (May 3-9), National Police Week (May 10-16) and National Nurses week (May 6-12).

We are very proud of all the employees who make Public Safety what it is.

On Friday, May 8, at a special ceremony, Governor David Y. Ige proclaimed May 3-9 "Correctional Officers and Employees Week", May 10-16 "Law Enforcement Officers Week" and May 6-12 "National Nurses Week" in Hawaii.

"There are so many public servants around the state who really are willing to put their lives on the line and serve the public," Governor Ige said. "Without these men and women we would have much greater challenges."

In 1984, President Ronald Reagan designated the first full week of May 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, in recognition of those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others.

In 1982, President Ronald Reagan signed a proclamation proclaiming "National Recognition Day for Nurses" to honor the nation's indispensable registered nurses for their tireless commitment.

To see high resolution copies of the proclamations and pictures go to [Facebook.com/HawaiiPSD](https://www.facebook.com/HawaiiPSD) or in the L:Drive, share folder, Pictures of PSD Functions, COR LE Nurses Proclamations 2015.

Also see Fallen Officers Memorial on Page 2.



Gov. Ige presents proclamations to PSD corrections (top), nurses (middle) law enforcement (bottom)



Fallen Officers Memorial Ceremony



On May 11, a memorial service for Fallen Officers was held at the State Capitol Rotunda as a part of National Police Week observances.

The memorial walk and ceremony was held to remember and honor all fallen law enforcement officers in Hawaii.

Public Safety Deputy Director for Law Enforcement, Shawn Tsuha and District Court Lieutenant Mike DeCenzo represented the State Sheriff Division.

Thank you to all the men and women who put their lives on the line every day for our great state.

Pictured: Shawn Tsuha, Deputy Director for Law Enforcement (left) and Mike DeCenzo, District Court Lieutenant, Sheriff Division (right)

Vote of Confidence for OCCC ACO Ross Kawamura



Pictured: ACO Ross Kawamura

Written by: Carolina Gunn, OCCC Library Services

ACO Ross Kawamura spent most of his 18-years at OCCC as an ACO 3 in Module 18.

On March 02, 2015 ACO Kawamura decided to change post when he moved as our library program ACO. His elderly parents need to be chauffeured to doctors' visits, grocery shopping and church service because his father couldn't do it anymore. Changing to library program post allows him to spend more time with them.

During the first few days of

being our ACO, we noticed ACO Kawamura's conscientious performance of his security duties. He is always present and always on time. His ability to talk to inmates calmly and firmly provides a reassuring work environment. Inmates are more focused on their legal session and tend not to manipulate the communication and exchange of information.

His technical experience as a sales person at Office Depot was a plus when inmates have trouble with typewriters and we, with our computers.

Inmates were finding ways to

sneak out library and education earning materials from program areas. That has stopped thanks to this ACO who is pat searching the inmates when they come in and out of our library and education program areas every day.

He is also quite generous in assisting other ACO's on many calls of duties.

It is quite reassuring that ACO Kawamura also finds the time to inspect our program area before and after the start of our program.

We give our ACO, Ross Kawamura, 5 stars!

Marte Martinez— Not Your Ordinary Trainer

Written by: Sgt. Blair Wulfert, Training and Staff Development, Sheriff Division

Ms. Marte Martinez is a firearms training technician for Training and Staff Development. She has conducted testing and evaluating for the

new Public Safety handgun. This testing has been more rigorous than the initial manufactures testing. The result is a quality firearm being selected for our Deputy Sheriffs and Corrections Officers. This was not an easy venture and several obstacles were overcome by Ms. Martinez with the backing of the PSD Director. Ms. Martinez deserves our heartfelt gratitude.



Pictured: Marte Martinez, TSD Firearms Training Technician

MCCC - Jennifer Lopez/Nursing Staff Honored for “Nurses Week”

Written by:
Peterice Kahahane, CSA,
MCCC

I would like to personally acknowledge my supervisor, Jennifer Lopez, CSA at Maui Community Correctional Center. She has always been there for our medical unit. There are numerous times when it does get overwhelming for our nursing staff. Jennifer will jump in there and work along with the staff to get the job done. She has been an asset to our facility. With that said, I want to mention all the guidance and confidence Jennifer has given our staff to succeed in our work environment.

The large inmate population continues to grow and our staff is stretched thin. The inmate injury reports in the

facility are also increasing with the population. The medical unit is currently under a lot of pressure in keeping up with the medical needs for our patients. Not only are we here to pass out their medication and care for them when they fall ill, there are inmates that come in not knowing that they may have high blood pressure, on the verge of a heart attack, or even found to be Hepatitis C positive. Many of them come straight off the streets as heavy drug abusers, and we screen them as soon as they enter. We look at what type of drugs we need to detox them from, can they be put in with the general population or do we need to separate them? Are they a danger to themselves or others? For females - are they pregnant, do we need to do a pregnancy test? Do we need to



Pictured: MCCC Nursing Staff Chad Marshall, Peterice Kahahane, Vickie Nesje, Jennifer Lopez, Annette Weber, Ruth Pellegrin, Diane Cunningham

put them on our doctor list to be seen in the clinic? With emergencies, we drop everything & see what the patient will need to keep him/her alive.

These are some of the tasks that our nurses go through on a daily basis & I am so proud to be working with this highly intelligent nursing staff.

Hats off for National Nurses Week!!! I want to thank our

medical staff for all their outstanding hard work - Jennifer Lopez, Annette Weber, Vickie Nesje, Diane Cunningham, and Ruth Pellegrin. Nurse agencies - Tawni Kaplan, Chad Marshall, Kim Kittner, Vincent Mendez and Miriam Meyers.

Tropical Storm Iselle—Deputies Helping the Homeless



Pictured: Deputies Shane Souza (left) and James Barnes (right)

Prior to landfall of Tropical Storm Iselle in August of 2014, Deputies Shane Souza and James Barnes reached out to warn various homeless communities across the South

Shore of Oahu. Iselle made landfall at 2:30 a.m. HST on Friday, Aug. 8 about five miles east of Pahaia, with maximum sustained winds of 60 mph. The only

other tropical storm on record dating to 1950 to come in from the east and hit the Big Island was in 1958, with peak sustained winds of 50 mph. Overall, Iselle is a rare -- if not historical -- tropical cyclone. There were reports of structural damage, trees

downed, power outages, and some flooding. Winds gusted up to 72 mph on Oahu were reported, while the Honolulu Airport saw a peak wind gust of 41 mph. The day before, and into the evening, Deputies Souza and Barnes worked tirelessly for over 12 hours, to locate and warn hundreds of homeless individuals in flood prone areas, on the streets and encampments with little protection or no protection at all from the dangers that Iselle presented. While the great majority of Oahu's citizens prepared for the worst, and

hoped for the best, Deputy Sheriffs Souza and Barnes never forgot those most vulnerable in our community to include those homeless families. The vision of the Law Enforcement Division is to ensure the “Health, Safety and Welfare of our Community,” and their selfless action is a fine example of the many outstanding professionals working in the Department of Public Safety and upholds our proud legacy of serving the people of Hawaii.

Written by: Shawn Tsuha,
Deputy Dir. LE

MCCC Inmate Disturbance Defused by Quick-Thinking Lieutenant

Written by: Deborah Taylor, MCCC COS

On April 29, 2015 at 6:40 a.m. a disturbances broke out in the module housing at MCCC. This housing unit was built to house 48 inmates. On this date it was occupied by 81 sentenced/pretrial detainees.

Lt. Francis Cullen, while conducting his morning duties of post assignments and other duties to prepare for the shift, received an assistance call and responded to an inmate disturbance in one of the modules.

Cullen who is a certified Crisis Intervention Instructor intervened by speaking with the agitated and volatile inmates at the morning meal. He responded quickly using the skills taught to him by the Department through CI training. His use of diplomacy and calm attitude quelled what may have resulted in either property damage and or injury to staff and inmates.

Lt Francis Cullen is a veteran ACO who has worked for the department for 20 years.



Pictured: MCCC (above) Lt. Francis Cullen (left)

Capt. Mani Matau—Proud Parent of a State History Contest Champion

OSCC Captain Mani Matau probably didn't know this story was submitted. He is a humble man and wouldn't have asked us to put this in the newsletter, but we know he is proud of his daughter and we wanted to show him we are proud too.

Capt. Matau's daughter, Penina Matau, is an eight grader at Kahuku Intermediate School. Penina won first prize in her category at the State History Day

Finals on Saturday, April 25th held at Windward Community College.

Penina and her two partners researched, wrote, produced and narrated a ten minute documentary entitled, "Aloha, Aloha, Kama'aina: Prince Kuhio's Hope for a Bright Future". There were a total of 18 entries in the documentary category for the Junior Division (sixth, seventh and eight grade) and they won top award.

Their production was deemed the best among eighteen entries, all of which were winners at seven District competitions held earlier this year. Penina and her team qualify to enter the National History Day finals, which will be held in College Park Maryland in June. She won the judges over with the level of technical sophistication of the video documentary. They were even more impressed by its historical quality (proper context, sound analysis, presentation of dif-

ferent points of view), quality of the research, and its adherence to the theme (leadership and legacy).

We know Capt. Matau is proud of his daughter and so are we.

For more on History Day go to the Hawaii Council for the Humanities website hi.nhd.org.

Sheriffs Haney and Trojacek—Above and Beyond

Written by: Patrick Lee, First Deputy, Sheriff Division

On Monday, April 27, 2015 during a routine patrol of Kewalo Basin Harbor at approximately 10:30 p.m. a female flagged down deputies Warren Haney and John Tro-

jacek requesting assistance. The female stated her son had fallen into the water and could not get out. The deputies boarded the sailboat and saw an elderly gentlemen who appeared very tired and weak hanging onto the boat ladder which extended down into the water. The male was

unable to lift himself out of the water and required the assistance of the deputies to physically pull him onto the boat. They were very grateful for the deputy's assistance.

Pictured: Deputies Warren Haney (left) and John Trojacek (right)



Hawaii Paroling Authority Statewide Training & Organizational Day

Written by: Kelli Keawe, HPA

The Hawaii Paroling Authority's (HPA) annual statewide training and organizational day was held on Friday, May 8. All HPA staff, including the sections on Maui, Kauai, Hawaii (Hilo and Kona) together with Oahu (Alakea Office and Special Services Section) were gathered at the State Office Tower. The day-long event included various speakers.

We also want to send a big mahalo to Ludi Clemente and Ed Akina from TSD for their support.

Training certificates were issued to the clerical support listed below:

- Josephine Malama
- Winnie Jou
- Josie Limos
- Maria Patanapalboon
- Chantal James
- Tania Souza-Guzman
- Georglane Momohara
- Jessie Macadamia
- Kelli Keawe
- Nena Lamer
- Liz Mitsuka
- Klo Berman
- Norine Hung
- Joy Tacto



Pictured: HPA clerical support from Oahu, Maui, Hawaii, Kauai

Sheriff Warrant Section—Top Warrant Servers

Did you know the Sheriff Division has a unit specifically tasked with serving warrants and tracking down fugitives?

For the period, May 1, 2014 to May 1, 2015, the Sheriff Division served 4,820 warrants across the State.

- OAHU: 3088
- MAUI: 931
- KAUAI: 522
- HAWAII: 279



TOP WARRANT SERVERS May 2014 to May 2015:

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| OAHU: | Ernest Bautista - 523 | Benjamin Fonoti - 316 |
| MAUI: | Calvin Chaves - 371 | Wade Kamaka - 326 |
| KAUAI: | Michael Schoffstall - 120 | Edward Keoho - 99 |
| HAWAII: | Cameron Mahoe - 36 | Gerard Moses - 31 |

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.



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BCT 15-05 Graduation



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BCT 15-04 Graduation



Sheriff Recruitment was held from May 4 to May 24. In that time you may have seen the Sheriff recruitment commercial on TV. If you didn't, you can find the long and short version of it in the video section of our Facebook page - www.Facebook.com/HawaiiPSD.



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