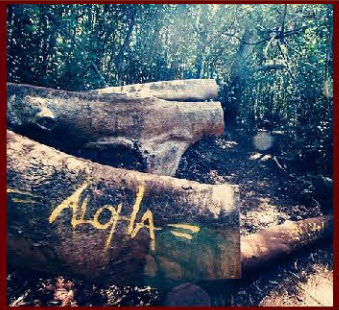


A Note From the Director



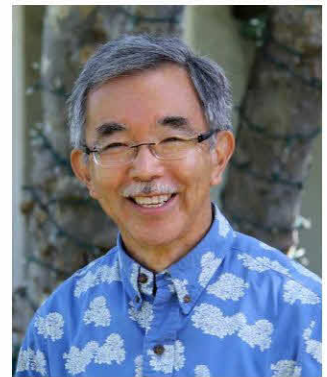
It's been a while since our last newsletter and there's a great deal of news to report. We asked for your suggestions, and so many wonderful ideas were submitted that we decided to increase the size of this edition.

As you are well aware, many of the good things about our department do not often reach the public eye. The news media seem to be focused on sensational stories, leaving many

positive stories by the way-side.

That is why events such as the recent 2013 Incentive Awards Ceremony are so important. Not only do we have the chance to publicly recognize the acts of bravery, heroism and contributions to improving the department of a few, amazing people, it's a special opportunity to come together once a year to acknowledge the hard work and dedication every one of you brings to your job every day!

Our communities and the lives of many citizens have been made better thanks to your efforts. I am proud of this department and the men and women who work to fulfill our mission, and I want to hear more of your



Ted Sakai
PSD Director

Stories of diligence and drive to promote public safety for our people and our communities.

So, keep sending those great stories and we will do our best to share them with the rest of the Public Safety ohana and the interested public.

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

Kulani Reopening Moves Ahead

As part of Governor Abercrombie's "New Day Plan" goal of returning all Hawaii inmates to the state, the Department of Public Safety was handed a big task—find ways to "right-size" corrections while saving tax dollars. One option came quickly to mind: reopen the Kulani Correctional Facility on the island of Hawaii.

Kulani had been closed by the previous administration in 2009 as a means of saving the state money. Taken over by the Department of Defense's Hawaii Youth Challenge program during

the interim, Public Safety officials recognized that the underused facility could be restored for corrections use relatively quickly and at minimal expense.

We are pleased to report that our plan of reopening Kulani by next summer is on track. The environmental assessment completed for the project recommended upgrades to the electrical system and kitchen equipment. The 2013 Legislature appropriated the necessary \$2.4 million of the retrofit and start-up expenses in the current fiscal year and \$5 million for staffing and operations in FY 2014-15.

Already, we are gearing up to hire the...(Cont'd pg. 2)

Special points of interest:

- *New Leadership in Law Enforcement and Corrections*
- *Supervisory Training Gets Facelift*
- *New Sheriff Bargaining Unit Makes History*
- *2013 PSD Incentive Awards: New Special Acts Award*
- *Foodbank Food Drive Success for PSD*

