

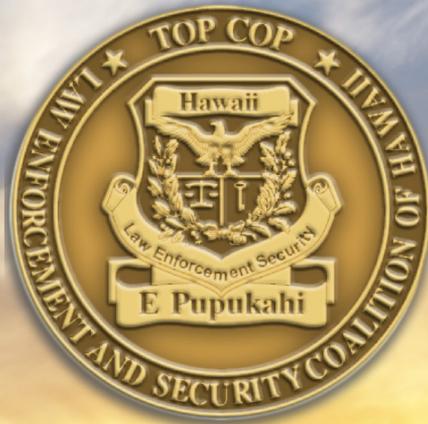
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TOP COP *Hawaii*

36th Annual

Law Enforcement and Security Awards

Honoring the Top Cops from Local, State, Federal, Military
Law Enforcement, and Security Agencies in Hawaii



The Law Enforcement and Security Coalition of Hawaii

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Recognizing Excellence in Law Enforcement and Security

For more than 35 years, the committed board members of the Law Enforcement and Security Coalition of Hawaii has produced the Law Enforcement and Security Award Banquet to promote, encourage, and recognize excellence in the field of law enforcement and security.

All the law enforcement agencies and security corporations serving and operating in the state of Hawaii are invited to nominate their TOP COPs who have distinguished themselves above the rest with their dedication to duty, pursuit of excellence, and service to the community.

The Law Enforcement and Security Coalition of Hawaii

The Law Enforcement and Security Coalition of Hawaii continues to recognize our TOP COPs through the Law Enforcement and Security Awards Banquet year after year and is proudly represented by the following organizations:



The **Hawaii Joint Police Association (HJPA)** is a nonpartisan group formally established in 1967 representing Military, Federal, State, City and County law enforcement agencies as well as private security and private investigation agencies. The TOP COP awards were originally established by the HJPA to be the source of recognition of our deserving law enforcement and private security professionals.



The **Hawaii Hotel & Visitor Industry Security Association (HHVISA)** is a non-profit organization of security professionals in hotel, condo, retail, guard services and other tourist related industry businesses partnering with Law Enforcement and Emergency Management professionals. This association shares cross jurisdictional information to identify, disrupt, and apprehend criminals affecting Hawaii Hotel and Visitor Industry.



ASIS International is the world's foremost association for security management professionals and is the recognized leader advancing security worldwide. ASIS Hawaii Chapter 134 furthers this mission and promotes excellence and leadership within the security profession in the State of Hawaii.



The **International Association of Healthcare Security and Safety (IAHSS)** is an organization solely dedicated to security and safety professionals in our healthcare facilities. The IAHSS has educated and served our healthcare security, law enforcement and emergency management leaders and has certified thousands of members who keep our healthcare facilities, patients, staff and visitors safe and secure.

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TOP COP 2021 VIRTUAL PROGRAM

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WE ARE ONE

Aloha!



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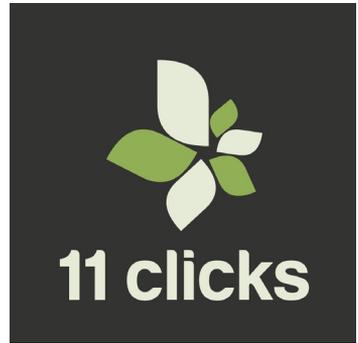
Welcome to our 36th Annual TOP COP Award Ceremony. We are living in a different time and this pandemic has certainly tested our resolve. Your presence today demonstrates your support for our law enforcement and security professionals in Hawaii and we thank you for your participation.

I also want to thank the board of directors for Law Enforcement and Security Coalition of Hawaii for their part in making certain this event is a success. Due to the pandemic, we had to forgo our TOP COP 2020 Award Ceremony. This year, the directors felt this event was too important to postpone for another year and pushed ahead with this virtual platform.

Finally, I want to thank our sponsors. This event would not be possible without their charitable support. Their names appear in this program and on our website at topcophawaii.com.

We hope you enjoy the virtual presentation of TOP COP 2021. Stay safe and take care of one another.

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AWARDS EMCEE - PAULA AKANA



Ms. **Paula Akana** is a well-respected journalist and community leader with more than 30 years of communications and leadership experience. Over her distinguished career with KITV Island News, she has been welcomed into our homes every evening via television to report the day's events and has covered a variety of stories. The diligence, passion and grace Paula brought to her role every day was rare and special and we will miss her reporting.

Paula now serves us as the Executive Director for The Friends of Iolani Palace, working to restore, preserve and protect the only Palace in the United States. She brings with her to this new position a deep love of Hawaii, the history, and the culture, and is sure to be instrumental in helping to promote the mission of the Palace. Paula was humbled and honored to be asked to help lead the Friends of Iolani Palace as the Palace always held a special place in her heart.

Paula has served as the emcee for this TOP COP Award Ceremony for over twenty years and we are grateful for her commitment to our law enforcement and security professionals in the state of Hawaii. She is a graduate of Kamehameha Schools and received her Bachelor of Arts degree in journalism with a minor in Hawaiian anthropology and archeology from the University of Hawaii at Manoa. She is involved with a number of local nonprofit organizations and we thank Paula for her commitment and dedication to our island home!



Top Cop Hawaii 2021

in alphabetical order

RECOVERING STOLEN PROPERTY

Security Supervisor
Sunndilyn Acosta

*Securitas Security
Services USA, Inc.*

Securitas Security Supervisor, Officer **Sunndilyn “Sunny” Acosta** manages the security operations at Kapolei Commons Shopping Center. Her commitment to the property and extensive security experience enables her to provide high level security services to the client. She leads by example, setting the standard on how a security officer should interact and is always prepared to train staff. Officer Acosta instills loyalty and a sense of pride in how her staff performs daily.

Officer Acosta is repeatedly recognized by her leaders for actions that go above and beyond. One such incident exemplifies her dedication to the property and her loyalty to the Securitas mission.

On June 27, 2020, at approximately 7:30 a.m., Officer Acosta was off-duty and operating her personally owned vehicle in the Nanakuli area. She was following a vehicle pulling a trailer. Upon closer observation, Officer Acosta recognized the trailer as property of Kapolei Commons Shopping Center.

Without hesitation, Officer Acosta contacted the Honolulu Police Department (HPD) Communications Division via 911 and reported her situation and location. She maintained contact with HPD until responding officers were able to locate her and perform a traffic stop on the vehicle pulling the stolen trailer. The suspects were arrested without incident and the stolen property was recovered and returned to the owner.

Security Supervisor Sunndilyn “Sunny” Acosta is being commended for her initiative, keen observations, and dedication to duty (even while off-duty). Her quick actions prevented the theft of an office trailer worth well over \$15,000.00. It is a privilege and an honor to recognize Sunny as a Securitas TOP COP for 2021.

LEADING THE MISSION

Project Engineer
Elda Addington

*Naval Information
Warfare Center
Pacific*

Integrated Security Technologies (IST) nominates **Elda Addington** as a 2021 TOP COP. She is a project engineer with the Naval Information Warfare Center (NIWC) Pacific which is a recognized leader in the cyber domain and for autonomous unmanned systems. Other areas of note include command and control, communications, computers, intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance, and space.

Project Engineer Addington leads a section with a spirit of responsibility. She is focused on process improvements and shore installation modernization. Under her guidance, the section was able to perform mission essential security upgrades and maintenance to over 20 U.S. Military facilities throughout the Indo-Pacific Region.

Elda Addington is being recognized for her leadership toward the NIWC Pacific mission. Congratulations on your well-deserved award!

OUTSTANDING INVESTIGATOR

Special Agent
William E. Albright

*Investigations Division
Department of the
Attorney General
State of Hawaii*

Special Agent **William E. Albright** joined the Department of the Attorney General in 2019 and is an investigator assigned to the Financial Crime Unit. This component is the most effective and efficient team of white-collar crime investigators in the state and focuses on complex white-collar theft, fraud, and government corruption.

Agent Albright blended in perfectly with the team and has made key contributions in several high-profile cases including a recent investigation at the Daniel K. Inouye International Airport.

Agent Albright took on a significant role as the lead investigator in a local scam. A prolific conman posed as a movie and television producer and set up fake training auditions. Hopeful actors would become victims when he collected cash for training and union dues. This con defrauded victims and businesses for a loss of over \$70,000. With the excellence work of Agent Albright and his team, the suspect was exposed and arrested. Agent Albright determined the suspect had committed similar scams in other jurisdictions.

Agent Albright has a highly developed skill set that makes him a valuable investigator. He has exceptional interview techniques and a talent for analyzing financial records.

Additionally, Agent Albright has mastered the art of finding hidden connections between people and businesses to reveal criminal networks and money laundering schemes. He shares his knowledge with others and conducts training sessions to help agents become more effective. He has a friendly, open style that invites trust, along with a solid work ethic.

Bill balances work with his home life, with his wife, 3 children and 2 grandchildren. He enjoys remodeling his home, woodworking, playing softball and having fun with his dog.

Special Agent William E. Albright is our TOP COP for 2021. We are very proud of you and your accomplishments. Keep up the good work!

OUTSTANDING SERVICE

Officer
Kalani Apilado

*Kauai Police
Department*

Officer **Kalani Apilado** has been with the Kauai Police Department (KPD) for approximately five years and is currently assigned to the Lihue District. During his short time with KPD, he has become a leader in drug and traffic enforcement and has made our community safer.

During the last year, Officer Apilado authored and executed 29 search warrants and recovered large quantities of illegal drugs, thousands of dollars in cash and counterfeit currency and recovered one firearm. He has also made almost 100 felony arrests, over 300 misdemeanor arrests and almost 30 arrests for drunk driving. Officer Apilado also made over 100 bench warrant arrests and issued over 550 traffic citations.

Officer Apilado signed up and was selected to become a Field Training Officer in the Patrol Services Bureau to help train new officers. He has attended numerous trainings within the field of law enforcement.

Officer Apilado is also enrolled at the University of Phoenix and is working on his Bachelor of Science Degree in the Criminal Justice Administration. In addition to his hard work in law enforcement and to further his education, Officer Apilado is currently serving with the Army National Guard for the past eleven years.

Officer Kalani Apilado has demonstrated his commitment to keep our families, streets, communities, and island safe from drugs and other dangers. Congratulations on being selected as the Kauai Police Department TOP COP for 2021!

PROTECTING FROM BEHIND THE SCENES

Systems Engineer
Richard Arguelles

*Systems Engineer
Integrated Security
Technologies, Inc.*

Systems Engineer **Richard Arguelles** has been in the electronic security industry in Hawaii for over 30 years and has personally designed complex electronic security systems that protect some of Hawaii's most critical assets. His attention to detail and dedication to his assignments sets him apart from the rest.

Engineer Arguelles' work experience and willingness to mentor the new generation of engineers is apparent in everything he sets out to accomplish. He's a great example of how being on top of your game brings with it the responsibility to pull others up with you.

Engineer Arguelles is a tremendous resource and a team player. He is a modest individual who never seeks out the spotlight or recognition for his good work. This is reason enough to celebrate him as a 2021 TOP COP. Congratulations Richard! We're proud of you!

BEYOND THE CALL

Security Officer **Vera Astentista**

Star Protection Agency

Security Officer **Vera Astentista** is a dedicated employee of the Star Protection Agency and consistently goes beyond the call. She is currently assigned to the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations for the State of Hawaii and provides security services for their offices located at 830 Punchbowl Street.

On May 4, 2020, Officer Astentista was on-duty when she observed a domestic argument between a male and female. The couple were on the corner of Punchbowl Street and Queen Street. She monitored the situation as this event was occurring off her property.

Officer Astentista then saw a male, later identified as Special Agent Clinton Sukekane from the Department of the Attorney General, State of Hawaii, attempting to intervene. It was apparent to her the argument was escalating and Agent Sukekane needed assistance.

Disregarding her own safety, Officer Astentista responded to assist. Relying on her training, she quickly engaged the female in conversation, luring her away from the male, minimizing the chances of physical violence. She managed to calm the female with her non-threatening demeanor and caring attitude. Officers from the Honolulu Police Department soon arrived and took over the investigation.

Security Officer Vera Astentista is being commended for her observations, quick response, and ability to calm a tense situation. Agent Sukekane appreciated her good work and we do too. Congratulations on being selected as a TOP COP!

SAVING A LIFE

Security Specialist
Andrew Bayan

Allied Universal

Security Specialist **Andrew Bayan** is assigned to the Beachcomber Waikiki by Outrigger. He serves the client well and treats their guest with the Aloha Spirit. This is one example of his excellence in security services.

On Saturday, March 27, 2021, Specialist Bayan was on-duty and dispatched to a sick-care-for type case in one of the guest rooms. Upon arrival, he discovered a male victim in cardiac arrest. The victim was gasping for breath and his complexion was turning blue. The victim fell and went unconscious.

Specialist Bayan made a medical assessment and determined the suspect was not breathing and had no pulse. He immediately began CPR until a medical emergency crew arrived on the scene. The victim was transported to the hospital in stable condition.

Security Specialist Andrew Bayan, you are being recognized for your dedication to duty, your immediate response and quick actions that saved a life. Your calm in a stressful situation is also commendable and we honor you here today. Congratulations on your award!

A HEROIC ACT

Law Enforcement
Officer
Courtney Bello

Allied Universal

Law Enforcement Officer **Courtney Bello** is assigned to the Hilo International Airport. He never hesitates when needed and is reliable. This is one example of the level of competence Officer Bello exhibits daily.

On August 31, 2021, Friday, at about 1:30 p.m., an unknown male crashed his vehicle through the fence onto the Airport Operations Area, exited the vehicle, and was making his way to a smaller turboprop aircraft parked on the ramp. Without hesitation, Officer Bello responded to the scene.

Upon arrival, he observed the male suspect enter the aircraft and start the two engines. Officer Bello, with total disregard for his own safety, approached the suspect and managed to get him out of the plane and physically detain him until police arrived on the scene.

The suspect was arrested for attempted first degree theft, first degree property damage, unauthorized control of a propelled vehicle and trespassing. The cases were turned over to the FBI for further investigation. This incident made local and national news and showcased Officer Bello's heroism.

Although the suspect's motives were unclear, there is no doubt he could have caused a great deal of death and destruction if he was able to take flight. With the haunting memory of 9/11 forever in our minds, it is clear Officer Bello's actions were heroic and necessary to avoid a deadly situation.

Officer Courtney Bello was presented with a written commendation for his actions and today receives the TOP COP Award. We are grateful for your service and congratulate you on a job well done!

ENSURING SAFETY

Project Engineer
Mark Boucher

*Naval Information
Warfare Center Pacific*

The Naval Information Warfare Center (NIWC) Pacific is the only Naval technical center headquartered in a major fleet concentration area. It manages strategic locations both in the Pacific theater and around the world.

Project Engineer **Mark Boucher** is being nominated by Integrated Security Technologies as a TOP COP for 2021. He has designed and overseen the installation of electronic security systems in facilities across the US Navy Pacific Region. His highest priority is ensuring the safety of the people, infrastructure, and critical materials that are mission essential to protecting the United States and her allies. His ever-increasing knowledge, ingenuity, and dedication has empowered him to develop the specialized solutions to the security needs of each location.

Project Engineer Mark Boucher is being recognized for his dedication to duty and resourcefulness that delivers results. Thank you for a job well done!

DEDICATED SERVICE

Project Engineer
Kyle Estrella

*Naval Informational
Warfare Center Pacific*

The Naval Information Warfare Center (NIWC) Pacific provides technological and engineering support critical to information warfare for the U.S. Navy, as well as for the Marine Corps, Air Force, Army and Coast Guard programs. Systems development and support includes basic research and prototype development through systems engineering, and integration to life cycle support of fielded systems.

Kyle Estrella is a project engineer for the NIWC Pacific and is being nominated by Integrated Security Technologies as a TOP COP for 2021. He has dedicated over 10 years of service to coordinating improvements and maintenance to the electronic security systems for numerous US Navy Indo-Pacific Region facilities that perform critical duties in protecting the United States and our allies. His dedication and attention to detail has helped ensure minimal disruptions in security and operations throughout the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Kyle Estrella is being recognized for his unwavering support of the NIWC Pacific mission. Thank you for your service and congratulations on being recognized as a TOP COP for 2021!

CALM UNDER PRESSURE

Security Officer
Norton Falle

Star Protection Agency

On November 3, 2019, at about 2:15 a.m., Officer **Norton Falle** was on-duty and providing physical security at the 7-11 Store located at 590 Queen Street when he observed a male enter the store. The male suspect began shopping and picked up snack items and a bottle of water. Officer Falle continued to surveil the suspect as he walked pass the staffed registers and exited the store with the items, not paying for them, committing theft.

Officer Falle immediately instructed the staff to notify the police. He then exited the store and verbally confronted the suspect. Officer Falle was able to detain the suspect, without being physical, until the police arrived. The male was subsequently arrested for shoplifting and transported to the Honolulu Police Department cellblock for booking.

Security Officer Norton Falle, you are being commended for your observation skills, quick action, and verbal talents during this incident. You demonstrated calm under pressure and dedication to duty. Congratulations!

SERVICE WITH EXCELLENCE

Security Supervisor
Robert Freitas, III

*Securitas Security
Services USA, Inc.*

Securitas Security Supervisor **Robert Freitas, III** is being recognized for his commitment to the security operations at Luxury Row in Waikiki. He, along with his staff, have been instrumental in orchestrating a well-designed security program to protect the employees and guests at the property.

Luxury Row's unique setting and array of personalized services provided by world class retailers requires the safety of the guests remain a priority. Supervisor Freitas continually delivers this service and is often called upon to manage special events.

In December of 2020, Luxury Row was scheduled to host the Miss Hawaii USA and Miss Hawaii Teen USA. This event was televised and streamed around the world. Supervisor Freitas was assigned to coordinate the security for this event. With the pandemic looming, a "bubble" had to be created for the safety of everyone involved in the production including the pageant contestants. Supervisor Freitas created and expertly carried out the security plan. The security and support of the event was a resounding success and reflected greatly on Supervisor Freitas and his staff.

Waikiki is Hawaii's gem in the Pacific region and requires a special breed of security specialists to ensure Waikiki continues to offer an elegant experience for its discerning residents and visitors from around the globe. Supervisor Freitas is always up to the task and consistently excels. Thank you for your efforts, Robert and keep up the great work!

SERVICE WITH EXCELLENCE

Security Director
Hurlston Graham

*Securitas Security
Services USA, Inc.*

Securitas Security Director **Hurlston Graham** has been a dedicated security professional for nearly 20 years. He is frequently called upon to build security teams to enhance the security and safety of the properties he is assigned to control.

On November 12, 2019, Director Graham was assigned as the security director for the Ohana Military Communities Navy when a robbery occurred at a nearby property. A male suspect robbed an armored vehicle and fled from the scene into the housing. From there, the suspect allegedly concealed the proceeds from the initial crime, then burglarized two homes and stole a vehicle.

Armed with the description of the stolen vehicle, Director Graham began to check the area. Using his investigative skills, he was able to locate the suspect and detain him until officers from the Honolulu Police Department (HPD) arrived. The suspect was subsequently arrested for robbery in the second degree, two counts of burglary in the first degree and one count of unauthorized control of a propelled vehicle.

Following the arrest, Director Graham assisted HPD officers in searching the area for additional evidence. Together, a bag with the stolen money was located and recovered.

Director Graham has mentored hundreds of security professionals during his tenure, resulting in several of them becoming leaders within the security profession and law enforcement officers. We thank him for his dedication to the Securitas ohana and his chosen profession. He is truly a TOP COP and most deserving of this recognition. Congratulations Hurlston!

PLACING THEIR LIVES IN DANGER

Security Officer
Branden Ha

Security Officer
Douglas Lilly

Star Protection Agency

Both Security Officers **Branden Ha** and **Douglas Lilly** are assigned to the Walmart Store in Hilo, Hawaii. They are both dedicated officers who continually go beyond the call. Here is an example of their dedication.

On September 30, 2019, at about 9:30 a.m., Officers Ha and Lilly were on-duty when they received a call for assistance from the Walmart Asset Protection personnel. Both officers quickly responded and discovered two suspects, a male and a female, were being detained for shoplifting.

Officer Ha approached the male suspect and was immediately attacked. The male suspect grabbed Officer Ha by the throat to prevent his capture. Officer Ha used his self-defense skills to break free from the suspect's grasp. The male suspect then brandished a knife.

Realizing the situation was quickly getting out of control, both Officers Ha and Lilly took a step back to protect themselves. The male and female suspect then fled on foot and entered a vehicle. As the pair drove away, the male suspect displayed a handgun and fired four rounds at the officers. Officer Ha received a gunshot wound to the back, likely from a ricocheting bullet.

Hawaii County police officers responded to the scene along with ambulance personnel. Officer Lilly provided suspect information to the responding officers while Officer Ha received medical attention.

The police later located the two suspects and placed them under arrest for various felony counts. Officer Ha recovered from his gunshot wound.

Security Officers Branden Ha and Douglas Lilly are being recognized for their bravery in the face of danger. This theft case quickly turned into an attempted murder case while both officers remained true to their calling of public protection. We are all very proud of you both and commend you for your selfless dedication to duty!

SAVING A LIFE

Security Manager
Greg Higa

Security Officer
Enson Karsom

Star Protection Agency

Security Manager **Greg Higa** and Security Officer **Enson Karsom** provide security services at the Kahala Mall. They continue to answer calls for service and on December 5, 2019, they responded to a call that would change a life.

On that date, both Manager Higa and Officer Karsom responded to the theaters on a reported unconscious male. They arrived on the scene and discovered an unconscious male.

This duo quickly trusted their medical training and began a medical assessment of the victim. Discovering there was no pulse and no breathing, they quickly began two-man CPR. Eventually, an Automated External Defibrillator was introduced to the scenario and revived the victim, who was then transported to an area hospital.

Life can change in an instant and this victim was fortunate Security Manager Greg Higa and Security Officer Enson Karsom answered his call for help. We commend them both for their competence, professionalism, and dedication to duty. Job well done!

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Deputy Prosecuting
Attorneys

Lowell “Scotty” Hu

**Dominic
Jancaterino**

Chase Sakai

*Department of the
Prosecuting Attorney
City & County of
Honolulu*

Deputy Prosecuting Attorneys **Chase Sakai** and **Dominic Jancaterino** are commended for identifying a dangerous serial offender defendant who might have mental health issues and reporting their findings to the proper authorities. The team then worked closely with their supervisor, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Lowell “Scotty” Hu, who has an expertise in mental health.

Together, the three deputies worked on a common effort and, under time constraints, filed two motions to suspend proceedings in all the cases involving the identified defendant. Fortunately, the defendant’s attorney’s stipulated to the motions before the court.

This action resulted in the defendant being committed to the Hawaii State Hospital for a determination of fitness on all cases. Since the defendant posed a threat to others, this order assured the safety of the community.

This case served as an impetus for the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney to file a Motion to Amend the Hawaii Supreme Court Order regarding petty misdemeanor, misdemeanor, and felony defendants. This filing resulted in the court’s decision that gives judges full discretion whether to set bail and impose conditions of release on defendants. This order unites the hands of our judges throughout the state and provides them the authority to keep our communities safe from these defendants.

Deputy Prosecuting Attorneys Lowell “Scotty” Hu, Dominic Jancaterino and Chase Sakai, you are being recognized for your dedication to duty, knowledge of the law and determination to keep the community safe. Your actions in this case and your follow through up to the Hawaii Supreme Court is commendable and had a significant impact on the safety of our Hawaii citizens. Thank you for a job well done and congratulations on your award!

EFFICIENTLY TAKING ON NEW CHALLENGES

Systems Administrator
Kirk Hubbard

*United States
Department of
Defense*

Integrated Security Technologies (IST) nominates **Kirk Hubbard** as a 2021 TOP COP. He was a Systems Administrator with IST before his employment with the Department of Defense (DOD). This new position took him to new heights requiring higher levels of responsibility.

Because this transition occurred just prior to the COVID-19 Pandemic, Administrator Hubbard was immediately put in a position where the stakes were high, people were counting on him, and there was very little room for error. In his new position, he worked with an extremely accelerated training program. Kirk managed this well and has excelled.

Administrator Hubbard is responsible for the safety and security of high-ranking DOD officials and his abilities reflect great credit upon himself, our industry, and the Department of Defense. Congratulations on your award Kirk!

ENSURING SAFETY

Systems Administrator
Anthony Ilagan

Blackstone Consulting

Integrated Security Technologies (IST) nominates **Anthony Ilagan** as a 2021 TOP COP. He is a systems administrator responsible for security and life safety systems in a major local hospital. His dedication to his job and the protection of those who work and visit his facility is evident in his work ethic and attention to detail.

Administrator Ilagan has performed well during this pandemic. The increase workload kept his facility near to capacity and access control became more critical. Despite these demands, he ensured the safety of the facility, staff, patients, and visitors. Anthony sets a great example for others to follow.

Integrated Security Technologies Inc. applauds Systems Administrator Anthony Ilagan on his selection as a 2021 TOP COP! Congratulations!

COURAGE

Security Officer
Lila Kekoa

Star Protection Agency

On March 13, 2021, during day watch hours, Security Officer **Lila Kekoa** was on-duty at the Halekulani Hotel. She was assigned to secure the hotel's loading dock. At that time, the area was very busy as several contractors were working at the property, unloading and loading construction equipment.

Officer Kekoa observed a light colored, compact vehicle enter the loading dock area. She immediately became suspicious because the vehicle was not a construction type vehicle. Officer Kekoa further observed two male occupants in the vehicle.

Officer Kekoa witnessed the passenger exit the vehicle, take control of a portable generator from the dock area, and place it into the vehicle. She immediately ran to the vehicle to confront the suspects.

As she approached, the passenger suspect pulled out a handgun and threatened her. Officer Kekoa relied on her training and experience to take evasive action to protect herself. The suspects then drove off.

Officer Kekoa notified the Honolulu Police Department and officers were dispatched. Upon arrival, she provided them with the suspect and vehicle description. An all-points bulletin was aired by police. The investigation revealed the suspect vehicle was reported stolen. The investigation remains pending.

Officer Lila Kekoa is commended for her keen observations, quick response, and courage during a life-or-death situation. She exhibited the characteristics needed to be an effective law enforcement official and we congratulate her!

INTERRUPTING A BURGLARY IN PROGRESS

Motorized Security
Officer
Biti Kiotak

Star Protection Agency

On December 6, 2019, Motorized Security Officer **Biti Kiotak** was assigned to provide physical security services for the University of Hawaii Professional Assembly located at 1017 Palm Drive.

At about 11:15 p.m., he was on active patrol when he located an open door that led to a storage room with valuable property within. He investigated further and observed a male suspect in the room.

With complete disregard for his own safety, he verbally confronted the suspect who fled on foot. Officer Kiotak made a mental note of the suspect's description and contacted the police to investigate. He provided the responding officers with the suspect's description and an area check was conducted. Although the suspect was not apprehended, Officer Kiotak was instrumental in safeguarding the property in the storage room.

Motorized Security Officer Biti Kiotak, you are being commended for your patrol techniques, your curious nature, and your disregard for your own safety during this event. You have demonstrated pride in the security profession and we congratulate you!

ALWAYS ABLE AND WILLING TO HELP

Safety Manager
Ron Lee

*Integrated Security
Technologies, Inc.*

Safety Manager **Ron Lee** truly lives up to the Integrated Security Technologies (IST) mission to “Lead Hawaii to a Safer Place”. He directs our workforce to a safer place by ensuring hazards in the workplace are assessed and immediately mitigated for the safety of his fellow employees.

Manager Lee’s professionalism is not limited to his assignments at IST. While off-duty, he volunteers his time for various causes. Ron also provides self-defense and situational awareness training to Hawaii’s vulnerable population. Manager Lee is always the first to raise his hand when someone needs help.

Safety Manager Ron Lee, you are being commended for your dedication to duty and others. Your spirit of responsibility is noteworthy and we congratulate you today for being selected as a 2021 TOP COP!

SERVING AND PROTECTING WITH ALOHA

Police Officer
Lisa-Marie Like

*Honolulu Police
Department*

Honolulu Police Officer **Lisa-Marie Like** has been serving the community with Aloha for over 20 years! As a natural leader, she continually looks for ways to forge positive relationships with the community. Her exceptional work performance, creativity, and commitment to others is truly heartwarming.

At the beginning of 2020, residents in the Halawa Housing area were victims to various felony offenses including robberies, assaults, and property crimes. The culprits in these cases involved groups of juveniles as the offenders. Officer Like took the time to meet with these juveniles and get to know them, their background, and their family life. She empathized with them and shared her own story of struggles growing up. This sharing fostered a mutual respect and adoration which caused the crime rate to decrease significantly in the area.

Officer Like is always willing to help others. On one occasion, she assisted a motorist who ran out of gas on the freeway. Without hesitation, Officer Like took the motorist's gas can, drove to the gas station, filled up the gas can, and returned without asking for reimbursement. It was later determined the motorist had fallen on hard times because of the pandemic and was homeless, living out of his vehicle. He certainly appreciated Officer Like's Aloha on that day.

On another occasion, Officer Like responded to a male suffering from schizophrenia, who was afraid of the police. Upon arrival, she calmed the male and using her verbal skills, built the trust needed to get the male the treatment he needed.

Officer Like has fulfilled all her duties as a Honolulu police officer and performed endless counts of acts of kindness and compassion. She is very thoughtful, caring, and empathetic, and can be depended upon in any situation that the job presents, all in the spirit of aloha.

Officer Like takes her role as a law enforcement officer seriously. Between January 1 and December 31, 2020, she investigated 1,737 cases, submitted 460 written cases, and issued 1,483 citations demonstrating she is always on active patrol, serving the community.

For her outstanding dedication to law enforcement, the Honolulu Police Department hereby nominates Officer Lisa-Marie Like as their TOP COP for 2021! Congratulations Lisa-Marie!

TAKING ON RESPONSIBILITIES

Physical Security IT
Systems Administrator
Marc Madding

*Hawaiian Electric
Company*

Integrated Security Technologies (IST) nominates **Marc Madding** as a 2021 TOP COP. He serves as the physical security information technology systems administrator for the Hawaiian Electric Company. This position is remarkably complex and requires a multitude of expertise and experience. Marc performs his duties commendably and is worthy of this award. He keeps us all safe and secure in our island home.

Marc has a huge amount of responsibility keeping thousands of devices and their associated integrations operating. All these systems protect some of our island's most critical facilities.

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, Marc's challenges were exacerbated by remote work requirements and various other hurdles. He managed the changing environment and met all his responsibilities.

Marc is a great example of someone diligently working behind the scenes to keep the lights on for the community, while also continuously assessing risks which are dramatically increasing day by day.

Marc Madding, you are being recognized for your dedication to serve our community and keeping us safe, especially during these challenging times. You truly demonstrate your vision for our company and for Hawaii as a whole. As a grateful community, we thank you for your service! Congratulations on your award!

SAVING A LIFE

Security Shift Leader
Jeffrey Marabellas

Assistant Security
Supervisor
Chance Relacion

First Hawaiian Bank

On November 19, 2020, at about 1:29 p.m., First Hawaiian Bank received a report of an injured male sitting on the steps near the Alakea Street side of the building. Security Leader **Jeffrey Marabellas** and Assistant Security Supervisor **Chance Relacion** responded to the scene with their security first-aid bag.

Upon arrival, the security team located the injured male and observed a large amount of blood on his clothes and on the ground around him. They conducted a medical assessment of the victim and noted he was bleeding profusely from a laceration to his wrist, possibly a self-inflicted wound.

Security Leader Marabellas, aware the victim had lost a great deal of blood, was concerned he would soon go into shock. He assured the victim he was going to help him and immediately began first aid. Security Leader Marabellas elevated the victim's arm and applied direct pressure to the wound. He then applied a tourniquet to the victim's upper arm to control the bleeding.

Meanwhile, Assistant Security Supervisor Chance Relacion activated an emergency medical response and secured the scene by keeping by-standers back. Both officers kept reassuring the victim and kept him calm.

The victim complained of being tired and about to lose consciousness. At about that time, firefighters and paramedics arrived on the scene and took over the life-saving efforts. It was apparent the victim required advanced care and was immediately transported to an area hospital in serious, but stable condition.

Security Leader Jeffrey Marabellas and Assistant Security Supervisor Chance Relacion are being recognized for their teamwork and professionalism in a very tense and difficult situation. These two heroes put themselves in harm's way, exposing themselves to any bloodborne pathogens and (since the victim was not wearing a mask) being infected with COVID-19. Their actions are commendable and they are both worthy of the title TOP COP!

YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE

Training and Civic
Liaison Specialist
Sherri Markle

*Federal Bureau of
Investigation
Honolulu Field Office*

Ms. **Sherri Markle** serves as the Training & Civic Liaison Specialist (TCLS) for the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in the Honolulu Field Office. She joined the FBI in 1995 and will retire at the end of this year.

Ms. Markle is tasked with providing training to local and regional law enforcement within the Honolulu jurisdiction and facilitating training programs in conjunction with the FBI Headquarters Training Division. For each of these programs, she coordinates the scheduling, assists in the application process, supports logistics, makes travel arrangements, and manages other administrative matters. As you can imagine, there is a great deal of responsibility in this position and she handles each task efficiently.

Ms. Markle also conducts independent research utilizing FBI and outside resources to obtain materials that aid in the development, implementation, and availability of training programs. She processes applicants for the majority or all of training programs supported by the field office, which may involve reviewing transcripts, medical records, and background investigations.

In her position, Ms. Markle corroborates with personnel inside and outside of the FBI. She is always professional with a “can-do” attitude that ensures the training mission is accomplished. Ms. Markle truly demonstrates the FBI’s core values of Respect, Accountability, and Fairness.

Ms. Markle understands training is the cornerstone of an effective law enforcement agency and her expertise in this sector demonstrates her commitment to keeping our community safe. If the TOP COP Award recognizes excellence in law enforcement, then Ms. Sherri Markle is worthy of this honor. Congratulations Sherri!

CONTINUALLY GOES THE EXTRA MILE

Manager of Safety
and Security
Chris Martin

*Hawaii Pacific
University*

The Hawaii Pacific University (HPU) was founded in 1965 with the slogan, "Forward with Truth". With a total enrollment rate nearing 5,000 students, campus security and safety can be a formidable task.

Manager of Safety and Security **Chris Martin** has taken on this mission and has performed admirably. Even during these unprecedented times, dealing with a pandemic, he has stepped up and continues to deliver.

Manager Martin leads by example and will do what is needed to accomplish the goal. From the security manager to shuttle driver, to disinfectant professional, to becoming a certified PPE fit-tester, he has done it all and done it well.

While managing all of this, Manager Martin continued the mission of providing HPU students and personnel with a safe and secure environment to learn and work in. He played a vital role, allowing our students to remain healthy, while risking his own welfare.

Manager Martin continually goes the extra mile with every assignment. He will not go home or disengage until completing the task at hand, always responding quickly to address any campus situation.

Manager Martin provides the HPU community with outstanding customer service, which produces positive results. His expertise, judgment, and job knowledge are valuable to the success of the HPU.

While managing all these responsibilities, Manager Martin attends classes and will be receiving his bachelor's degree in Administration of Justice soon. Impressive!

Manager of Security and Safety Chris Martin, you are being commended for your dedication to duty and willingness to take additional responsibilities with a positive attitude. You are capable, dependable, and instrumental in the success of the HPU. You are the HPU's TOP COP for 2021! Best Wishes!

QUICK RESPONSE

Patrol Supervisor
Apisalone Melino
Star Protection Agency

On June 16, 2021, at about 9:15 p.m., while on active patrol of the Ala Kawa Warehouse, Patrol Supervisor **Apisalone Melino** observed a male lying on the ground next to a van. Curious, he checked on the male and discovered he was unresponsive. He made a quick medical assessment and was unable to locate a pulse. The male was not breathing.

Without hesitation, Supervisor Melino called for assistance and began CPR on the victim. Ambulance personnel soon arrived on the scene and took over life-saving efforts. The victim was transported to an area hospital, unknown condition.

Patrol Supervisor Apisalone Melino, you are being commended for your strong observation skills, quick action, and willingness to assist another. Your response was proper given the situation and you answered the call without delay. Mahalo for your efforts!

STILL MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Security Officer
Steven Mendoza

*Hilton Hawaiian
Village,
Hawaii Hotel & Visitor
Industry Security
Association*

The Hawaii Hotel and Visitor Industry Security Association (HHVISA) is proud to introduce their 2021 TOP COP Security Officer **Steven Mendoza**. He began his career with the Hilton Hawaiian Village Security Department some 17 years ago. Throughout the years, he has been a steadfast employee who still maintains the enthusiasm of a new hire. Officer Mendoza is a hard-working team player who always goes above and beyond what is asked of him and does whatever it takes to overcome a challenge.

Officer Mendoza's institutional knowledge, communication skills, professionalism and integrity made him a natural selection for the relief supervisor position. This elevated position consequently caused his schedule to vary, often with changes to his days off and different shifts. His response to this demanding schedule was simply doing whatever it takes to make it work.

Recently, Officer Mendoza was on a routine call when he was physically attacked by a large male, who managed to get the better of him. Officer Mendoza was taken to the ground and struck repeatedly about the head and shoulder area. Despite the disadvantage in size, Officer Mendoza gained control of the male suspect until help arrived.

After this event, while Officer Mendoza was being treated for his injuries, he was asked if he wanted to go home to recuperate. He elected to remain on post as he did not want to leave his fellow guards or the property short staffed, demonstrating his commitment and work ethic.

Security Officer Steven Mendoza, you are being commended for your dedication to duty and your commitment to serve others. You are a professional that demonstrates superior traits of a security officer. Thank you for your service and congratulations on being recognized as the HHVISA TOP COP for 2021!

SELFLESS SERVICE

Special Enforcement
Officer
Nathan K. Napihaa

*Hawaii Joint Police
Association*

The Hawaii Joint Police Association (HJPA) is proud to nominate **Nathan K. Napihaa** as their TOP COP for 2021. Nathan has been with the Department of Parks & Recreation since 1987, starting as a grounds keeper. He has been promoted several times and is currently assigned to Kapolei Hale as a driver trainer with the Environmental Services Division. Although he excels in his current position, the work he performs outside of his regular duties is what distinguishes him.

Since 1996, Nathan has been a volunteer at the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), working in the Community Affairs Division. He also volunteers at the HPD Traffic Division as a Volunteer Special Enforcement Officer, where he issues parking citations for handicap permit violations. He was also a member of the Honolulu Police Department's 13th Reserve Recruit Class.

Since 2006, Nathan has worked as a part-time private investigator with Pacific Investigations, where he serves court documents, investigates Insurance fraud claims, conducts personal injury investigations, handles the retrieval of personal property and works in fugitive recovery.

Nathan is also a teacher. He conducts 911-Seminars and teaches CPR and First-Aid. Nathan also facilitates an anti-bullying course and holds active shooter classes.

Nathan also volunteers at the Department of Emergency Management, where he uses his years of training and knowledge for the benefit and safety of the community.

The HJPA recognizes the effort and good work of Nathan K. Napihaa in the law enforcement and security field in our community. He takes on a multitude of assignments and performs at a high standard. Nathan certainly makes a positive impact in the community and is worthy of this award. Congratulations Nathan!

QUICK DECISION MAKING AND RESPONSE

Court Security
Attendant
Anthony Needham

Allied Universal

Court Security Attendant **Anthony Needham** is assigned to the Kona Courthouse. He manages his day-to-day responsibilities efficiently and with the Aloha Spirit.

On June 15, 2021, at about 7:45 a.m., Attendant Needham was on duty and situated fronting the main entrance to the courthouse. He observed a truck pull up to the front of the building in a reckless manner and park. The driver exited the vehicle armed with some sort of tool and began making his way up the steps toward the entrance to the building. He appeared angry.

Without hesitation, Attendant Needham entered the building before the male suspect and notified the on-duty sheriff deputies. He, along with the deputies, confronted the suspect and managed to detain him before he was able to enter the building.

The suspect appeared to be in emotional distress. He made spontaneous utterances that indicated he intended to see the mayor to work out a grievance. The suspect was subsequently arrested without further incident.

Court Security Attendant Anthony Needham, you are being commended for your dedication to duty, your keen observations, and your quick action to mitigate a potentially volatile incident. We congratulate you on your award and thank you for your service to our judicial community.

PREVENTING A HORRIFYING EVENT

Security Officer
Edward Pakchong

*Securitas Security
Services USA, Inc.*

Securitas Security Services is pleased to honor Security Officer **Edward Pakchong** as a 2021 TOP COP. He is assigned to the Cox Manheim Auctions, serving as an entry control officer for the facility.

On September 21, 2021, while on-duty at his post, a male approached Officer Pakchong to gain entry. The male had an appointment regarding his vehicle which was recently repossessed.

While going through the security procedures and the COVID screening protocols with the male, Officer Pakchong took notice of a large, black bag the male had in his possession. He explained to the male the bag would be subject to search. The male agreed to the search.

Officer Pakchong directed the male to position himself in view of the camera to record the search. He asked the individual to open the bag and he complied. While viewing the contents, Officer Pakchong observed what appeared to be a black handgun in a holster and immediately took control of the bag, placing it on the floor and instructing the male to step away, thus creating distance between the male and the weapon. He then positioned himself in between the male suspect and the bag while requesting for a police response.

The suspect was subsequently arrested for a weapons offense. It was later determined the firearm was fully loaded. Although the suspect's intentions were unknown, Officer Pakchong's keen sense and proper handling of this incident may have prevented an active shooter event from occurring on the property.

Security Officer Pakchong's loyalty, initiative, overall effectiveness is beyond measure. He is a true steward of the industry and a bona fide professional who wears his badge with honor. His conduct and dedication reflect credit upon himself, his company, and the security industry. His commitment to excellence, dedication to duty, and keeping with the finest traditions of security service, makes him an asset and a TOP COP!

CRIME PREVENTION

Security Supervisor
Jeremy Pang

Security Officer
Dylan Kalahiki

Star Protection Agency

Security Supervisor **Jeremy Pang** and Security Officer **Dylan Kalahiki** are both assigned to physical security at the Halekulani Hotel. On January 23, 2021, at 6:20 a.m., Officer Kalahiki was monitoring the security console when he observed a male and female suspect scaling a perimeter fence and gain access to the hotel property.

Officer Kalahiki immediately radioed his observations to Supervisor Jeremy Pang. Officer Kalahiki further observed the suspects making entry into the hotel's executive offices.

Supervisor Pang and Officer Kalahiki responded to the executive offices and confronted the two suspects. They managed to detain the culprits until the police arrived to take over the investigation.

Security Supervisor Jeremy Pang and Security Officer Dylan Kalahiki, you are both being recognized for your keen observations and quick actions that prevented a burglary. Thank you for a job well done!

DILIGENCE PAYS OFF

Residential Specialist
Starr Richardson

Residential Specialist
Krystal Vidinha

Residential Specialist
Joshua Maafala

Residential Specialist
Gerald Neves

Park Lane Ala Moana

On Friday, August 8, 2020, at about 1:45 pm, a male suspect attempted to gain access to the Park Lane Ala Moana complex via the ground level entrance. He was immediately confronted by security who quickly determined he had no legitimate reason to be on property. The suspect became disorderly and intentionally caused damage to the building's intercom box. The male then fled the area on foot.

Officers from the Honolulu Police Department (HPD) were summoned to the scene and initiated a criminal property damage (CPD) type case. At about 3:00 pm, the swing shift began their tour of duty and was apprised of the facts.

While Residential Specialists **Starr Richardson** and **Krystal Vidinha** were on active patrol of the property, they observed an individual matching the suspect's description from the earlier event. The team maintained a safe distance and continued their observations. They also requested an HPD response and summoned Brookfield Properties (BP) security.

Residential Specialists **Joshua Maafala** and **Gerald Neves** were also summoned to the scene to assist. Soon after, the HPD and BP security arrived on the scene and detained the male who was subsequently identified as the suspect in the earlier CPD case. The male suspect was then placed under arrest without incident.

While at the scene, HPD officers related the suspect is a frequent nuisance in the area and very disruptive. They commended the staff for their quick actions.

We too recognize Residential Specialists Starr Richardson, Krystal Vidinha, Joshua Maafala and Gerald Neves for their vigilance, observations, and excellent teamwork that resulted in the suspect's arrest. This group is known to serve our residential community well and work with neighboring security teams to ensure the safety of all patrons in the Ala Moana area. Congratulations on being selected as 2021 TOP COPS!

SAVING A LIFE

Law Enforcement
Officer
Michael Samu

Allied Universal

Law Enforcement Officer **Michael Samu** is assigned to the Honolulu International Airport and on July 5, 2021, he was dispatched to a sick-cared-for type case at Check Point 3.

Upon arrival, Officer Samu discovered an unresponsive adult female victim prone on the ground and observed an adult male administering chest compressions to the victim. He further noted the victim's complexion was purple.

Acting swiftly, Officer Samu ran to obtain an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) and returned to the scene. With the assistance of others, the pads were applied to the appropriate placement on the victim. Officer Samu then operated the device.

Officer Samu followed the AED directions which, after analyzing the victim's heart rhythm, deliver one electrical shock (defibrillation) to help the victim's heart re-establish an effective rhythm. Miraculously, the female began breathing and resumed a normal skin color. An EMS team arrived on the scene and took over the victim's care. She was transported to an area hospital in stable condition.

Law Enforcement Officer Michael Samu, you are being recognized for your quick and heroic actions. If not for you, this situation could have ended tragically. You are being commended for a job well done and you are deserving of the TOP COP award. Officer Samu, thank you for your service to our community.

PREPARING OTHERS TO PROTECT AND SERVE

Sergeant
Alan Santella

Sergeant
Len Nitta

*Kauai Police
Department*

Sergeants **Alan Santella** and **Len Nitta** are assigned to the Kauai Police Department (KPD) Training Section. They are responsible for training and recertifying all the KPD employees which consists of 154 sworn and 54 civilian personnel.

They are both fully certified instructors in various law enforcement fields including defensive tactics, emergency vehicle operation, firearms, physical fitness, and verbal de-escalation.

Sergeants Santella and Nitta were lead instructors for the KPD's 91st, 92nd, and 93rd Recruit classes and expertly trained 25 new metropolitan police recruits which amounted to 2760 instructional hours. At the same time, they were lead instructors for the KPD's annual firearms requalification training and re-qualified over 100 officers within a five-month period. They also recertified over 130 officers in defensive tactics during the same time.

Sergeants Santella and Nitta also administer the Physical Readiness Standards Test to those applying for the metropolitan police recruit position with the KPD. This test is a six-exercise physical fitness battery administered to potential new hires to measure their fitness. They administered nearly 100 of these tests which is remarkable when considering all their other assignments and responsibilities.

The occupation of a police officer is challenging because of the ever changing landscape. Both Sergeants Alan Santella and Len Nitta have had to adapt to a myriad of changes, often on short notice, making the needed adjustments to train the KPD personnel accordingly. They have performed admirably and they are committed to enhancing the quality of life in our community. They are deserving of this recognition and we congratulate them on a job well done! Mahalo Alan and Len!

QUICKLY RESPONDING TO A FIRE

Security Supervisor
Jaymes Schooler

*Securitas Security
Services USA, Inc.*

Security Supervisor **Jaymes Schooler** is assigned to the Kapolei Entertainment Center which is a sizable property that includes a 16-screen movie theatre and other retail businesses. Securing this large property is challenging at best and he continually provides excellent security services to the client and patrons alike. Here is just one example of Supervisor Schooler's dedication to service.

On May 12, 2019, at approximately 8:00 p.m., Supervisor Schooler was on-duty and actively patrolling his area of responsibility. He observed a fire at the end of the complex, near the theatre's box office.

Risking his own safety, and without hesitation, he armed himself with a fire extinguisher and ran towards the flames. As he neared, he determined the contents of a trash dumpster was burning. He requested the Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) respond to his location and began battling the blaze. Supervisor Schooler managed to extinguish the flames prior to HFD's arrival.

Security Supervisor Jaymes Schooler's quick response, calm, and using his fire safety training skills resulted in a successful outcome preventing further property damage and possible injury. We thank him for his service excellence and congratulate him on being recognized as a 2021 TOP COP!

DEVOTION ABOVE REPROACH

Special Agent
Lee W. Thao

*Criminal Investigation
Command
United States Army*

Special Agent **Lee W. Thao** is easily distinguished from his peers, by exceptional professionalism despite an unforgiving, operational momentum. He investigates felony crimes and is a soldier who garners nothing short of exemplary ratings. His status not only exceeds his unit peers, but also categorized by the U.S. Army as the #2 soldier of his rank across the CID command. His devotion as a soldier and law enforcement officer is never more strikingly evident, than witnessed within his thoroughly executed skillset.

Upon arrival to Hawaii, Agent Thao set the tone for a successful tenure by attaining recognition as the Distinguished Honor Graduate at the U.S. Army, Advanced Leader's Course. He is familiar with long hours and undaunted by an extensive casework or increased responsibility.

Agent Thao found his niche in the highly specialized world of digital forensics, achieving the Director's Award in April of 2021 for Digital Forensic Examiner of the Year. He responds to investigations from three investigative offices in Hawaii and Alaska, as well as the extended area of responsibility under the battalion's international footprint in Japan and South Korea.

Agent Thao is a highly valuable, battalion asset. His contributions assisted in the reduction of the battalion's evidence turnaround average, despite a 37% workload increase. The extensive work by Agent Thao has resulted in proficient and comprehensible findings reports, often lauded by investigative, legal, and supervisory elements, resulting in awards and praise for his technical acumen. His meticulous nature sparks new ideas and laboratory techniques, defining his role as a high value, force multiplier in the mission.

Agent Thao's pursuit of excellence is evident in his personal and professional life, with dedication to any field of study. He recently completed his master's degree while on deployment and then received a medal for his contribution to the mission. This level of resolve is rarely exhibited among others but finds purchase within Agent Thao's daily routine. Rarer still, is his unwavering initiative, which is evergreen. As an exceptional law enforcement officer with an unmatched strength of character, the candidacy of Agent Thao is proffered without hesitancy or reservation.

VISIONARY

Sergeant
Barry Tong

*Honolulu Police
Department,
Integrated Security
Technologies, Inc.*

Integrated Security Technologies, Inc., is proud to nominate Honolulu Police Department (HPD) Sergeant **Barry Tong** as a TOP COP for 2021. Sergeant Tong has more than 30 years of law enforcement experience and brings all that experience and his expertise to the table when planning the technological future of the HPD.

Sergeant Tong has taken on a significant role in moving the HPD forward regarding physical security systems. He has moved the department into the modern age and has implemented the latest products in access control, security cameras, and intrusion detection systems at all of the police stations in Honolulu. Sergeant Tong has not only provided for the safety of his fellow officers in those stations, but to the community in general, making certain arrested individuals remain secure while in custody.

Sergeant Tong's actions and commitment to the community reflects great credit upon himself, the HPD and the community. We honor you today, Sergeant Barry Tong, for your dedication to the security and safety of all those in our island home. Congratulations on your award!

STEPPING UP TO THE CALL

Security Site
Supervisor
Eliata Tuvalu

*Securitas Security
Services USA, Inc.*

Securitas Security Site Supervisor **Eliata Tuvalu** continually performs his duties and responsibilities at a high rate of proficiency. He is exceptional when it comes to managing the security and safety of residential properties.

Recently, due to unforeseen circumstances, the company experienced a vacancy in a leadership position. Supervisor Tuvalu was asked to fill the void. Without hesitation, he stepped up and took over the responsibility as a site supervisor for two properties and excelled.

Supervisor Tuvalu's eagerness to continue training new officers, resulted with increased proficiency on both properties. There were several crimes that occurred on the properties and in all the cases, the suspects were positively identified by the security team operating under Supervisor Tuvalu's guidance.

Often working seven days a week, Supervisor Tuvalu demonstrates his commitment to the safety of his tenants and fellow officers. He is an exceptional employee and a person who demonstrates the Aloha Spirit with everyone he encounters. By living up to the Securitas values of Integrity, Vigilance and Helpfulness, he earned this recognition. Congratulations on your TOP COP Award!

BRINGING NEW LIFE

Security Officer
Patricia Ugalde

Allied Universal

Security Officer **Patricia Ugalde** is assigned to the Hilo Medical Center. She is a team player who always considers the health and safety of the staff, patients, and visitors alike. Officer Ugalde operates above the call of duty and here is just one example.

Officer Ugalde was on-duty at the hospital desk when a pregnant female entered. She was looking for Labor and Delivery. While checking in, the female asked to use the restroom and entered the lobby restroom with her husband.

A short time later, the husband was heard calling for help. Without hesitation, Officer Ugalde entered the restroom and located the female prone on the floor, about to give birth.

Officer Ugalde went into emergency mode and radioed for assistance. She kept the female calm and then relied on her medical training to assist in the delivery. Officer Ugalde kept the expecting mom comfortable as an emergency medical team arrived on scene to take over the situation.

Security Officer Patricia Ugalde, you are being recognized for your dedication to duty, quick response, and calm in a stressful situation. Your actions speak highly of your sense of responsibility while performing your security function. You went above and beyond and we are grateful for your service. Congratulations!

AN EFFECTIVE LEADER AND INVESTIGATOR

Lieutenant **Vanemar Ulit**

Allied Universal

Lieutenant **Vanemar Ulit** demonstrates all the characteristics needed to be an effective leader and a security professional. He takes pride in teaching and training his subordinates daily.

Lieutenant Ulit is constantly seeking feedback on how he can improve himself and is mindful of every suggestion. He is a diligent investigator and conducts complete investigations. Lieutenant Ulit has been a key witness in several theft cases that resulted in the suspect being identified, arrested, and prosecuted. He leaves no stone unturned.

Lieutenant Vanemar Ulit, you are being commended for your dedication to duty, your patrol techniques, your thorough investigations, and report writing skills. What sets you apart from everyone else is your humility and perseverance. We honor you today with this award as you are certainly a 2021 TOP COP!

CONSISTENT EXCELLENCE

Special Agent
Daniel L. Walton

*Criminal Investigation
Division
United States Army*

For over a decade, Special Agent **Daniel Walton**'s contributions to Hawaii as a law enforcement and community volunteer are immeasurable. He is a consummate professional as a felony investigator with an unrivaled devotion to his local community.

Agent Walton's work ethic tendered several accolades throughout his 24 years of service. His impeccable record as a Special Agent gained him the prestigious Order of the Marechaunsee. Additionally, as the Senior Digital Forensic Examiner of the 19th Military Police Battalion, he leads the most highly awarded laboratory in the entire command, that has been honored year after year with highly prized achievement awards. Agent Walton fosters an environment conducive to excellence in his personnel, evident by his soldiers personally receiving awards and accolades.

Agent Walton's unique grasp of the delicate framework existing between knowledge and action allows him to leverage the ability of his personnel against obstacles within monumental cases. By encouraging the application of technical and tactical knowledge in place of exhausting schedules, he avoids investigative burnout within his ranks, and invests in a quality of life within the workforce.

Agent Walton's humanitarian service and dedication to others rings true in receiving the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal. Conferral of this honor was a capstone for years of volunteer work in service of Hawaii, culminating in thousands of hours and raised funds.

By sacrificing personal time, Agent Walton has supported and received subsequent praise from churches, food banks, charities, and police departments. His community support is a continued tradition with previous county recognitions, such as the Optimists Club bestowing their Respect for Law Award for his work as a voting member of the Case Review Committee and investigative resolve in domestic assault/abuse cases and crimes against children.

Agent Walton endorses a command structure of generosity and support and demonstrates a balance can exist between work and community. His leadership, expertise, and dedication to the community are the epitome of selfless service in both definition and practice. Congratulations on your award, Sir!

SAVING A DISTRAUGHT WOMAN

Security Site Lead
Dominique Williams

Allied Universal

Security Lead **Dominique Williams** is a trusted security partner regardless of her assignment. She can be counted on to always do the right-thing. This is just one example of her committed spirit of responsibility to others.

On Wednesday, June 30, 2021, while on active patrol at a client complex, Lead Williams located a lone female dangerously sitting on a ledge on the 7th floor. She gently approached the female and observed her crying and appearing distraught.

Lead Williams made a quick assessment of the situation and, without hesitation or regard for her own safety, grabbed the female and pulled her back away from the ledge. Police and medical personnel soon arrived on the scene and assessed the female. Because she appeared to be a danger to herself, she was taken into custody for a mental health evaluation.

Security Lead Dominique Williams is being commended for her dedication to duty, her patrol techniques, her keen observations, and her quick actions. She rescued another human being from making a tragic decision to end her life. Her empathetic approach is commendable and she is worthy of the TOP COP Award! Congratulations!

CARRYING ON THE LEGACY

Technician
Keeghan Wright

CAD Electrical

Integrated Security Technologies (IST) nominates **Keeghan Wright** as a 2021 TOP COP. IST has had a professional relationship with CAD Electrical and a special relationship with its owner, Troy Wright, Keeghan's father. He was always busy serving his customers which included various commercial businesses and the State of Hawaii. Troy was also a vital part of servicing the Federal Government on all military bases of Oahu. He was a talented master of his trade and could fix anything. Clients loved his unrelenting pursuit of perfection in everything he did. Sadly, Troy passed away suddenly while performing work for the US Navy and his son and Keeghan, was left to take over where his father left off.

Keeghan selflessly volunteered to finish the job his father started, as it was in support of those who protect our freedom. He did this knowing he would need to return to the scene of his father's death but pushed past this due to the critical nature of the work. More importantly, he felt a sense of responsibility to keep his father's company moving forward. Keeghan's actions reflect great credit upon himself, his family, and his father's legacy.

Keeghan Wright, you are being commended for your dedication to the security needs of our military bases and continuing the mission during a difficult time in your life. Your courage and unwavering sense of responsibility is remarkable. Our heartfelt condolences to you and your family on the passing of your father, Troy Wright.

EXEMPLARY LEADERSHIP

Deputy Prosecuting
Attorney
Chief of Screening and
Intake Division
Mark Yuen

*Department of the
Prosecuting Attorney
City & County of
Honolulu*

Deputy Prosecuting Attorney **Mark Yuen** is the Chief of the Screening and Intake Division and has been at the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney (PAT) for over twenty-four years. He is an expert in all criminal offenses under the Hawaii Penal Code and oversees the screening and charging of the vast majority of the approximately 2,000 felony offenses in the City and County of Honolulu each year.

A large part of Mark's leadership responsibilities entail maintaining good working relationships with the detectives at the HPD to ensure that cases are appropriately investigated and charged so that offenders can be brought to justice. The value of his contribution in this area extends far beyond the confines of the Screening and Intake Division; when a member of the PAT administration or a deputy prosecuting attorney from another division needs to know about the status of a police investigation or how HPD handles certain matters, Mark uses his superb relationships with the police to find the answer.

Most of our deputy prosecuting attorneys spend time in the Screening and Intake Division to learn how to appropriately screen and charge felony cases. Mark serves as a mentor to each of these deputies. They consistently report how much they enjoy their time in the Screening and Intake Division, thanks in no small part to Mark's patient and thoughtful mentorship.

Mark is a beloved supervisor and is well-known for his intelligence, hard work, positive attitude, humor, humility, and relaxed demeanor. He is a respected leader who is always cool under pressure and willing to make time to help others with problems. It is not unusual to find him working weekends to charge cases or gather information about major crimes that occur during non-work hours. Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Mark Yuen is our 2021 TOP COP! Congratulations!



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