

**2023**

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## TOP COP 2023 PROGRAM

**Friday, October 13, 2023**  
**12:00 pm**

Master of Ceremony	Mr. Robert Cravalho, PCI
Presentation of Colors	Marine Corps Base Hawaii
National Anthem & Hawaii State Song	Mr. Keane Ishii Lutheran Church of Honolulu
Invocation	Elder Timothy Rapoza Calvary Chapel Wahiawa
Lunch	Ala Moana Hotel
Welcome Remarks	Mr. Jeremiah Pahukula, Jr., CPP, PSP, PCI Coalition Chair
Scholarships	Mr. Robert Cravalho, PCI
TOP COP Award Ceremony	Ms. Marisa Yamane KITV 4 Island News
TOP COP Group Photograph	Mr. Slava Slavik 11 Clicks, LLC
Closing	Mr. Robert Cravalho, PCI

## COMMITMENT TO THE SAFETY AND SECURITY

Aloha!

Welcome to the 38th Annual TOP COP Award Ceremony. We are excited to be together in the same space and time to celebrate the dedication of our law enforcement and security professionals in the State of Hawaii. Your presence here today demonstrates your commitment to the safety and security of our island home and we are grateful for your support.



Coalition President  
**Jeremiah Pahukula, Jr.**,  
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First Hawaiian Bank

I extend my personal thanks to the board of directors for the Law Enforcement and Security Coalition of Hawaii for their part in making certain this event is a success, especially Ed Howard, our Program Chair. Working with these talented individuals who value the accomplishments of those who protect our communities has been my pleasure. I look forward to their continued support.

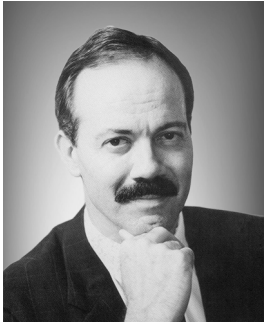
Finally, I want to thank our sponsors. Without their kindness, this event would not be achievable. Their names appear in this program and on our website at [www.topcophawaii.com](http://www.topcophawaii.com). Please support them when possible.

We hope you enjoy meeting your TOP COPs for 2023!  
Let the ceremony begin!

Jeremiah Pahukula, Jr.



## SCHOLARSHIPS



**Bob Flating, CPP**  
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### BOB FLATING SCHOLARSHIP

**Bob Flating** was always willing to help others. He carried his love of life everywhere, sharing it with co-workers, friends, and even strangers. It was fitting that a scholarship be created in his name.

A simple man from Cleveland, Ohio, Bob was transplanted to the islands and became the Security Director at Liberty House in 1981. Bob left Liberty House and worked with Safeguard Services, Star Protection, and Goodenow Associates. He received his Certified Protection Professional (CPP) designation from the American Society for Industrial Security (ASIS) in 2004 and was also certified in Threat Assessment and Management.

Bob will always be remembered for his kindness, his contribution to the security industry in Hawaii and for his passion for fitness and golf.



### ASIS INTERNATIONAL REGION 1D SCHOLARSHIP

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### TOP COP HAWAII SCHOLARSHIP

In addition to sponsoring the TOP COP Hawaii Award Ceremony, the Law Enforcement and Security Coalition of Hawaii manages endowments for a wide range of academic and professional development activities. One of these activities is supporting the scholarship program. Each year the coalition provides scholarships to deserving college students seeking a degree in criminal justice.

## AWARDS EMCEE - MARISA YAMANE



**Marisa Yamane** is a local girl who attended Iolani School and earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in communication studies from the University of California, Los Angeles. After graduating from college, she worked at ABC NewsOne, the affiliate news service for ABC News. Her career has come full circle, returning to the ABC News family as part of KITV4.

Marisa also worked at a television station in Wichita Falls, Texas before returning home to Hawaii in 2004 and has spent most of her career working as a news anchor and reporter in Hawaii.

Marisa joined KITV 4 Island News in January 2022 as a news anchor and executive producer. Prior to joining KITV, Marisa worked for the Hawaii Tourism Authority as director of communications. She has received numerous accolades for her journalism work including an Emmy Award, multiple Edward R. Murrow Awards and Associated Press Mark Twain Awards.

When she isn't working, Marisa enjoys trying new foods and restaurants and loves to travel. She has visited more than 50 countries and is always searching for her next adventure.

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# Top Cop Hawaii 2023

in alphabetical order

## THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE

Site Supervisor  
**Michael Chu**

*Securitas Security  
Services USA, Inc.*



Securitas Security Services wishes to honor Site Supervisor Michael Chu as a TOP COP for 2023. Mike's primary passion was in education where he served and retired as a school administrator mentoring and developing many young adults. He was also an active member of the Kailua Community, longtime youth sports referee and founding member of the Kailua Community Basketball League where he devoted many hours to improving the lives of youth.

Mike's never-ending desire to serve continued when he pursued an interest to work in the security industry and was hired by Securitas on January 18, 2013. He was assigned to the Windward City Shopping Center, the very community where he lived and worked for many years.

Mike's selfless service and dedication earned him a promotion to Site Supervisor. Through his institutional leadership, he cultivated the talents of his guard team by furthering their skills as security officers.

On December 6, 2022, at about 6:00 am, after arriving on his site, Mike waited in his vehicle to begin his shift. An unknown male approached and an argument ensued between the two men. The argument became heated and the male suspect stabbed Mike multiple times. He was transported to a nearby hospital where he later passed away from his injuries.

Mike is regarded as a pillar in the community, a role model, and an inspiration for many. He exemplifies a high level of commitment that can serve as a model for others to follow. Today, we not only recognize, but memorialize Mike as a true steward of service. He is undoubtedly a TOP COP and we thank him for his service. We pray his spirit will live on in the hearts and minds of those he touched.



*Michael Chu, right, coaching youth basketball.  
(Courtesy photo)*

## PURSUING TRUTH WITH EXCELLENCE

Private Investigator  
**Debra Allen**

*808 Private  
Investigations*

As a Private Investigator **Debra Allen** leaves no stone unturned in her pursuit of truth and justice and her dedication and compassion make her a standout in her field. She possesses the remarkable quality of being a true helper and healer.

In her private investigation practice, Ms. Allen has helped citizens, attorneys, and companies further investigate fraud, death investigations, cold cases, DNA investigations, and adoption reunions. She has reunited over 5,000 families, missing persons, and heirs since 198382 that were separated by adoption or unknown parent conception.

While post-adoption and missing persons cases are a small part of her daily investigations, they bring Ms. Allen the most satisfaction. Using DNA research, she has become one of the leading authorities using the latest technological advancements in genetic genealogy and has become a sought-after resource by the media to help clarify DNA and complex criminal questions on cases to the public.

Ms. Allen served honorably and retired as a California homicide detective and district attorney senior investigator. Her law enforcement career included investigations in narcotics, career criminal, crimes against children, and homicide. She also served on Arizona's private investigator's board for many years to uphold her chosen profession's integrity and public confidence.

Ms. Allen has volunteered for the Hawai'i Innocence Project as a case researcher, Mediation of the Pacific as a mediator, and most recently, has become a volunteer with the Institute of Human Services assisting in locating and reuniting homeless people with their mainland families. She fulfills the functions of a devoted wife, a caring mother to five children, a doting grandmother to seven grandchildren, and a loving dog mom. She is without question a TOP COP and we celebrate her today! Congratulations Debra!

## A TRUE LEADER

Captain  
**Galen "Kawika"  
Apo**

*Allied Universal  
Security Services*

**Galen "Kawika" Apo** is a phenomenal leader on the Outrigger Security Team. With the renewal of the Outrigger contract with Allied Universal Security Services, he stepped right into the position of captain, taking the lead over other supervisors.

Captain Apo created and implemented the Champions Program which improved the safety and security on all properties. This program consists of several different sections or topics within the security department that is assigned to a supervisor who is responsible for that one topic. This created a certain level of expertise that allows consistency in training the next person who may be assigned the same duties. This helps the team to operate at its highest standard. Captain Apo's efforts aided in involving all supervisor personnel to create a personal connection with clients and their respective properties.

Also, with the new implementation of the Emergency/Medical Drill Training that was provided by the client, Captain Apo has utilized his experience and his learning to consistently be active with the security professionals out in the field by conducting multiple drills to prepare them for a worst-case scenario.

This is just one example of the efficiency of the Outrigger Security Team: on Tuesday, February 28, 2023, at approximately 8:05 am, Captain Apo and his team responded to a sick cared for type case in a guest room. Upon arrival, the team observed a heavy set male prone on the bed. He was not breathing and had no pulse.

The security team immediately went into action and began CPR. Captain Apo left the scene to get an AED and returned. He began to set up the AED while the rest of the team continued with compressions. Captain Apo was taking turns with the team members in administering compressions until paramedics arrived. Excellent teamwork in a crucial situation.

Captain Galen Apo, you are being commended for your great leadership, ability to work together and your communication skills. You are a leader to follow and one that we are proud of. Congratulations on being selected as our 2023 TOP COP!



## COMMITTED SECURITY SERVICE

Security Officer  
**Martha Arboleda  
Garcia**

*One Waterfront Tower*

One Waterfront Tower is pleased to nominate Security Officer **Martha Arboleda Garcia** for the prestigious 2023 Top Cop Award!

In just seven months as an integral part of our team, Martha has exhibited exceptional dedication, unwavering commitment, and an extraordinary ability to perform under pressure. Her contributions have not only elevated the level of security within our community but have also set a standard of excellence that inspires all of us.

Martha's performance is nothing short of remarkable. Her keen attention to detail and quick thinking have proven invaluable in numerous high-pressure situations. Whether managing unexpected incidents or executing routine security protocols, Martha consistently demonstrates a remarkable ability to remain calm, collected, and highly effective. Her actions exemplify the very essence of what it means to be a professional in the security field.

Beyond her impressive technical skills, Martha brings a rare combination of compassion and assertiveness to her role. Residents and colleagues alike have expressed their gratitude for her approachable demeanor, genuine concern for their well-being, and her unwavering commitment to their safety. Martha is not only an outstanding security officer, but also a trusted member of our community.

Martha's contribution to the safety and security of One Waterfront Towers has been instrumental in creating an environment where all residents feel safe and protected. Her efforts go above and beyond the call of duty, and her work ethic is an inspiration to us all.

It is with the utmost confidence and pride that we wholeheartedly recommend Martha Arboleda Garcia for the 2023 TOP COP Award. Her outstanding performance and remarkable dedication are truly deserving of this esteemed recognition.

## SERVING THROUGHOUT PERSONAL TRAGEDY

Security Professionals  
**Lesmond Asuela and  
Fasi Vakalahi**

*Allied Universal  
Security Services*

Security Professionals **Lesmond Asuela** and **Fasi Vakalahi** were assigned to Kapalua Airport and were both on duty during the recent wildfire in Lahaina. To ensure the integrity of their post assignments, the pair took turns staffing the gates while the other officer went off to assist in evacuating their respective families. Once family members were safe, the officers returned to their post and maintained security during this unprecedented event.

Because roads were closed, both officers remained on post for three days and worked around the clock, never wavering from their assignment. Unfortunately, both officers lost their homes in the fire, but their families were safe.

Security Professionals Lesmond Asuela and Fasi Vakalahi, you are being commended for your dedication to duty, loyalty, and responsibility during this tragedy. You both represented Allied Universal Security Services and the State of Hawaii with pride and honor despite great personal losses. Thank you for your commitment and congratulations on being selected as TOP COPs for 2023!

## FACING AN ARMED SUSPECT

Security Officer  
**Tracie Balino**

*Securitas Security  
Services USA, Inc.*

Security Officer Supervisor **Tracie Balino** consistently demonstrates Securitas core values of Integrity, Vigilance, and Helpfulness. She remains attentive and alert to her surroundings, identifying potential threats and risks before they escalate and her vigilance helps prevent incidents from occurring and allows for a timely response when needed.

In emergency situations, Supervisor Balino reacts swiftly and decisively. She follows established protocols to manage crises effectively, potentially saving lives and minimizing damage.

On Friday, April 21, 2023, at approximately 1020 hours, Supervisor Balino noticed a male individual approaching a female customer in the property parking lot. She further observed the male suspect reach into the front part of his shorts and brandish a kitchen knife, approximately 7-9 inches long with a black handle.

Supervisor Balino immediately requested a police response and then observed the armed suspect wave the knife at the victim while making verbal threats. The altercation between the victim and suspect escalated and was about to turn violent. Finally, the police arrived on the scene and detained the suspect. Fortunately, no one was injured during the incident.

Supervisor Balino is recognized for her keen observations and quick action. She displayed bravery and remained calm under pressure, ensuring those around her were safe and secure. Congratulations Tracie on receiving the TOP COP Award for 2023!

## ENGAGED LEADERSHIP

Security Supervisor  
**Berry Barnabas**

*One Waterfront  
Towers*

In the realm of security, there are individuals who transcend their roles, embodying dedication, expertise, and unwavering commitment. **Berry Barnabas**, the Security Supervisor at One Waterfront Towers, is one such exemplar. With unyielding resolve, he has not only upheld the sanctity of his post but has also elevated it to an art form. This nomination seeks to illuminate the extraordinary contributions of Berry Barnabas and advocate for his well-deserved recognition as the recipient of the 2023 TOP COP Award.

Supervisor Barnabas is the cornerstone of the security team at One Waterfront Towers. Under his stewardship, the team has transformed into a well-oiled machine, functioning with precision and finesse. His ability to lead by example has fostered a culture of professionalism and excellence, motivating his subordinates to emulate his unwavering dedication.

Beyond his duties as a security professional, Supervisor Barnabas is a beacon of support and guidance for the residents of One Waterfront Towers. He actively seeks to engage with the community, fostering an atmosphere of trust and camaraderie. His open-door policy and willingness to listen to concerns demonstrate his genuine care for the well-being of those he protects.

In times of crisis, Supervisor Barnabas has consistently proven himself to be a steady hand at the helm. His calm demeanor and decisive actions have diffused potentially volatile situations, ensuring the safety of all involved. Whether facing natural disasters or unexpected emergencies, his presence instills confidence in those around him.

Supervisor Barnabas is not content with the status quo. He is a fervent advocate for personal and professional growth, constantly seeking to expand his knowledge and skill set. Through attending seminars, workshops, and staying abreast of industry trends, he ensures that he remains at the forefront of security expertise.

It is with great enthusiasm and unwavering conviction that we nominate Berry Barnabas for the 2023 TOP COP Award. His contributions have not only redefined the role of a Security Supervisor but have elevated it to an art form, leaving an indelible mark on the industry. In honoring Berry, we honor the very essence of what it means to be a guardian of safety and security.

## FOREVER SEEKING JUSTICE

Deputy Prosecuting  
Attorney  
**Scott Bell**

*Department Of The  
Prosecuting Attorney  
City & County Of  
Honolulu*

Deputy Prosecuting Attorney (DPA) **Scott Bell** is being recognized for his outstanding efforts in convicting defendants Stephen Brown and Hailey Dandurand in two separate jury trials for the gruesome murder of Telma Boinville, a teacher, wife, and mother, while she was innocently cleaning a North Shore vacation rental in 2017.

In separate jury trials, both defendants took the stand and testified the other was responsible for what was described by defendant Brown's forensic psychiatrist expert witness as a "sadistic, almost psychotic rage" attack based on the injuries described in the autopsy report. The forensic psychiatrist further testified that defendant Brown "did not fit the profile of the killer in this case." However, the jury disagreed and convicted him of murder, kidnapping and burglary. DPA Bell also convinced the jury beyond a reasonable doubt an extended term of life in prison was necessary for the protection of the public.

In the subsequent jury trial of defendant Hailey Dandurand, she blamed Brown for Boinville's murder and the kidnapping of Ms. Boinville's then eight-year-old daughter. The jury rejected the defense argument and convicted defendant Dandurand of murder, kidnapping, unauthorized entry into a motor vehicle, and unauthorized possession of personal confidential information.

Scott Bell is the Division Chief of the Special Division of the Honolulu Prosecuting Attorney's Office, where he supervises the most senior deputy prosecuting attorneys while maintaining a heavy caseload of high-profile and complex murder cases. With over two and a half decades of public service, Scott Bell continues to be the "gold standard" of what it truly means to be a prosecutor and public servant. Thank you, Scott, for your unwavering effort to seek justice and for being selected as our TOP COP for 2023!

## UNPRECEDENTED LEADERSHIP

Director of Safety and  
Security  
**Mark Boettger**

*Marriott Maui Ocean  
Club*

Mass tragedy unfolded during the Lahaina wildfires that was witnessed by **Mark Boettger**, the Director of Safety and Security at the Marriott Maui Ocean Club.

On August 8, 2023, while driving to work, Director Boettger observed firefighters battling a blaze consuming the dry brush near Lahaina. He was concerned the wind would drive the fire toward the small town.

Director Boettger's commitment to service would not allow him to leave his property where he monitored the fire for 45 hours. Because the fire cut off communications, he used his satellite phone to keep in contact and provide information to government officials and private leaders, keeping them updated so crucial decisions could be made.

Director Boettger used portable radios to communicate to staff on property and assisted in disseminating radios to neighboring properties to keep everyone in contact. He also visited security teams at nearby resorts to share information.

Director Boettger managed to contact the National Guard to help distraught and misplaced guests affected by the fire and reached out to social workers to help those emotionally traumatized by the tragedy. He maintained contact with the westside medical staff and shared this resource to all who needed help and support during and after the crisis along with helping fill prescriptions for individuals needing their medication.

Director Boettger, without a doubt, exceeds the criteria of a TOP COP and is a testament of a true leader. Mark thought of everyone else during this tragedy and is worthy of this recognition. Thank you Mark for your commitment to others during this horrific event.

## EXEMPLARY CONTIRBUTIONS

Safety & Security  
Supervisor  
**Jose Castellanos**

*Hilton Hawaiian  
Village*

In any organization, the quest for excellence is an ongoing journey, driven by individuals who go beyond their roles. Safety & Security Supervisor **Jose Castellanos** is one such individual who has not only met but surpassed expectations in his role during the past year.

Supervisor Castellanos' commitment to his work is nothing short of outstanding. One of the most remarkable aspects of his performance is his unwavering availability to work different shifts. This flexibility has ensured that our security team remains responsive and adaptable to evolving security challenges. He has consistently demonstrated his commitment to maintaining the safety and security of the hotel property.

Another commendable aspect of Supervisor Castellanos' work is his meticulous review of hours of surveillance footage. This task, often tedious and time-consuming, is crucial in identifying suspects for law enforcement agencies. His dedication to this process has resulted in the successful resolution of numerous security incidents and his ability to spot relevant details within vast amounts of footage is a testament to his attention to detail and dedication to the job.

In addition to his role in surveillance, Supervisor Castellanos has displayed remarkable courage and composure when confronting dangerous individuals and his ability to de-escalate conflict and manage suspects who pose a threat to officers is commendable. He is calm and composed under pressure and is an asset to our security team.

In conclusion, Safety & Security Supervisor Jose Castellanos's contributions over the past year have been nothing short of exceptional. His unwavering commitment to his duties, meticulous review of surveillance footage, and courage in confronting dangerous individuals, have made him an indispensable member of our security team. His dedication to the safety and security of the Hilton Hawaiian Village is truly outstanding, and we are privileged to have him on our team.

In recognition of his outstanding contributions, we express our sincere gratitude to Safety & Security Supervisor Jose Castellanos and look forward to his continued dedication to our organizational security and safety in the years to come.

## TEAM WORK TO SAVE A LIFE

Security Officers  
**Michael Chun**  
**Joshua "Kama"  
Hopkins**

*Kyo-Ya Hotels*

On July 7, 2023, at about 2:15 pm, Security Officers **Michael Chun** and **Joshua "Kama" Hopkins** were dispatched to the Kaiulani Avenue driveway into the Sheraton Princess Kaiulani parking lot on a reported motor vehicle collision.

Upon arrival they observed a vehicle had come to rest at the makai side of the driveway, against the bushes, next to the building. They further observed an elderly male seated in the driver seat. He appeared to be unconscious. Further, the vehicle was locked and all windows were in the up position.

After repeated attempts to wake the driver and to open the vehicle, Officer Chun used a bolt cutter to break the passenger side window and gain entry. The driver was removed from the vehicle and positioned on the sidewalk.

Officer Hopkins checked the male's medical condition. There was no pulse or breathing. He immediately began CPR while Officer Chun, armed with an AED, placed the defibrillator pads on the victim. The AED was engaged and both officers continued their life saving efforts.

Soon, Honolulu firefighters arrived on the scene and relieved Officers Chun and Hopkins. An ambulance also arrived on the scene and transported the victim to an area hospital in serious condition. He was later upgraded to stable condition.

Due to their speedy response, quick thinking, and effective lifesaving actions, both Officers Chun and Hopkins were able to revive, stabilize and save the victim's life. They displayed "calm under fire" and outstanding performance through their professionalism and dedication to duty as a first responder. They proved to be a great asset to our security team and the hotel and are well deserving of recognition for their accomplishment. Well done!

## CONSISTENT POSITIVE MINDSET

Senior Flex Officer  
**Kevin Cortez**

*Securitas Security  
Services USA, Inc.*

Securitas Security Services has nominated Senior Flex Officer **Kevin Cortez** for the 2023 TOP COP Award in providing exceptional service in all his assignments. He exemplifies extraordinary commitment within the security industry and is an asset to the Securitas Team. Clients praise Officer Cortez for his professionalism and his attention to detail when protecting their property and assets.

Officer Cortez is a team player who is always willing to help. He's serviced and secured up to approximately 22 different sites in the last 3 years and is instrumental in training others in securing all locations. So well indeed, that he was just recently promoted as one of the new Field Supervisors for the department.

Officer Cortez approaches every day at work with the right mindset and consistently shows up ready to work. Securitas recognizes him for his integrity and commitment. Officer Cortez is a perfect example of the three core values that represent our company: Integrity, Vigilance and Helpfulness. Congratulations Kevin on this well-deserved award and your new promotion to Field Supervisor. Keep up the good work!

## COMMITTED AND RESPECTED

Security Shift Lead  
**Luana Cullen**

*First Hawaiian Bank*

Security Shift Lead **Luana Cullen** has been with the First Hawaiian Bank since January 2020 and has over 20 years of various dedicated security guard experience. She has steadily maintained her excellent service to the bank customers, espousing the organization's core values of Caring, Character and Collaboration.

In a large and busy urban environment, the personal customer service touch can be lost, especially when conducting daily physical security checks. To get ahead of this problem, Lead Cullen has developed many relationships with visitors, customers, and friends who visit the First Hawaiian Center. This is why she is sought out by employees, customers and tenants for advice, personal safety tips or just a conversation. She eventually has evolved into the "mayor" of the First Hawaiian Banking Center, spreading aloha wherever possible.

Just in the last year, Lead Cullen had over 8,000 customer contacts, managed almost 200 trespass events, and discovered over 1,000 unsecured doors. She is the First Hawaiian Center Security Designated Shift Leader/Post Commander for the Evening Shift and her duties include leading her shift in the physical security aspect of her duties, visitor management and guiding, leading, directing, and mentoring her security guards. Lead Cullen has maintained good order and discipline, always kept her moral compass in the right direction and leads with integrity, trust and doing the right things, for the right reasons, at the right time. This is why she is highly respected.

We are proud of Shift Leader Luana Cullen and her continued security work efforts after years of dedicated and humble service. We respectfully request she be considered for the nomination as a TOP COP 2023.



## ALWAYS IN SERVICE TO OTHERS

Sergeant  
**Freddie Degala**

*Honolulu Police  
Department  
Hawaiian Island  
Investigations, LLC*

With the permission of Honolulu Police Chief Arthur “Joe” Logan, Hawaiian Island Investigations is proud to nominate Honolulu Police Sergeant **Freddie Degala** as a 2023 TOP COP. On January 5, 2023, he saved a woman’s life.

On that date, Sgt. Degala was off-duty and running personal errands in Kailua town when he observed a commotion inside the lobby of a bank. He entered and observed an unconscious female laying on the floor surrounded by a crowd of people.

Sgt. Degala’s training and experience immediately took over as he assessed the victim’s condition and began CPR. He also radioed for an ambulance to respond to the scene. The woman was taken to an area hospital and later released.

KITV 4 Reporter Marisa Yamane initially aired this story after interviewing Sgt. Degala. She quoted him saying, “It was a blessing that I was there and I was able to get the ambulance to come almost immediately. But it made me feel good that you know, that’s why I got into this job -- I wanted to help people, just to get the lady at least getting her heartbeat going.”

Sgt. Degala went on to say, “And it made me feel good. And I mean, I just went about my day after that. But you know, it’s just part of my job. I’ve been doing this for so long that I enjoy, I enjoy helping people.” Sgt. Degala pointed out there was also another woman who was trying to help as well, and he also credits her for helping to save the victim.

The victim’s daughter later thanked Sgt. Degala on a Facebook post saying, “I want to send out a thank you to the off-duty police officer that performed CPR on my mother this morning at the credit union. You saved her life!” The post had more than 1,600 “Likes” and nearly 100 positive comments.

Sgt. Freddie Degala, you are being recognized for your dedication to duty and willingness to aid another during your off-duty time. Your selfless act and immediate intervention helped to save a life and you are deserving of the title TOP COP. Congratulations!

## ASSAULTED WHILE SERVING

Security Officer  
Supervisor  
**Angelita Gabayan**

*Securitas Security  
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Security Officer Supervisor **Angelita Gabayan** consistently demonstrates Securitas core values of Integrity, Vigilance, and Helpfulness. She remains attentive and alert to her surroundings, identifying potential threats and risks before they escalate. Angie’s vigilance helps prevent incidents from occurring and allows for timely response when needed. In emergency situations, Angie reacts swiftly and decisively. She follows established protocols to manage crises effectively, potentially saving lives and minimizing damage.

In a recent incident, Angie observed an individual entering the building without permission. She confronted the person and refused to give the individual access to the property without resident verification. The individual was extremely angry and, without warning, physically attacked her.

Angie remained calm and did not strike back. She was able to free herself from the attacker and call the police. The individual was arrested without further incident and a trespass warning was issued.

In this situation, Angie could have used self-defense techniques to protect herself while waiting for backup to arrive. However, her primary goal was to disengage and retreat rather than escalating the situation. She is willing to put herself in harm’s way to protect the community and displayed courage and bravery in the face of danger.

Security Officer Supervisor Angelita Gabayan, you are being commended for your dedication to duty and your de-escalation techniques that brought a violent episode to a peaceful conclusion. Congratulations on being selected as a 2023 TOP COP!

## DECADES OF DEDICATED SERVICE

Security Officer  
**Mario Galdoness**

*One Waterfront Tower*

One Waterfront Tower is pleased to introduce Security Officer **Mario Galdoness** as a 2023 TOP COP who has served this community faithfully for over 30 years as a dedicated and exceptional security officer. He exemplifies the very essence of commitment, dedication, and unwavering service in the field of security and has been a steadfast pillar of strength for our community, ensuring the safety and well-being of all residents and owners.

Officer Galdoness' dedication transcends the boundaries of duty. He has consistently exhibited exceptional professionalism, reliability, and an extraordinary ability to adapt to ever-evolving security challenges and his consistent presence, vigilance, and impeccable work ethic have set the highest standards for security.

Over the years, Officer Galdoness has not only ensured our safety but has also become an integral part of our close-knit community. His genuine concern for the well-being of residents and his willingness to go above and beyond his role have made him a trusted and respected figure among us.

Officer Galdoness has been, and continues to be, a true exemplar of what it means to serve and protect. As we celebrate him today, we are reminded of the countless lives he has touched and the immeasurable impact he has made on our community. It is with the utmost gratitude and profound respect that we nominate Security Officer Mario Galdoness for the 2023 TOP COP Award.

## TRUE VIGOR AND ENTHUSIASM

Site Supervisor  
**Robert Gordon**

*Securitas Security  
Services USA, Inc.*

Site Supervisor **Robert Gordon** has taken on the task of running a new start up for Securitas at the Aston Waikiki Beach Towers with vigor and enthusiasm. His ability to connect with his guards and place them in a position to succeed has been impressive to say the least and recognized by the property,

Recently, a guest from California took the time to single out Supervisor Gordon with a letter of appreciation and admired his exceptional service. His attention to detail and friendly smile has impacted the site and demonstrated the Aloha Spirit.

Beyond this, when it comes to routine or complicated incidents, Supervisor Gordon will swiftly and strategically take it on to ensure proper procedures have been met but more importantly, they are resolved in a civil manner. He has been a tremendous asset to his team as he always lends an empathetic and understanding ear before offering any resolutions. We are truly fortunate to have such an amazing Site Supervisor in Robert Gordon and he is deserving of the 2023 TOP COP! Congratulations Robert!

## SAVING LIVES THROUGH EDUCATION

Public Health Analyst  
**Aashish Hemrajani**  
Drug Intelligence  
Officer  
**Richard “Rico” Witt**

Hawaii HIDTA

Public Health Analyst **Aashish Hemrajani** and Drug Intelligence Officer **Richard “Rico” Witt** make up the Overdose Response Strategy (ORS) a public health – public safety partnership between the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) and the Foundation of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC Foundation).

The ORS team provides support to partners by delivering training and Naloxone to public safety partners and other interested organizations. The ORS team’s Overdose Education and Naloxone Distribution (OEND) training includes information on identifying potential opioid overdoses, fentanyl safety, administering Naloxone, and connecting the overdose survivor to follow up care through EMS and First Responders. Additionally, these training courses often include data on drug trends and education on the psychological and environmental causes of substance abuse.

The ORS Team also provide Fentanyl Awareness/Safety, Drug Recognition and Naloxone (Narcan) Deployment training to the FBI, DEA, HSI, U.S. Military, NCIS, State and Federal Probation, municipal liquor control agencies, Honolulu Police Department, Maui Police Department, Kauai Police Department, municipal fire departments, EMS, State Attorney General Investigators, Honolulu Prosecutor Investigators, hotel and industry security personnel, and Hawaii public and private high schools. To date, Mr. Witt and Mr. Hemrajani issued over 2,600 Naloxone kits, and trained over 700 students in Narcan application and opioid abuse awareness.

Public Health Analyst Aashish Hemrajani and Drug Intelligence Officer Richard “Rico” Witt, you are being recognized for saving lives through your efforts to disseminate information and tools others can use to prevent death through drug overdose. Your commitment to the ORS is exemplary and we recognize you today as 2023 TOP COPs!

## STEADFAST DURING A DIFFICULT TIME

Assistant Security  
Manager  
**Roy Hirayama**

*Allied Universal  
Security Services*

Assistant Security Manager **Roy Hirayama** was in command of the Maui Airports on August 8, 2023, the day of the Lahaina wildfires. He was aware the situation unfolding at the airport would be complicated and challenging as many people were fleeing the island and soon the airport would be overrun with anxious travelers.

Assistant Manager Hirayama immediately took command of the situation and organized his personnel to handle the large influx of people. That night, the crowds grew to approximately 2000 and their basic needs would have to be met for an unknown extended period.

Assistant Manager Hirayama made certain the visitors were safe, secure, and orderly. During the entire week, there were no issues reported. He also kept his supervisors updated on the on-going situation and worked endless hours without rest.

Assistant Security Manager Roy Hirayama, you are being commended for your dedication to duty, your leadership, and your professionalism under pressure. You managed a substantial event with emotionally charged individuals that could have turned volatile at any moment. We recognize your extraordinary efforts and congratulate you on being selected as a 2023 TOP COP!

## LIFE SAVING EFFORT

Healthcare Security  
Officer  
**Mathew Holmberg**

*Queens Medical  
Center - Punchbowl*

On January 23, 2023, at about 6:30 am, Queen's Medical Center Healthcare Security Officer **Matthew Holmberg** was on active patrol when he encountered an unconscious male lying on the ground. Officer Holmberg immediately responded to the situation by assessing the male victim's vital signs and determined he was unresponsive.

Officer Holmberg made an immediate call to his dispatch and was patched through to EMS. After describing the situation to the first responders, he was instructed to lift the victim and place him on his side. After complying with the directions, the victim was able to breathe on his own. Shortly thereafter, paramedics arrived on the scene and took over caring for the victim who was later transported to an area hospital in stable condition.

Officer Holmberg, you are being commended for your patrol techniques, your quick response to a medical emergency, and your calm under extreme circumstances. Your quick intervention and subsequent actions were vital in getting the rapid medical attention the victim needed. Congratulations on being selected as a 2023 TOP COP!

## A DEDICATED INVESTIGATOR

Detective  
**Darin S. Irimata**

*Kauai Police  
Department*

Detective **Darin Irimata** of the Kauai Police Department (KPD) has demonstrated exceptional dedication, exemplary investigative skills, and outstanding service to the community. As a task force officer involved in multiple successful Keiki Shield Operations conducted statewide, he has truly exemplified his commitment to safeguarding Hawaii's youth and upholding the highest standards of law enforcement.

Detective Irimata's dedication to his role as an Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force member has been commendable, as reflected in his significant accomplishments. In the past two years, he has led almost 28 ICAC related cases, managed 29 National Center for Missing and Exploited Children investigations, generated an impressive 50 comprehensive search warrants, engaged in three off-island ICAC investigations and supported three U.S. Department of Homeland Security investigations.

Detective Irimata also investigated a case that involved an adult male suspect who escalated his criminal activity involving juveniles. His swift and thorough investigative efforts led to the suspect's arrest and indictment for Sexual Assault in the First Degree, with no bail.

Detective Irimata's skills extend beyond investigations. He actively contributes to the advancement of the field and continuously seeks innovative solutions, recommending the adoption of new investigative programs and equipment to keep up with the evolving landscape of technology and social media. Detective Irimata's dedication to professional development and his willingness to assist fellow investigators highlight his commitment to the advancement of law enforcement practices.

Furthermore, Detective Irimata's involvement in the Special Response Team and his unwavering adherence to the highest standards set by the KPD underscores his dedication to the profession. His collaborations with agency partners and active participation in the ICAC Task Force exemplifies his commitment to a safer community.

Detective Irimata's extraordinary efforts, unwavering commitment to protecting our keiki, and exemplary investigative skills make him most deserving of the 2023 TOP COP Award. Congratulations Darin!

## CALM AND CARING

Security Officer  
**Myron Joel**

*Securitas Security  
Services USA, Inc.*

Security Officer **Myron Joel** is dependable and capable, never wavering from service to others. He is assigned to the Kaka'ako Commerce Center, an industrial center located in urban Honolulu.

This past July, Officer Joel was on active patrol when he encountered a male wandering around the rooftop of the complex. He immediately identified him as a mental health patient from a nearby facility. The male victim was distraught as he was unable to book a much-needed appointment with his mental health care team.

Understanding the delicate situation, Officer Joel used an empathetic approach to calm the suspect who was now moving closer to the edge of the rooftop. He was able to request a police response while engaging the distraught male.

Without warning, the male told Officer Joel he was going to jump off the building. Remaining poised, he continued to verbally engage the male, keeping his mind occupied. The police soon arrived on the scene and took over the investigation. They later managed to take the male into protective custody to get him the assistance needed.

Thanks to Officer Joel's compassionate and vigilant response, he was able to prevent the patient from harming himself. Thank you, Joel, for a job well done! You are a 2023 TOP COP!

## LIFE SAVING EFFORT

Security Site  
Supervisor  
**Kahikilani  
Kahawai`i**

*Securitas Security  
Services USA, Inc*

**Kahikilani Kahawai`i** is a longtime Security Site Supervisor for Securitas and has been assigned to various sites including the Kailua Shopping Center, Kailua Town Center, and the Kailua Shopping Center. She has a unique understanding of each property and manages their individual security needs with dedication and professionalism. This August, Supervisor Kahawai`i responded to a life-or-death situation.

While on active patrol, Supervisor Kahawai`i was dispatched to the Lau Hala Shops on a sick-cared-for type case: there was an unconscious female laying prone with her fists clenched.

Upon arrival, Supervisor Kahawai`i called 911 and immediately started performing CPR on the unconscious victim. EMS soon arrived and took over her life saving efforts. As a result of her immediate actions, the individual was able to survive this event.

Not only was Supervisor Kahawai`i able to employ her training and respond quickly to a true emergency, but she also continued with her workday, and maintained her professionalism, setting a good example to her team.

Security Site Supervisor Kahikilani Kahawai`i is being recognized for her patrol techniques, quick response, and calm in a challenging situation. Her timely actions saved a life making her a 2023 TOP COP. Congratulations!



## WITHOUT HESITATION

Security Professional  
**Steven Kitsu**

*Allied Universal  
Security Services*

Security Professional **Steven Kitsu** is a dedicated employee who is committed to providing exceptional service. He is currently assigned to the Daniel K. Inouye International Airport and ensures the security and safety of our island visitors.

Recently, Security Professional Kitsu responded to a report of an unconscious airport employee in the overseas terminal lobby. Upon his arrival, he determined the male victim was unresponsive. Without hesitation, he armed himself with an AED and followed the unit's instructions. When the victim failed to respond, Security Professional Kitsu administered CPR until the arrival of medical personnel.

Security Professional Steven Kitsu is being commended for his dedication to duty, his quick response, and his decision making to revive an unconscious victim. His efforts were truly lifesaving, and we celebrate him today! Great job, Steve!

## TRUE LEADERSHIP

District Manager  
**Nani Koa**

*Securitas Security  
Solutions USA, Inc.  
Donna Miller Security  
Consultants*

Donna Miller Security Consultants is pleased to nominate Securitas District Manager **Nani Koa** as a TOP COP for 2023. She serves as the Maui Island District Manager for Securitas Security Services USA, Inc., and worked tirelessly through the Maui Fires.

Manager Koa endured long hours with panicked customers and limited to almost nonexistent resources. She gathered as much information as possible and effectively disseminated that intel to those working on the ground.

All Securitas employees were affected by the wildfires, and some lost their homes. Manager Koa assisted in activating the "Securitas Foundation" and raised nearly \$100,000 for employees. Nani's efforts brought some relief to those suffering from this tragedy.

Manager Koa is a true leader in her community, believing leadership is not about being the best but making everyone else better. She continues to work with integrity, vigilance, and helpfulness to keep Maui communities safe with security services and truly exemplifies what it means to be a TOP COP. Mahalo for your service, Nani, and congratulations on your well-deserved award!

## INCREDIBLE LEADERSHIP

Operations Manager  
**Solomon Koehler**

*Securitas Security  
Services USA, Inc.*

Securitas nominates Operations Manager **Solomon Koehler** for the TOP COP Hawaii 2023 Award because he has been a tremendous leader to our security officers, partners, and to the security industry itself. With his all-star background in football at St. Louis School and at the University of Arizona, he has been a tremendous teammate to all and has taken on a positive approach on all his assignments.

From March 8 thru 16, 2023, Securitas was tasked, on short notice, to run security for a convention at the Hilton Hawaiian Village. This was a monumental task that exceeded 700 staffing hours. Watching Manager Koehler assess the plan and identify needs, demonstrated his efficiency in planning and operation. Many security officers supported him and stepped up to take on this additional duty. His calm demeanor, even during this hectic time, gave these officers the confidence to get the job done. To say the least, we scored a touchdown, and we were still able to provide full service to our regular clients.

Outside of this successful event, on many occasions, after fulfilling a challenging day, Manager Koehler will not hesitate to cover a post to ensure our clients and their property have the needed security service they demand. With nine years of experience in the security industry, he is confident in offering his expertise to our guards while remaining humble enough to always listen to them. We cannot express how vital Solomon is to our company and our industry. He is truly deserving of this prestigious award, and we wish we could have more employees like Solomon on our team!

## COURAGE IN THE FACE OF DANGER

Security Professional  
**Sayda Lazo-Navarro**

*Allied Universal  
Security Services*

There are many tales of heroism during the wildland fires that devastated the Lahaina community on the island of Maui. Once such account involves Security Professional **Sayda Lazo-Navarro** whose courage in the face of danger is nothing short of remarkable.

On August 8, 2023, during the wildland fires, Security Professional Lazo-Navarro was assigned to the Outlets of Maui, a shopping complex located on Front Street. She remained at her post to ensure the safety of others and was eventually trapped on all sides by the fire.

Despite this dangerous situation, Security Professional Lazo-Navarro remained vigilant until she was finally rescued by first responders. She was quoted, saying, "I decided to die at my site that I've cared for with love the last three years." This kind of dedication is remarkable and demonstrates her commitment to her profession and the safety of others.

Security Professional Sayda Lazo-Navarro, you are being commended for your unwavering dedication to duty, disregarding your own safety, and your loyalty to your property. You are one in a million and most deserving of the title TOP COP 2023! Thank you for your service and congratulations!

## AN ACT OF COURAGE

Loss Prevention  
Officers  
**Palmer Lee**  
**Rosalena Nakata**  
**Peter Schuster**

*The Ritz-Carlton  
Waikiki  
Beach Residences*

On Tuesday, June 20, 2023, at about 4:20 am, the overnight security team at The Ritz Carlton Waikiki Beach Residences were on routine duty assignments when a male was observed via the security surveillance system running onto the property from Kuhio Avenue and up the ramp into the parking garage. The male trespasser was observed purposely running into the cement wall, crashing to the floor. Apparently unphased, the male suspect got to his feet and continued running up the ramp, falling when he reached the top. Again, the suspect got to his feet and staggered away further into the parking area.

Loss Prevention Officers (LPO) **Palmer Lee, Rosalena Nakata** and **Peter Schuster** responded to the parking area to confront the suspect and observed him climbing over a fence and into a planter box that was approximately twenty-five feet off the ground. The suspect was possibly under the influence of an intoxicant and might be trying to hurt himself by jumping off the planter box.

The three officers quickly ran to the planter box to physically confront the suspect. LPO Lee arrived first and jumped the fence onto the planter box to take control of the suspect. LPO Nakata and Schuster soon arrived and assisted in making certain the suspect did not jump from the planter box or harm himself further. After a brief struggle, the suspect was brought under control and back to safety. The police were summoned to the scene and took the suspect into custody.

Loss Prevention Officers Lee, Nakata, and Schuster, you are being recognized for your timely response, teamwork, and dedication duty. With total disregard for your own safety, you placed yourselves in a dangerous situation for the protection of another. Your selflessness in this daring situation is commendable and you are worthy of the title 2023 TOP COP. Congratulations!

## COMMITTED LAW ENFORCEMENT PROFESSIONAL

Special Agent  
**Genevieve Leong**

*Alcohol, Tobacco, and  
Firearms*

Special Agent **Genevieve Leong** is being recognized for her role in promoting the success of the Project Safe Neighborhoods initiative on Kauai County and Maui County; her role in significant, successful investigations of serious criminal conduct, including firearms, drug trafficking, and arson-related offenses; and her proactive involvement in assisting the important work of the Honolulu Fire Department.

Special Agent Leong serves as Project Safe Neighborhoods Coordinator for Kauai County and Maui County, and her extraordinary efforts have helped to ensure the success of this important initiative. In both counties, she has coordinated with local police departments, county and federal prosecutors, and other law enforcement agencies to identify the most pressing violent crime problems in these counties. Through her collaborative efforts, Special Agent Leong has ensured that appropriate cases are identified for federal prosecution. Her efforts have resulted in numerous successful federal prosecutions of top offenders.

Special Agent Leong also played a leading role in long term investigations and was the lead federal agent in the first ATF led Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force investigation in the District of Hawaii which involved a sitting member of the Kauai County Council. The investigation also resulted in federal charges against eleven of the council member's co-conspirators. Facing overwhelming evidence, all defendants pled guilty.

Special Agent Leong has been proactive in assisting with the important work of the Honolulu Fire Department (HFD), Fire Investigations Section, including during the tragic ambulance fire investigation which occurred in August of 2022. She has been ATF's point of contact for HFD since 2016, providing guidance and ensuring collaboration and sharing of resources between ATF and HFD and is currently a Certified Fire Investigator Candidate.

Special Agent Leong is highly impactful in every investigation and responsibility and is therefore more than worthy of this award: TOP COP Hawaii 2023!

## A SUPERIOR LEADER

Captain  
**Steven Mitre**

*Provost Marshall's  
Office, Marine Corps  
Base Hawai'i*

The Provost Marshal's Office (PMO), Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH) is honored to nominate Captain **Steven Mitre** as a TOP COP for 2023. Over the past year, he has served dual billets, both equally demanding, challenging, and time consuming, through his service as the Deputy Provost Marshal and PMO Operations Officer.

Two critical billets required immediate fulfillment and, without hesitation, Captain Mitre selflessly volunteered to step up and assume both duties, hence taking on the many challenges each position posed. In doing so, he has expertly led a blended police force of over 300 personnel comprised of both active-duty Marines, civilian police officers, and a plethora of police services support staff, all without skipping a beat. This past year, PMO experienced one of the busiest periods post-pandemic through the significant interest and attention directed towards the Indo-Pacific region. With such, MCBH saw a significant increase of visits from congressional delegations, top-ranking foreign military officials, service-level general officers, and current and past presidential leaders, to name a few. All requiring the timely and expertly coordinated planning of law enforcement and security requirements and needs. This was all accomplished under Captain Mitre's guidance, with all visits successfully accomplished without disruption.

Additionally, as a selfless leader, Captain Mitre also volunteered a significant amount of his personal time to volunteer as the Combined Federal Campaign manager for MCBH, as well as a volunteer supporting the Special Olympics Hawaii initiatives to include the Troy Barboza Law Enforcement Torch Run, Badges and Buckets drive, and the Summer and Winter Games. He epitomizes selfless leadership both as a Military Police Officer and as a Marine.

Thank you, Captain Mitre, for your service as a role model for all of us in what a leader should look like, act, and be and for your outstanding leadership, tireless dedication, and commitment to each team member of the PMO. We are honored to have you as "one of our own" and as a TOP COP!

## ENDLESS ENERGY AND FOCUS

Task Force Officer  
**Chandler Nacino**

*Homeland Security  
Investigations  
United States  
Immigration  
And Customs  
Enforcement  
Department Of  
Homeland Security*

Since joining the ranks of Homeland Security Investigations in September 2022 as a Task Force Officer (TFO), **Chandler Nacino** has aggressively attacked the fentanyl surge head-on that has plagued Hawaii Island, and in doing so, has quickly earned the respect of his law enforcement peers at the federal, state, and local levels. In 2023 alone, he has assumed the primary case agent role in over twelve Federal investigations; several of which have led to multiple indictments. This targeted approach was predicated on the recruitment and cultivation of multiple informants on Hawaii Island. A specific area of emphasis was identified as being the smuggling of fentanyl in pill and powder form from Mexico-based Drug Trafficking Organizations, transiting through California, Oregon, and Washington and with a destination of Hawaii Island. Multiple airport interdiction efforts have proven to be successful and have led to the recovery of over 8,000 fentanyl pills, over one pound of powder fentanyl, several pounds of methamphetamine, and numerous firearms.

TFO Nacino has routinely testified in both the federal and state courts to present evidence toward the indictment of multiple members of Drug Trafficking Organizations and has shared real-time intelligence with members of mainland law enforcement agencies as they move toward dismantling the narcotics supply chain.

As a member of the Hawaii Police Department's Special Response Team and current assignment in the Juvenile Aid Section, TFO Nacino balances his Federal duties with many other obligations within the Hawaii Police Department. He has spearheaded the use of current technologies and out-of-the-box thinking to creatively and strategically go after narcotics distribution networks and has responded to multiple suspected fentanyl overdose deaths in West Hawaii Island.

TFO Nacino's endless energy and focus continues to set an example for other narcotics investigators to follow as they strive to disrupt and dismantle Drug Trafficking Organizations, and he continues to earn the respect of his peers with HSI and HPD through his work ethic, knowledge, and innovative approaches to crime fighting. He is a 2023 TOP COP!

## ENDING PUBLIC CORRUPTION

Assistant United States  
Attorneys  
**Michael Nammar**  
**Craig Nolan**

*United States  
Attorney's Office  
District Of Hawaii*

The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Hawaii nominates Assistant United States Attorneys (AUSA) **Michael Nammar** and **Craig Nolan** for the TOP COP Award for their successful prosecution into a public corruption case here in Honolulu. AUSA Nammar, is the Deputy Chief in the Criminal Division and has prosecuted white collar and organized crime cases in Hawaii since 2010. AUSA Nolan, a former supervisor in the Vermont United States Attorney's Office, joined the Hawaii office in 2020, and has since prosecuted several high-profile financial fraud and corruption cases.

AUSA Nammar opened and spearheaded a public corruption bribery investigation into the City & County of Honolulu Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP). AUSA Nolan joined the investigation and obtained indictments for a total of six defendants. As part of the DPP investigation and prosecution, AUSAs Nammar and Nolan proved that for a lengthy period, DPP employees deprived the citizens of Honolulu of their right to the honest services of these employees by accepting bribes in exchange for taking official action that benefitted the paying parties. One of defendants solicited and received nearly \$90,000 from an architect in exchange for expediting approval of projects ahead of others previously submitted. Another defendant sought and obtained favorable official action from DPP employees by paying bribes in the form of gifts, payments, and other items of value. All defendants received a significant period of incarceration for their actions.

The efforts of AUSAs Nammar and Nolan during this important prosecution of public officials helped deter future such criminal conduct. Moreover, since this prosecution, the City & County of Honolulu has taken measures to address what had been long-standing and pervasive corruption at the DPP. Congratulations Michael and Craig for a job well done and for being recognized as 2023 TOP COPs!

## AN EXAMPLE OF EXCELLENCE

Site Supervisor  
Captain  
**Eric Quezada**

*Securitas Security  
Services USA, Inc.*

Since 2021, Captain **Eric Quezada** has been assigned as the site supervisor at the Na Lama Kukui. The Office of Hawaiian Affairs is one client on the property, and they have continued to endorse and support him and his customer service. Captain Quezada has always provided faithful service throughout the years.

Through his selfless service, dedication, close alignment with developing crime trends and partnering approach with law enforcement, crime at his post has declined. Captain Quezada has personally investigated and/or assisted law enforcement on many types of cases and has never wavered in his commitment to improve the overall security posture through an orchestrated and well-designed security program.

Captain Quezada is a mentor and an inspirational spirit for many and, through his institutional leadership, he has helped in the personal development of his subordinates in both their professional and private lives. Captain Quezada exemplifies a high level of leadership and commitment that can serve as a model for others and he continues to cultivate the talents of his team by furthering their skills as security professionals. He has embraced the core values of Securitas and always places the mission and the welfare of others before himself.

Captain Quezada'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, make him an asset and a 2023 TOP COP. Congratulations!

## LIFE SAVING EFFORT

Security Professional  
**Rhoderick Rojas**

*Allied Universal  
Security Services*

Security Professional **Rhoderick Rojas** was on active patrol at the Daniel K. International Airport when he was dispatched to a report of an unconscious male at one of the airline ticket counters. Upon arrival, he observed the victim in the prone position, and that he was unresponsive. He further observed a citizen trying to revive the victim with the use of an AED.

Without hesitation, Security Professional Rojas assisted the male in providing aid to the victim. An ambulance soon arrived and transported the victim to an area hospital in stable condition.

In a separate incident, Security Professional Rojas was on active patrol on the lobby floor of the airport when he observed a homeless male who appeared distraught. Upon investigation, he determined the male was suicidal. Without warning, the male brandished a sharp, metal object, held it to his throat, and threatened to harm himself.

Keeping his composure, Security Professional Rojas talked to the male and, using an empathetic and understanding approach, eventually convinced him to surrender the weapon. The male was further detained and later transported to an area hospital for a mental health evaluation.

Security Professional Rhoderick Rojas, you are being commended for your patrol skills, keen observations, quick response, and your excellent communication skills in both cases. If it was not for your dedication to duty, these scenarios could have ended tragically. Thank you for your commitment and professionalism. Congratulations on being selected as a TOP COP for 2023!

## AN ALL-AROUND CHAMPION

School Resource  
Officer  
**Matthew Segault**

*Maui Police  
Department*

Officer **Matthew Segault** was recently selected as the School Resource Officer for the District of Lanai and was recently selected as the SHOPO representative for the island. He is often called upon to be the acting sergeant for the district and mentors new officers through progressive counseling, study sessions, and on the job training. Officer Segault's ability to conduct thorough investigations, manage briefings, and follow through with the recovery of evidence has been exemplary.

Officer Segault enjoys working with the youth and has been instrumental in running the Maui Police Department's Kula Makai Youth Academy program for the past three years involving a total of sixty-seven students. He also volunteered as an assistant coach for the Lanai Physical Fitness High School Team and is in the process of revitalizing the Lanai High and Elementary School Physical Fitness program that was shuttered due to the pandemic. Officer Segault's motivations has always been physical fitness.

Since 1996, Officer Segault has served in the United States Army Reserve and is currently the first sergeant for the 871st Engineer Vertical Construction Company which consists of three platoons on three islands. He is the highest-ranking Non-Commissioned Officer in the Company and is the Company Commander's Senior Advisor. Officer Segault supervises, oversees, and evaluates all training, operations, personnel actions and is directly responsible for the health, welfare, and morale of every soldier under his command. He has been highly decorated during his service to the United States Army Reserve which demonstrates his commitment to the mission.

Officer Segault is being recognized for his dedication to others and unquenchable thirst to serve at the highest levels. He never considers himself, but others and is constantly seeking ways to improve their quality of life. Congratulations Matthew as being selected as the Maui Police Department TOP COP for 2023!



## CALM UNDER STRESSFUL CONDITIONS

Captain  
**Rockwell Silva**

*Allied Universal  
Security Services*

On August 8, 2023, at about 9:00 pm, the day of the Lahaina wildfires, Captain **Rockwell Silva** reported to his assignment at the Kahului Airport. He was aware several flights were cancelled and there would be many stranded passengers at the gates and lobbies.

Captain Silva took control of the situation and utilized his personnel and airport surveillance equipment to ensure the safety and security of the travelers. He had previously trained his personnel to handle this type of situation, but not on such a large scale.

Captain Silva's personnel controlled the crowds of people, many of them upset and terrified and kept the crowds peaceful, continually checking on their welfare. Many of the travelers were provided with comfortable carpeted areas to rest rather than on the concrete floors of the airport.

Captain Silva handled this situation for the entire week with no major issues reported. He exemplifies the values of Allied Universal Security Services by putting people and safety first and foremost, along with working together as a team and always with integrity. Thank you, Captain Silva, for your dedication and professionalism.

## A HIGH CALIBER LEADER

Second Lieutenant  
**Matthew Valmoja**

*Watch Commander  
Provost Marshall's  
Office, Marine Corp  
Base Hawaii*

Second Lieutenant **Matthew Valmoja** is enthusiastically recommended for recognition to receive the 2023 TOP COP Award due to his tireless devotion, impeccable work ethic, and dedication to Marine Corps Base Hawaii's Provost Marshal's Office. He is an exceptionally talented officer, whose dedication and performance of duty directly contributed to our success this past year.

As a Watch Commander, Second Lieutenant Valmoja, was responsible for supervising, planning, and organizing complex and sensitive investigations. He supervised and coordinated daily security functions and emergency response while managing multiple mobile patrol units, entry control point gates and sentries, and two communication centers with alarm control staff as well as managed multi-agency responses to critical incidents. He flawlessly directed scene security during sensitive and high-profile incidents and his section has received numerous accolades for maintaining crime scene integrity from other investigation agencies.

Second Lieutenant Valmoja was a key contributor to the successful execution of the 2022 Installation Exercise (Lethal Breeze), which exercises various emergency response procedures. During the exercise, he demonstrated extraordinary drive, resourcefulness, and keen operational insight through the successful employment and utilization of all security personnel and security technology. Through his command presence, instrumental communication, and calm demeanor in the face of stress and uncertainty, he ensured the successful execution of cross-training with outside agencies and enhanced the installations relationship with those agencies.

Second Lieutenant Valmoja consistently provided sound guidance and leadership to his subordinates and chain of command. He has served as an excellent role model for his Marines and police officers and is a trusted advisor who is truly respected in all facets of police functions. He continues to strive for greatness and consistently challenges the status quo to provide positive contributions. He is a high-caliber standard leader who deeply cares for his personnel.

Second Lieutenant Valmoja's initiative, perseverance, and total dedication to duty reflected credit upon him and the Marine Corps Base Hawaii. Congratulations!

## DISRUPTING ORGANIZED CRIME

Police Officer  
**Elik Vodovoz**

*Hawai'i Police  
Department*

Officer **Elik Vodovoz** recently led a long-term operation acting on a tip received from the Hawai'i County Prosecutor's Office. He began the investigation by conducting hours of on-line research into a target's criminal activity and discovered the male suspect had an extensive criminal history, including drug distribution, illegal firearms offenses and sales, and felony domestic violence crimes. Officer Vodovoz also discovered the suspect had been sought by law enforcement for approximately seven years for multiple outstanding warrants involving domestic violence and threats involving a firearm.

The investigation eventually led Officer Vodovoz to facilitate the purchase of methamphetamine, fentanyl, marijuana, and self-manufactured ghost guns from the suspect. Various Federal, State, and Local agencies had the suspect on their radar and were trying to obtain probable cause for an arrest; however, it was ultimately Officer Vodovoz who was able to infiltrate the suspect's criminal organization.

The investigation culminated with the suspect being arrested on Oahu and a search warrant being executed on his apartment in Honolulu. During the investigation, police recovered over 4,000 fentanyl pills, 30 grams of methamphetamine, 393 grams of marijuana, 9 illegal firearms, two 3D printers used to manufacture ghost guns, and various computer scamming equipment used to run a sophisticated phishing scam and manufacture fictitious credit cards. The suspect is currently being held without bail at the Federal Detention Center, Honolulu. If convicted, he faces up to 15 years in federal prison.

The tireless effort of Officer Elik Vodovoz is a testament to his commitment to work cooperatively with other law enforcement agencies and the community to enforce the laws, preserve peace, and provide a safe environment for residents and visitors of the Hawai'i Island. He is truly a TOP COP and we recognize him here today.

## COMMITTED LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENT

Special Agent  
**Ryan Yamasaki**

*Department of the  
Attorney General  
State of Hawai'i*

Special Agent **Ryan Yamasaki** was selected for this honor in recognition of his career of sustained superior public service that continues to the present. He is a role model for his peers and sets a high standard. Agent Yamasaki has been part of every major operation of the division over his decades of service and is always on the front line serving our state as a dedicated professional.

In 1999, Agent Yamasaki joined the Department of the Attorney General as an investigator and is currently assigned to the Investigations Division Special Operations Unit. He started in the Child Support Enforcement Agency before joining the Investigations Division. During his distinguished career, Agent Yamasaki has had an important role in many high-profile investigations including one that led to seven manslaughter convictions.

Agent Yamasaki is the department's most experienced environmental crimes investigator and continues to investigate illegal dumping, pollutant discharge, and other crimes that damage Hawai'i's land and water. He also works in partnership with the Department of Human Services conducting investigations into complaints involving licensed childcare services and unlicensed childcare facilities and has initiated over 60 cases during this rating period.

Agent Yamasaki is a core member of the department's training team for law enforcement officers, providing training and certification in core capabilities and best practices to ensure the highest standards and effectiveness. He is a certified instructor in firearms, electric guns, specialty impact munitions, chemical projectors, and defensive tactics.

Agent Yamasaki is a leader in public safety, and his team conducted 25 active shooter safety training sessions with over 600 participants in state government offices to make their workplaces safer and help them survive a violent incident or shooting event.

Special Agent Ryan Yamasaki is an extremely capable investigator and team member, dedicated to protecting and serving our community. The Investigations Division proudly nominates him for the TOP COP Award as he deserves this recognition. Congratulations!



# 2023 Special Awards

Judge C. Nils Tavares Award

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Lifetime Achievement Award

# Judge C. Nils Tavares Award



## Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) Hawaii

The Judge C. Nils Tavares Award is presented to an outstanding local, state, or federal organization that has tailored a program to bring about measurable change in the law enforcement community. The Law Enforcement and Security Coalition of Hawaii is pleased to present the 2023 award to the **Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) Hawaii**, a volunteer-based program under the Hawaii Department of Health, Executive Office on Aging.

Since 1997, the mission of SMP is to inform and assist kūpuna to prevent, detect, and report healthcare fraud, errors, and abuse. In collaboration with a network of partners and advocates statewide, SMP is working to strengthen the safety net to help protect the identity, assets, and life's legacy of our kūpuna.

Medicare loses over \$60 billion annually to fraudulent claims that includes falsely billing for a visit, procedure, supplies, or equipment that:

- Was never received.
- Is not medically necessary.
- Was not ordered by your physician.
- Uses a higher procedure code to get a larger reimbursement.

Kūpuna unknowingly pay their bills to avoid late payment without first checking their medical statement, as it can be confusing and very difficult to understand.

Prevention education is the best line of defense in the fight against healthcare fraud and abuse. Mistakes can happen, but when there is malicious intent to commit fraud, then SMP gets involved with state and federal partners (U.S. Office of Inspector General, Federal Trade Commission, and Attorney General, etc.) to report suspicious activities for further investigation.

Recently, there have been huge “takedowns” of scams on an international scale. In Florida, the owner of several telemedicine/telemarketing companies was sentenced to 14 years for evading taxes and health care and wire fraud costing Medicare \$20 million. Another 6 billion healthcare fraud and opioid takedown resulted in 345 physicians, nurses, and other licensed medical professionals who were charged. These success stories require a coordinated effort between many people and organizations working to fight crimes against older adults

In 2022, SMP Hawaii volunteers contributed nearly 4,800 hours, helped 734 beneficiaries or family members, and reached over 5,000 people at community fairs and exhibits statewide. Counselors were able to help beneficiaries to save or avoid paying over \$3000; however, the Better Business Bureau reported that Hawaii lost over \$17 million to online scams. These statistics confirm that despite heroic efforts once monies are lost, it is very difficult to recover.

For over 25 years, SMP Hawaii has been educating kūpuna to avoid falling victim. Our dedicated volunteers are trained in the roles of their choice, and when their schedule allows, can participate, and contribute hours of program support without ever leaving home

- 1:1 Counseling: Provide general information, gather concerns, conduct research, verify issues, and report to the proper authorities, while providing support, compassion, and addressing feelings of shame or guilt.
- Zoom or In-person Presentations: Covers multiple topics including simple instructions on how to read, understand, and check dates and services on a Medicare Summary Notice/Explanation of Benefits from your health plan.
- Non-Healthcare Scams: Refers inquiries about ransomware, romance, caregiver, identify theft, cybercrimes, gift cards, charity, investment, imposter, lottery, cryptocurrency, Social Security, and many other forms of fraud to the proper law enforcement agencies.

Kūpuna are to be commended for taking quick action by reporting immediately to SMP Hawaii, as time is of the essence and important for investigations to recover any lost funds.

Norma Kop, program director, shared “the biggest challenge is getting kūpuna to report. Instead, many live with the fear and anxiety alone. Some may trust the romancer, some are threatened by the imposter, while others feel a deep sense of deep-rooted shame and won't tell anyone. Speaking limited English can also prevent someone from calling. SMP Hawaii recognizes the need to recruit bilingual volunteers to help with counseling and translating of brochures, which will expand access to our services for many kupuna, but we need your help.”

Jeff Woodland, volunteer coordinator, cited “cases that end well are too few and far between. One recent case involved the son of an elderly couple who called our helpline and reported that a bank imposter had convinced his parents that the bank was under investigation. They were advised to withdraw and transfer their money to a Hong Kong account for safekeeping. The son was unsure what to do next or if it was too late to save his parent's life's savings.”

SMP advised the son to call the police and make a report immediately. Once the case was filed, SMP worked with the family, police, and bank officials to freeze the funds. In the end, the parents were able to recover almost all the money. The son (and family) is thankful for SMP's

quick response and assistance and continues to support SMP at events encouraging the public to report anything that seems suspicious and to learn safety tips on how to stay alert.

Hawaii leads the nation in life expectancy at 80.7 years of age and this population is growing. Fraudsters will continue to prey upon Hawaii’s trusting and vulnerable older adults with scams that are becoming more and more sophisticated. Volunteer to stay active, stay informed and stay safe. Join the fight because it takes our entire state to protect kūpuna!

## Past Nils Tavares Awards

Missing Child Center-Hawaii (MCCH) .....	2022
Honolulu Police Department, Human Resources Division, Career Center .....	2019
Hawaii County Police Department .....	2018
Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Professional and Vocational Licensing, Board of Private Detectives and Guards, State of Hawaii .....	2017
Elder Abuse Justice Unit, Department of the Prosecuting Attorney, City & County of Honolulu .....	2017
Honolulu Police Department Major Events Division .....	2016
US ARMY Hawaii Digital Forensic Examination (DFE) team, 19th Military Police Battalion (CID) .....	2015
Community Drug Court; First Circuit Court .....	2014
HPD Criminal Investigations Division, Financial Crimes.....	2013
Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Emergency Ops Center .....	2012
Scientific Investigation Section.....	2011
Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics .....	2010
Operation FALCON .....	2009
United States Secret Service .....	2008
Hawaii High Technology Crimes Unit .....	2007
Rapid Reduction Drug Unit .....	2006
Dept. of Public Safety: Sheriff Division .....	2005
United States Attorney’s Office .....	2004
Honolulu Police Department .....	2003

Attorney General’s Office .....	2002
Maui Police Department .....	2001
Honolulu Prosecutor’s Office .....	2000
HPD’s SWAT .....	1999
US Attorney .....	1998
CrimeStoppers & DARE .....	1997

# Outstanding Organization Award



## Safe and Sound Waikiki

In September 2022, a significant change began to take shape in the busy streets and popular beaches of Waikiki. The formation of the **Safe and Sound Waikiki** program signaled a monumental shift in community and law enforcement partnerships in the region.

Spearheaded by the Waikiki Business Improvement District (WBID), in collaboration with the Mayor's Office, the Honolulu Police Department, the Prosecuting Attorney's Office, and a myriad of community partners, Safe and Sound Waikiki has demonstrated the astounding potential of what can be achieved when a community comes together with a unified mission: to create a safer, more secure, and more compassionate Waikiki.

Today, as we stand on the brink of celebrating the program's one-year anniversary, we are honored to present Safe and Sound Waikiki with the prestigious 2023 Outstanding Organization Award, in recognition of its transformative impact on local crime rates, homelessness, and community well-being.

At the core of Safe and Sound Waikiki achievements are hard, irrefutable data. The Honolulu Police Department reports compelling evidence of the program's efficacy. In the span of just one year, the Waikiki area has experienced a staggering 56% reduction in drug- and alcohol-related offenses. Robberies have plummeted by 51%, property damage crimes have lessened by 27%, and theft has declined by 13%. One of the program's most strategic innovations has been the imposition of geographic restrictions on habitual offenders. As a result, 155 geographic restrictions have been issued in Waikiki, allowing law-abiding citizens and visitors alike to walk the streets with greater peace of mind.

The Safe and Sound Waikiki initiative hasn't merely stopped at crime statistics; it has shown an impressive dedication to humanitarian causes. In conjunction with the University of Hawaii Department of Urban and Regional Planning, the program has identified a 43% decrease in homelessness. Astonishingly, in the hub of Waikiki—the areas around Kalakaua Avenue and the beach—the homeless population has been reduced from 111 individuals to just 36, marking a 68% decrease.

Through the collective efforts of the WBID, The Institute for Human Services, and other altruistic organizations, Safe and Sound Waikiki has not only moved people off the streets but also connected them with the vital mental health resources and permanent housing they urgently need.

Safe and Sound Waikiki has also embraced innovation through its "second chance" employment initiative for recently released inmates from the Laumaka Work Furlough Program. Partnering with the WBID, the program has employed 14 of these individuals as Aloha Ambassadors, offering them a pathway back into society, while simultaneously enriching our community with their unique perspectives and burgeoning potential.

Safe and Sound Waikiki's effectiveness hasn't gone unnoticed by the millions who visit Hawaii each year. According to a survey by the Hawaii Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, an overwhelming 95% of visitors from major market areas rate Hawaii as "excellent" or "above average" in terms of safety and security. This resounding endorsement is not just a statistic, it's a testament to the safer and more welcoming environment Safe and Sound Waikiki has nurtured.

While we celebrate the monumental strides achieved, we must also acknowledge the challenges that remain. Crime and homelessness, although significantly reduced, have yet to be fully eradicated. As we laud the efforts of Safe and Sound Waikiki today, let it serve not as a finale, but as a resounding affirmation of the progress that can be achieved and an inspiration for the tremendous work that still lies ahead.

Congratulations, Safe and Sound Waikiki. You have not only made our streets safer but also our hearts prouder. Thank you for setting a gold standard in community-led transformation. You are most deserving of the 2023 Outstanding Organization Award!



## Past Outstanding Organization Awards

Ho`ōla Nā Pua (HNP) .....	2022
Waikiki Business Improvement District Association .....	2019
Chaminade University of Honolulu, Criminal Justice Program .....	2018
Kapi`olani Medical Center for Women & Children, Sex Abuse Treatment Center .....	2017
Honolulu Police Community Foundation (HPCF) .....	2016
Federal Law Enforcement Foundation (FLEF) .....	2015
Retail Merchants of Hawaii .....	2014
The Hawaii Law Enforcement Memorial Foundation .....	2013
PacClear Hawaii State Fusion Center .....	2012
Guardsmark .....	2011
Securitas .....	2010
Waikiki Business Improvement District Association .....	2009
International Association for Healthcare Security & Safety .....	2008
CrimeStoppers Hawaii .....	2007
Hawaii Hotel Visitor Industry Security Association .....	2006
Star Protection Agency .....	2005
200 Club .....	2004
Security Resources .....	2003
Visitor Aloha Society of Hawaii .....	2002
Council Of Police & Private Security .....	2001
ASIS & SSI .....	2000
Hawaii Joint Police Association .....	1999
Hotel Visitor Industry Security Association .....	1998
Sonitrol .....	1997

# Elwood J. McGuire Award



## Governor Josh Green, M.D., State of Hawai'i

The Elwood J. McGuire Award is presented to an individual for outstanding service, support, and assistance or activity that has had a positive impact on the safety and security of our island home. The individual who receives this award must demonstrate acts of selflessness that have made a significant contribution to the safety and security of others. This year, the Law Enforcement and Security Coalition of Hawai'i is pleased to announce Hawai'i Governor Josh Green, M.D., as this year's awardee.

Governor Green is responsible for the safety and security of every individual living in or visiting the state of Hawai'i and he accomplishes this by overseeing many departments relating to our safety and security including the Department of Law Enforcement, the Department of the Attorney General, and the Department of Defense, just to name a few. However, in this past year, Governor Green has found himself in various emergency situations and has responded quickly and effectively.

On July 28, 2023, Governor Green was a passenger on an inbound flight to Honolulu when a male passenger began to experience seizures and stopped breathing. The 24-year-old male victim was sitting three rows in front of him when passengers began screaming and calling for a doctor as the flight was about to land. Governor Green effectively opened the victim's airway allowing him to breathe and stabilized the victim until the aircraft landed at the Daniel K. Inouye International Airport where emergency medical personnel took over and transported the victim to an area hospital in serious but stable condition.

In June, while on Kaua'i, Governor Green's motorcade was following a pick-up truck on when a young man, sitting in a lawn chair in the bed of the truck, was ejected and suffered an apparent concussion after hitting his head on the pavement. Governor Green ordered the vehicles to stop and went to aid the victim. He conducted a medical assessment of the man's condition and calmed him and his family until paramedics arrived.

In May, Governor Green was enroute to a ceremony on the Big Island of Hawai'i when he and others helped kick out the windshield of vehicle that went airborne on Waikoloa Road and flipped several times before landing upside down in a gulch. The driver sustained scrapes and bruises in the single vehicle crash.

Also in May, during a Memorial Day Remembrance at the Hawai'i State Veterans Cemetery, Governor Green left the stage to aid a woman in the audience who suffered an apparent seizure. He had just finished his keynote address when his wife alerted him to a woman seated behind her who had lost consciousness. Governor Green responded accordingly and revived the woman who had stopped breathing.

These acts of selflessness remind us of our own commitment to help our neighbor during critical moments and we are reminded of the parable of the Good Samaritan. The willingness to help others does not come from exterior incentives, but interior motivation to do the right thing.

Although Governor Green, as a medical doctor, has sworn to uphold the Hippocratic Oath, he is also setting the standard we should all follow. Congratulations Governor Green on receiving the Elwood J. McGuire Award!

## Past Elwood J. McGuire Awards

Kurt Kendro . . . . .	2022
Freeway Service Patrol	
Cynthia M. Flating . . . . .	2019
Area Port of Honolulu, Customs and Border Protection	
Sarah Rice . . . . .	2019
University of Hawai'i at Manoa, Department of Public Safety	

Mitchell "Mitch" Roth . . . . .	2018
Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, County of Hawaii	
Florence T. Nakakuni . . . . .	2017
Former United States Attorney, District of Hawaii	
Antonio Williams . . . . .	2017
Chief of Civilian Police, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii	
Chief Investigator Daniel Hanagami . . . . .	2016
Department of the Attorney General, State of Hawaii	
Creighton Ward Goldsmith . . . . .	2016
U.S. Customs & Border Protection, Akamai Global Consultants	
DPA Chris Van Marter . . . . .	2015
Department of the Prosecuting Attorney	
Peter J.S. Hirai, CEM. . . . .	2014
Department of Emergency Management	
Keith Kaneshiro . . . . .	2013
Honolulu City Prosecutor	
Assistant Chief Clayton Kau . . . . .	2012
Honolulu Police Department	
Major General (Ret) Edward (Rick) V. Richardson. . . . .	2011
Retired Adjutant General, Hawaii National Guard	
Major General Robert G.F. Lee . . . . .	2010
The Adjutant General, Hawaii National Guard	
Kaleo Keolanui . . . . .	2009
HHVISA	
Mr. Gervin Miyamoto . . . . .	2008
U.S. Attorney's Office	

Mark J Bennett . . . . .	2007
State of Hawaii Attorney General	
Honorable Edward H. Kubo, Jr. . . . .	2006
United States Attorney, District of Hawaii	
LT. Gov James "Duke" Aiona, Jr. . . . .	2005
State of Hawaii	
Steve Goodenow . . . . .	2004
Steve Goodenow, CLI, CFE	
Peter Carlisle . . . . .	2003
Prosecutor's Office	
Spike Denis . . . . .	2002
Safeguard Services	
Judge Steve Alm . . . . .	2001
First Circuit Court	
Chief Lee Donohue . . . . .	2000
Honolulu Police Department	
Margery Bronster . . . . .	1999
Attorney General	
Warren Ferreira . . . . .	1998
Outrigger Hotels & Resorts	
Donald Devaney . . . . .	1997
Tripler Army Medical Center	

# Lifetime Achievement Award



## Lee D. Donohue, Sr.

**Lee D. Donohue Sr.** has dedicated his life to the safety and security of our island home and has excelled in every aspect of his law enforcement and security career. He selflessly gave of himself in helping others and the Law Enforcement and Security Coalition of Hawaii is pleased to recognize him with the Lifetime Achievement Award.

Lee graduated from McKinley High School and Chaminade University and worked for Oahu Plumbing before joining the Honolulu Police Department in 1964. He was the only Honolulu Police officer who served in every rank before being appointed as Honolulu's 8th Police Chief.

Chief Donohue served us well as a 33-year veteran of the Honolulu Police Department when he was appointed chief of police. His career to that point included extensive experience in patrol and field operations.

Chief Donohue then led the department into the 21st century by implementing positive changes to the department through his strategic planning program, a five-year department-wide coordinated process to improve services and efficiency and to hire and retain satisfied employees.

Focusing much of his efforts on improving the safety of his officers, Chief Donohue initiated safety programs and provided officers with state-of-the-art police equipment including bullet resistant vests, improved flashlights for nighttime duty, improved police radios and computer equipment and less than lethal weaponry. A lasting achievement of his term was the successful accreditation of the Honolulu Police Department by the Commission of on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies becoming the 14th major police department in the United States to earn this distinction.

Chief Donohue co-founded Kick Start Karate, a police activities league program designed to encourage at risk intermediate school students to pursue higher education. In 2004, on the anniversary of his 40th year as a police officer, Chief Donohue retired from police service.

Lee went on to establish the Honolulu Police Community Foundation to promote positive relationships between the police and the community and to assist the Honolulu Police Department with purchasing equipment that could not be realized through normal budgetary means. This organization funded electric guns, automated external defibrillators and so much more.

Lee also served as City Council member in District 4, which covers Waikiki through East Honolulu. While serving as council member, Lee introduced the fireworks ban as a measure to assist first responders and to make our communities safer. Lee worked for Akal Security and later was the Director of Security for Securitas until this past March.

Lee served on numerous boards such as the Honolulu Police Relief Association, the Visitor Aloha Society of Hawaii, the Chaminade Foundation, the Honolulu Firefighters Foundation, Crime Stoppers, the Judicial Council, and the Deputies to name a few.

Lee loved to travel, play golf, fish, exercise, sing Karaoke and spend time with his family and friends.

He passed away peacefully on July 9, 2023, surrounded by his loving family.

Lee would continually tell his officers, “Just be nice”. There is no doubt life would be better if everyone would follow Lee’s simple advice and if we had more people like him in our world. Rest in peace good and faithful servant.

## Past Lifetime Achievement Awards

Robert “Doug” Aton .....	2022
Frederick “Cappy” Caminos .....	2018
James L. Propotnick .....	2017
Donald “Don” E. Devaney .....	2016
Judge Steven S. Alm .....	2016

Randle W. Crowe, Lifetime CPP .....	2016
Edwin Wesley Ross, Jr. ....	2015
Melvin DeCosta .....	2014
Wayne Ogino .....	2013
Ronald E. Jones .....	2013
Daniel Kahikina Akaka .....	2012
Judge James Duffy Jr. ....	2012
Al Joaquin .....	2011
Letha DeCaires .....	2010
Boisse Correa .....	2009
Bob Flating, CPP .....	2008
Warren Ferreira, CPP .....	2007
Mayor Peter Carlisle .....	2006
Donald Devaney .....	2005
Frank Steer .....	2004
Al Streck .....	2003
Chuck Horstman .....	2002

## SAVE THESE DATES

### TOP COP 2024

Please save the date Friday, **October 18, 2024**, for our 39th Annual TOP COP Award Ceremony at the Ala Moana Hotel.

We will be accepting TOP COP nominations on August 1, 2024, via our website at [TopCopHawaii.com](http://TopCopHawaii.com).

### ASIS International Hawaii Chapter Golf Tournament

Additionally, save the date Friday, **April 5, 2024**, for our ASIS International Hawaii Chapter Golf Tournament that raises money to honor our TOP COPs and sponsor scholarships.

Over the past 38 years, there have been over 40 scholarships awarded. If you know a worthy individual, have them contact us to apply.

We would like to invite you, your company, and/or your organization to join us for a day of fun that supports these worthy causes.

For more information, please visit our website at [ASISHawaii134.org](http://ASISHawaii134.org) or contact us at [asishawaii134@gmail.com](mailto:asishawaii134@gmail.com).



# PAST AWARDS

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