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MONTHLY BULLETIN

# PUNA NEWSLETTER

#### **ABOUT OUR NEWSLETTER**

This newsletter is written by your Community Policing team (Officers Cardines, Miyose, Scanlan & Sato). It is intended for public consumption & is our way of sharing information, educating on crime trends, & spotlighting community events within the Puna District. Please pass it along to anyone who may have an interest in this. Also, if you would like to see something added to our newsletter, let us know, & we may incorporate it next time.



### MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

- CRIME TRENDS
- HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS
- PROMOTIONS/MOVEMENTS
- COFFEE WITH A COP
- PUNA'S MOST WANTED

### OCTOBER REPORTED CRIMES **VOLCANO** MT.VIEW **KURTISTOWN PĀHOA KEA'AU** 25 20 15 10 5 12 2 19 2 0 **Traffic Casualty UCPV UEMV** Burglary Robbery Theft Assault

- Assault: When a person intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly causes bodily injury to another or negligently with a dangerous instrument.
- Burglary: Intentionally & unlawfully entering & remaining in a building with intent to commit a crime against person or property.
- **CPD:** Criminal Property Damage; unlawful damaging of another's property; vandalism.
- Robbery: If in the course of committing theft or non-consensual taking of a motor vehicle the person uses force.
- **Theft:** When a person obtains or exerts control over property of another with intent to deprive the other of the property.
- **UCPV:** Unauthorized Control of Propelled vehicle; auto theft.
- UEMV: Unauthorized entry into a motor vehicle car break-in.

# OCTOBER CRIME STATS

### **VOLCANO**

Burglary: 2

Mokuna Street (x2)

Assault: 2

Wright Road

Volcano Highway

#### **MOUNTAIN VIEW**

Assault: 3

Hilohilo Street

Apele Road (x2)

Burglary: 6

Kakahiaka Uhane Street

Uau Road

Poouli Road

Pulelehua Road

Pikake Street

Thorne Street

UCPV: 5

Kauai Street

Kakahiaka Uhane Street

Thorne Street

Kea Road

Ohialani Road

Major TC: 1

Volcano Highway

### Theft: 12

Haumalu Street

Hibiscus Street

Kakahiaka Uhane Street (x2)

Uhini Ana Road (x2)

Pulelehua Road

Leila Road

Lelia Roda

Ala Kapena

North Peck Road

Ooga Road

Thorne Street

## OCTOBER CRIME STATS

#### **KURTISTOWN**

Assault: 2

Volcano Road (x2)

Theft: 2

Volcano Road

South Road

Major TC: 2

North Road (x2)

### KEAAU

Assault: 7

Keaau Pahoa Road (x2)

Old Volcano Road (x2)

28TH Avenue

Ohia Street

King Kamehameha Blvd

Burglary: 2

Kegau Pahoa Road

25TH Avenue

UCPV: 5

Paradise Drive (x2)

Hawaiian Paradise Park

Kipimana Street

Pikake Street

UEMV: 4

Kaloli Point

Kipimana Street

Old Volcano Road

28TH Avenue

Theft: 12

Haumalu Street

Hibiscus Street

Kakahiaka Uhane Street (x2)

Uhini Ana Road (x2)

Pulelehua Road

Leila Road

Ala Kapena

North Peck Road

Ooga Road

Thorne Street

Major TC: 6

Highway 130

Volcano Road

Makuu Drive/26TH Avenue

Paradise Drive/29TH Avenue

Highway 130/Aulii Street

Highway 130/Kaloli Drive

### OCTOBER CRIME STATS

#### PAHOA

Assault: 13

Kauhale Street

Seadrift Road

**Apaa Street** 

Nanawale Blvd

Government Beach Road

Pahoa Village Road (x3)

Lehua Road

Kalihi Kai Street

Kalapana Kapoho Beach Road (x2)

Mauna Kea Road

Burglary: 4

Kumu Street

Lanai Road

Ka lo Lele Road

Cemetery Road

Robbery: 1

Kumu Street

UCPV: 7

Pahoa Kapoho Road

Pohoiki Boat Ramp

Piilani Road

Seaview Road

Kamaili Road

Kumu Street

Pahoa Kalapana Road

UEMV: 4

Kalapana Kapoho Beach Road

(x2)

Nanawale Blvd

Leilani Avenue

Theft: 21

Pahoa Kapoho Road

Pahoa Village Road (x5)

Kalapana Kapoho Beach Road

Ka lo Lele Road

Kamaili Road

North Puni Mauka Loop

Pohoiki Boat Ramp

DonnyBrook Lane

**Apaa Street** 

Treefern Drive

Pahoa Village Road

Oopu Street

Kumu Street

Manini Street

Plumeria Road

Ahia Road

Auina Street

Kahakai Blvd

Major TC: 3

Highway 130/12MM

Highway 130/14MM

Kahakai Blvd/Opihi Street

### **Holiday Safety Tips**

The Hawaii Police Deapartment and the Officers of Puna would like to wish you a safe and Happy Holida season

The holidays are a joyful time to spend with family and friends, but a careless mistake could put a real damper on your festivitie

Never leave a burning candle unattended

On the first day of safety, we remind you to extinguish any lit candles when you leave the room, your house, or go to sleep. According to an NFPA study, candles start more than half of all home decoration structure fires, and mos of those fires occur in December:

Turn off tree lights, decorations, and portable space heaters when away or asleep

Did you know that fire departments respond to more than 50,000 fires involving heating equipment and more than 700 caused by decorations each year? Be sure to unplug all of your lights, decorations, and portable space heaters when not in the same room.

Your Never throw wrapping paper in the fire

On the third day of safety, remember to never toss wrapping paper into the fireplace. Doing so could result in a flash fire because wrapping paper can ignite suddenly and burn intensely. paragraph text

Only use outdoor and indoor lights as indicated on their packaging
On the fourth day of safety, we remind you to only use lights tested for safety
by a nationally recognized testing laboratory. Lights for both indoor and
outdoor usage must meet different standards that testing laboratories can
verify. Before using, be sure to check each set of lights – whether new or old
for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires, or loose connections.
Throw out damaged sets and do not use electric lights on a metallic tree.
Check outdoor lights for labels showing the lights have been certified for
outdoor use, and only plug them into a ground-fault circuit interrupter
(GFCI)-protected receptacle or a portable GFCI.

Don't overload circuits, extension cords, or electrical sockets

Overloading circuits, extension cords, or electrical sockets could cause a fire

Use no more than three standard-size sets of lights per single extension corc

Never leave cooking or baking unattended

Most people don't realize that cooking fires are the number one cause of home fires and that, as reported by the NFPA, unattended cooking equipment is a factor in one-third of reported home cooking fires and half of the associated deaths. Be especially careful when you're using the stove or cooktop and while frying foods. Always stay in the kitchen—even if you're baking or roasting—and set a timer to remind yourself to check on cooking food.

Keep holiday plants away from pets

On the seventh day of safety, we remind you to keep festive holiday plants including poinsettias, mistletoe and holly out of pets' reach. Ingesting any of these may cause a range of symptoms, while usually mild, ranging from stomach upset to low blood pressure.

Check your smoke detector battery

On the eighth day of safety, we remind you that smoke detectors should be tested regularly and the batteries replaced at least once or twice a year. Maryour calendar to check your alarm during the holidays. A working smoke alarm cuts your risk of home fire death in half.

Celebrate small and don't drink and drive

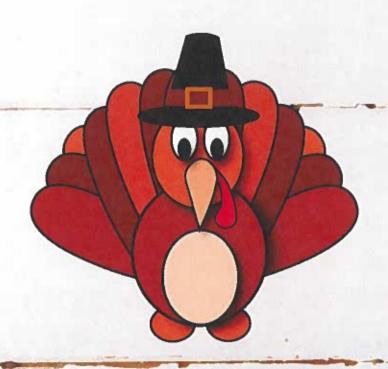
This year, planning a virtual holiday celebration or celebrating only with members of your own household poses the lowest risk of spreading COVID-1 If you do plan an in-person celebration, remember to wear a mask, maintain distance of 6 feet, and wash hands frequently. If you do plan a small gathering, there are other safety concerns to keep in mind – including that every year hundreds of people die in drunk driving accidents during the holiday season. If you plan to drink alcohol, make sure you have a designated driver to get you and your loved ones home safe and sound. Or, consider using rideshare app.

Choose a fire-resistant artificial tree and be sure to water a natural tree daily

On average, more than 200 house fires are caused by Christmas trees each year. To prevent this from happening to you, we remind you on the tenth day of safety to exercise caution when placing, decorating, and maintaining either kind of tree. Position your tree at least three feet away from a heat source and remember to keep natural trees hydrated.

Travel safely and don't overshare on social media

Social media is a great way to share what you and your family are doing for the holidays. However, if you are leaving your home for an extended period of time, we remind you on the twelfth day of safety not to put your plans or pictures on social media until after you return. You could be unintentional inviting thieves to break into your house while you're away. Also, keep in mind any federal and-local guidelines for GOVID-19 when making holiday travel arrangements this year.



DON'T BE THAT TURKEY

### PROMOTIONS/MOVEMENTS



Captain Brian Prudencio South Hilo Patrol



Captain Todd Pataray
Puna Patrol

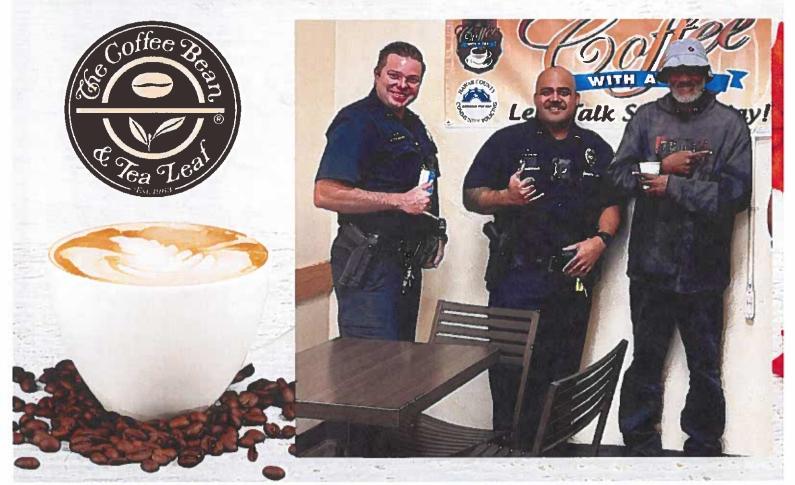
We would like to extend our graditude and thanks to Captain Brian Prudencio for his dedication and efforts in making the Pund District a better place. Captain Prudencio will be transferring to the district of South Hilo and Captain Todd Pataray will be the new Puna District Commander effective mid November. Welcome Captain Todd Pataray!

# Coffee With the Best Cop



The Hawaii Police Department Puna Community Police Section would like to thank the public for attending our Coffee with a Cop event. We would also like to extend our thanks to the Keaau Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf for allowing us to have this event at their place of business.

Future Coffee with a Cop events will be posted at a later time. The Police Department encourages the public to attend and talk with a cop over a cup of coffee.







Please do not attempt to contact any wanted person as they may be armed and/or dangerous. If you have information regarding the whereabouts of any listed individual please call police.