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PUNA NEWSLETTER

Hawai'i County Police Department



Aloha wau ia 'oe

Hawaiian phrase "Aloha wau ia oe" is more than words. It embodies the spirit of aloha, which is love, respect, and compassion.

As we begin the new month, February is a time to be reminded of our shared responsibility to show aloha to all. Showing aloha on our roadways, in our neighborhoods, or during moments that call for preparedness, our daily choices matter. When we remain mindful of how our actions affect others, we help ensure that Puna remains a place where all can move, live, and gather safely.

Monthly Review

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This newsletter is brought to you by your Community Policing Team—Officers Cardines, Lunsford, Sato, and Toloumu. It's designed for the public and serves as our way of sharing helpful information and raising awareness. Feel free to share!



JANUARY REPORTED CRIMES



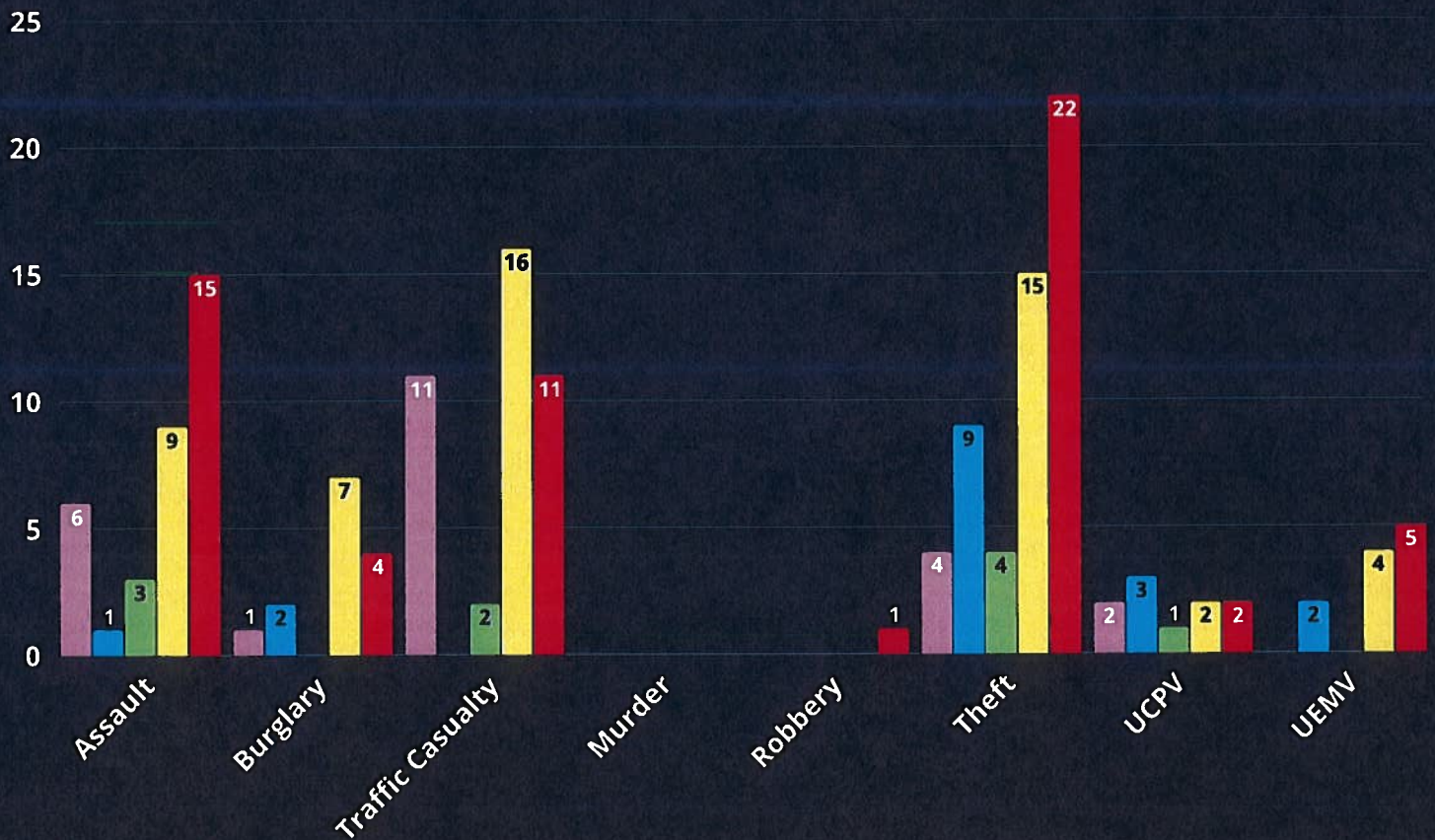
VOLCANO

MT.VIEW

KURTISTOWN

KEA'AU

PĀHOA



- **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.
- **Traffic Casualty:** Major traffic casualties; \$3000 plus in damages and/or injuries.
- **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 person of their property.
- **UCPV:** Unauthorized Control of Propelled vehicle; auto theft.
- **UEMV:** Unauthorized entry into a motor vehicle; car break-in.

JANUARY CRIME STATS

VOLCANO

ASSAULT -6

NAU NANI RD
KOMO ST
5TH ST X2
AWAPUHI NANAI RD
ALII WAO RD

BURGLARY- 1

HAUNANI RD

TRAFFIC CASUALTY-1
OHIALANI/ALA NAULANI ST

THEFT-4

MAKOA RD
HAUNANI RD
ALII ANELA/OLD VOL RD
MAHENA ST

UCPV -2

ALII ANELA ST/OLD VOL RD
MAHENA ST

MOUNTAIN VIEW

ASSAULT - 1

KAUAI ST

BURGLARY - 2

OOAA RD
N KULANI RD

THEFT - 7

KAUAI ST
KOLOA MAOLI RD
N KULANI RD
MOHO RD
UAU RD
VOLCAO RD (OHIA LEHUA)
HIBISCUS ST

UCPV-2

OPEPEA RD
EKENA ST

UEMV - 2

N KULANI RD
UAU RD (RD5)

JANUARY CRIME STATS

KURTISTOWN

THEFT -4

VOLCANO RD (J HARA)X2
MELIA ST
POOLA RD

ASSAULT-3

KURTISOWN 7-11 X2
IWASAKI CAMP RD

TRAFFIC CASUALTY-2

OLAA RD
1600 KEAAU PAHOA RD

KEA'AU

ASSAULT - 9

OPUKAHAIA ST
24TH AVE
1600 BLOCK OLD VOLCANO RD
KEAAU PAHOA RD
OLD VOLCANO RD (KEAAU FIRE) X3
OLD VOLCANO RD (SHELL GAS)
MAKUU DR

BURGLARY -7

KEAAU PAHOA RD (TRANSFER STN.)X2
MELEKAHIWA ST
11TH AVE
MELEKAHIWA ST
PILIKAI RD
MAKUU DR

UCPV - 3

19TH AVE X2
34TH AVE

UEMV-4

OLD VOLCANO RD (ACE)
29TH AVE
BEACH RD
OLD VOLCANO RD (SHELL)

THEFT-12

1700 BLOCK VOLCANO RD
39TH AVE
19TH AVE

THEFT CONT

1600 BLOCK OLD VOLCANO RD (ACE)
8TH AVE
35TH AVE
1500 BLOCK BEACH RD
1600 BLOCK KEAAU PAHOA RDX2
OHE ST
KEAAU PAHOA RD (ALABI TAVERN)
MAMAKA ST
OLD VOLCANO RD (SHIPMAN PARK)X2

TRAFFIC CASUALTY - 16

KEAAU PAHOA RD/PARADISE DR
HWY130-2.5MM
1500 BLOCK PARADISE DR
HWY130-5.5MM
KALOLI DR/BEACH RD
KEAAU PAHOA RD/AULII ST
HWY130-2.2MM
KEAAU PAHOA RD/SHOWER DR
OLD VOLCANO RD/KEAAU SHOPPING CEN
MAKUU DR/14TH AVE
KEAAU PAHOA RD/ILIMA ST
HWY130-1.7MM
KEAAU PAHOA RD/SHOWER DR
KEAAU PAHOA RD/SHOWER DR
VOLCANO RD/MACADAMIA RD
VOLCANO RD/VOLCANO RD

JANUARY CRIME STATS

PĀHOA

ASSAULT - 15

KEAAU PAHOA RDX2
PAHOA VILLAGE RD (7-11)X2
PUNI PAKA LP
KAHAKAI BLVD
ALA LOKELANI
KALAPANA KAPOHO RD
LAAU PL
PAHOA VILLAGE RD
MANUAPA AVE
PAHOA VILLAGE RD (HS)X2
KAUHALE ST
1500 BLOCK KEAAU PAHOA RD

BURGLARY -4

KAPUNA RD
KONA ST
DONNYBROOK LN
AINALOA BLVD

TRAFFIC CASUALTY -11

KAHAKAI BLVD/AWEOWEO ST
KAMAILI RD/KALAPANA KAPOHO RD
PAHOA VILLAGE RD
ALAILI RD/PAHOA KALAPANA RD
LAVA TREE PARK
KAMAILI RD/PAHOA KALAPANA RD
PAHOA KAPOHO RD/NANAWALE BLVD
PAHOA KAPOHO RD/KEAAU PAHOA RD
1500 BLOCK PAHOA KAPHOHO RD
KAOHE HOMESTEAD RD
HONOLULU LANDING

THEFT -22

SEAVIEW RD
PAHOA VILLAGE RD (HS)
HAWAII ST
PAHOA KAPOHO RD
AINALOA BLVD
JEWEL DR
KUHIO DR
HIBISCUS DR
KAHAKAI BLVD
PAHOA KAPOHO RD/GOV BEACH RD
AKEAKAMAI LP
MAPUANA AVE/KALIHI KAI ST X2
PAHOA VILLAGE RD (PUNA KAI)
1400 BLOCK PAHOA RD
KUHIO DR
UILANI DR X2
PAHOA VILLAGE RD (POST OFFICE)
ALAPAI ST
KEAAU PAHOA RD
MAIKO ST

ROBBERY - 1

MAPUANA AVE

UCPV - 2

HAPUU DR
PAHOA VILLAGE RD

UEMV - 4

PAHAO KAPOHO RD
HIBISCUS DR
PAHOA KAPOHO/GOV BEACH RD
AKEAKAMAI LP
MAPUANA AVE/KALIHI ST

DID YOU KNOW?



BURGLARIES IN PUNA JANUARY 14



If You Suspect a Break-In

If you return home and believe someone has entered your home—or may still be inside—do not enter. Leave the area immediately and call police.

- Go to a safe location nearby (a neighbor's home or your vehicle).
- Call police and provide your address and what you observed.
- Do not touch anything or confront anyone.
- Wait for officers to arrive before re-entering your home.



NEIGHBORHOOD NUGGETS

Recent burglary activity across Hawai'i Island serves as a reminder that prevention starts at home. Small, consistent steps can significantly reduce opportunity and help keep our communities safe.

Home Safety Tip

Lock doors and windows every time you leave—even for short errands. Avoid hiding spare keys outside, as these are commonly discovered during break-ins. Keep exterior lighting on at night and ensure entry points are visible from the street.

Vehicle Safety Tip

Always lock vehicles and remove valuables, even when parked at home. Do not leave keys, wallets, tools, or electronics inside. Thieves frequently check unlocked vehicles in residential areas and driveways.

Neighborhood Safety Tip

Get to know your neighbors and their vehicles. Establish simple communication—a text thread or group chat—to quickly share concerns or suspicious activity.

TIPS WHEN CALLING 911

WHEN CALLING 911

- STAY CALM
- KNOW YOUR LOCATION
- LET THE CALL-TAKER GUIDE THE CONVERSATION
- FOLLOW ALL DIRECTIONS
- KEEP BEING A GOOD WITNESS
- DO NOT HANG UP THE CALL

WHAT IS 911

911 is a free emergency phone number used to request immediate assistance from emergency services. This includes Police, Fire, and medical services.

FOR EMERGENCY USE ONLY!

An emergency is any situation that requires immediate assistance from law enforcement, firefighters, or an ambulance. If you are ever in doubt about whether a situation is an emergency, you should call 911. It is better to be safe and let the 911 dispatcher determine if you require emergency assistance. Otherwise, you can reach the police on our non-emergency line at (808) 935-3311 to make reports, seek advice, or request other police services.

What to expect

Calling 911 is a highly stressful experience that many find overwhelming. You may be dealing with trauma, extreme emotions, loud noises, or even a dangerous situation and our dispatchers know this. They will strive to keep you focused and organized to move things along. This way, they can get the proper emergency service to you as fast as possible, but they need your help.

You will need to know where you are calling from. This is one of the first things you will be asked. Take a moment to figure this out before placing the call. While on the line with the call taker, they will guide the conversation, wait for them to ask questions, and answer them clearly and calmly. The call taker is trained to ask the right questions in the proper order so they can get emergency services to you right away. Stay calm, and remain on the line until emergency services arrive, do not hang up. The call taker will guide you through the emergency until then.

If you follow these tips, you will get a faster response time which can be the difference between life and death.

What if I accidentally call 911

If you happen to call by accident, stay on the line until you can tell the call taker that you called by accident and there is no emergency. This saves the call taker from having to call you back and confirm there is no emergency or possibly diverting police to check your address for an emergency.



SLOW DOWN &

▶ MOVE OVER

Attention Hawaii drivers! Did you know that there's a law in place, Hawaii Revised Statutes 291C-27, to help protect our emergency responders? It's called the **move over law**, & it's important to understand what it requires of you.

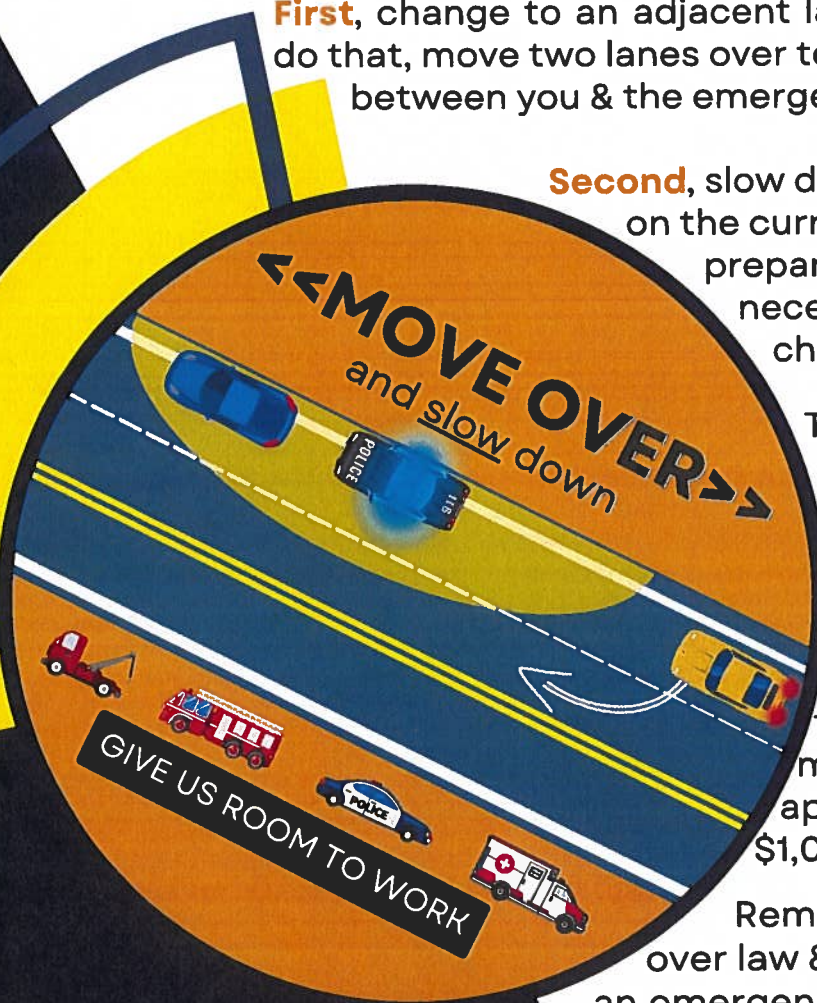
When you see a stationary emergency vehicle with its lights on, such as a police vehicle, ambulance or fire truck you must take action. Here's what you need to do:

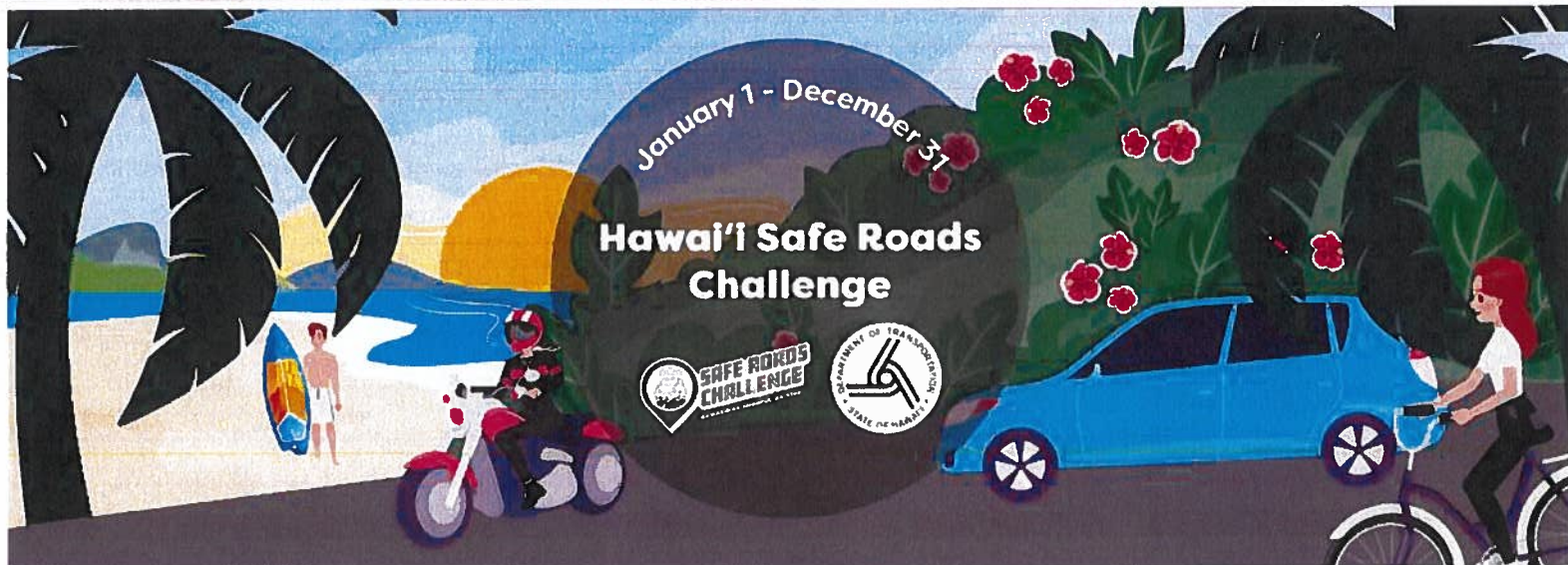
First, change to an adjacent lane if possible. If you can't do that, move two lanes over to create an empty lane between you & the emergency vehicle.

Second, slow down to a safe speed based on the current road conditions. Be prepared to come to a full stop if necessary to make a safe lane change.

This law applies to a variety of emergency vehicles, including police & fire department vehicles, tow trucks, & more. If you don't comply with the move over law, you could face a traffic citation, mandatory court appearance, & a fine of up to \$1,000.

Remember, violating the move over law & causing injury or death to an emergency responder may result in an arrest and additional charges. Let's all do our part to keep our emergency responders safe by following Hawaii's move over law.





2026 HAWAI'I SAFE ROADS CHALLENGE

*Promoting Safety for Everyone
on Our Roadways*

The Hawai'i Department of Transportation has launched the **2026 Hawai'i Safe Roads Challenge**, a free and voluntary program designed to help drivers become more aware of their driving habits and reduce risky behaviors behind the wheel.

Why Participate?

- Speeding is a factor in nearly $\frac{1}{3}$ of traffic fatalities statewide
- Small changes in driving behavior can significantly reduce crash risk
- Safer driving protects drivers, passengers, pedestrians, cyclists, and first responders
- Participation is easy, free, and open to drivers across Hawai'i

How The Challenge Works

- Scan the QR code below + download the "Safe Roads" app
- Drive as usual (app runs in the background)
- Practice safer driving + earn chances to *win* rewards and prizes

What You'll See

- Real-time tracking of key driving behaviors
- Personalized feedback and safety insights
- Incentives for positive driving choices

JOIN THE CHALLENGE!



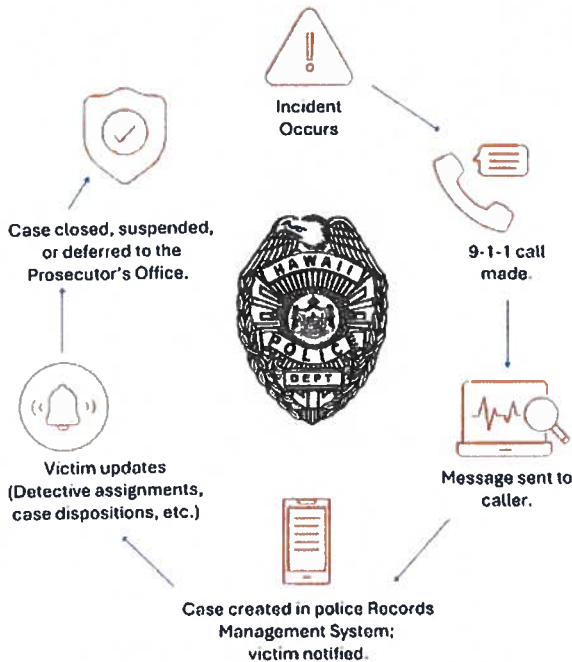
DOWNLOAD APP



LEARN MORE

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Improving Communication, Access, and Public Safety



VERSATERM COMMUNITYCONNECT

The Hawai'i Police Department is expanding community engagement and transparency through **Versaterm CommunityConnect**, an automated system that provides timely updates about police calls and cases via text message or email.

What to expect:

- *Text confirmation* for certain service calls made from a cell phone, acknowledging your request for service
- Updates if an officer is delayed, helping reduce uncertainty and follow-up calls
- *Case status and arrest notifications* when key updates occur
- *Victim portal access* to view case information and enroll in notifications at engage.hawaiipolice.gov
- Messages available in English, Spanish, and Tagalog to better serve our diverse community

****Reference *Resource Guide* for QR code to Hawai'i Police Department Victim Information Portal**

Unused or expired prescription medications may be dropped off **year-round** at any of the eight HPD district police stations.

Safe disposal helps prevent misuse, protects keiki and kūpuna, and keeps medications out of the environment.

DRUG TAKE-BACK PROGRAM



WANTED

****Disclaimer: This list is based on the current database records of active warrants as of 02-02-2026.**



**Daesyn PACHECO
MURAGIN**



Kyle PU'U-GUSTAFSON



Sonia SAMSON



Sara HOKE-WELLE



Keanu K. KRAUSE



Kole RACE-JOAQUIN



Christopher MATTOS



Aaron NOBRIGA



Alden PAULINE

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.



For life-threatening emergencies, call 911.

For non-life-threatening emergencies, call (808) 935-3311.

For the Fire Department, call (808) 961-8336.



VICTIM INFO PORTAL

Check the status of your police report and receive real-time updates through HPD portal.



POLICE DIRECTORY

Access contact information for HPD departments, stations, and specialized units.



CRIME STOPPERS

Submit anonymous tips about crimes or suspicious activity to help keep our community safe.



ANIMAL CONTROL

Report stray or dangerous animals, access lost-and-found services, or learn about licensing and care.



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Find support, counseling, and emergency resources for victims of domestic violence.



KULEANA HOTLINE

Share non-emergency community concerns confidentially to improve neighborhood safety.



REPORT AN UNSAFE DRIVER

Notify authorities about reckless, impaired, or dangerous driving behavior.



GET A COPY OF A POLICE REPORT

Request copies of police reports for legal, personal, or insurance purposes.



SUBMIT A TIP ABOUT AN UNSOLVED CASE

Provide confidential information to assist investigations.

RESOURCE GUIDE

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