

JULY 2021 NEWSLETTER

DISTRICT 5: KAIMUKI, PALOLO VALLEY, ST. LOUIS HEIGHTS, MANOA, MOILIILI, MCCULLY, AND PORTIONS OF ALA MOANA, KAKAAKO, AND MAKIKI



Aloha!

Over the past six months, I have been getting to know the issues concerning District 5. My office receives numerous call about traffic and safety issues such as missing street signs, speeding, parking, and infrastructure. We also get calls about graffiti, noise complaints, animal nuisances, and gambling houses. But the most prevalent concern across all 7 Neighborhood Boards that I serve is homelessness and homeless related crime – trespassers cleaning off in streams, living in sidewalk tents, noise and nuisance from those mentally ill, illegal drug use, and much more. The folks who answer these calls and who do their best to keep our communities safe is our local law enforcement.

Our heroes in blue are out there on the front lines and on the streets every day. This month's newsletter focuses on our local law enforcement and how you can actively help

keep our community safe. The Honolulu Police Department needs you to help be the eyes and ears of neighborhood safety. This can be done through organizing neighborhood security watch groups and educating ourselves so we can assist our patrol and community police team members.

I want to send a big mahalo to our law enforcement who are there on the scene helping those during times of crisis. Please learn more about neighborhood business and residential security in this month's newsletter, and meet a few of our community policing team members in our photos. They have earned my respect and aloha for all they do.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

FOR CITY COUNCIL AND A FULL COUNCIL CALENDAR, PLEASE VISIT OUR NEW INTERACTIVE WEBSITE: WWW.HONOLULUCITYCOUNCIL.COM

CITY COUNCIL

July 7 @ 10:00 am
August 11 @ 10:00 am

BUDGET COMMITTEE

July 21 @ 9:00 am
August 25 @ 9:00 am

NEIGHBORHOOD BOARDS

1ST WEDNESDAY @ 7 PM
NB #7 MANOA

2ND WEDNESDAY @ 7 PM
NB #6 PALOLO

3RD WEDNESDAY @ 6:30 PM
NB #4 KAIMUKI

4TH TUESDAY @ 6:30 PM
NB #11 ALA MOANA/
KAKAAKO

1ST THURSDAY @ 6:30 PM
NB #8 MCCULLY/MOILIILI

2ND THURSDAY @ 6 PM
NB #5 DIAMOND HEAD/
KAPAHULU/ ST. LOUIS HGTS.

3RD THURSDAY @ 6 PM
NB #10 MAKIKI/ LOWER
PUNCHBOWL/ TANTULUS

The Neighborhood Board election results are in! Congratulations to all the newly elected board members. The new term commences on July 1, 2021, and concludes on June 30, 2023. To view the results, you can visit <http://www.honolulu.gov/nco/nbelections> and navigate to 2021 Election Results.

BUSINESS SECURITY TIPS BURGLARY AND THEFT PREVENTION

With business burglaries a problem across Oahu, HPD recommends that the following precautions be taken to increase security and reduce crime:

- **Alarms** are good deterrents.
- **Location** should be easily visible for a quick police response.
- **Security guards** make a business much less susceptible to theft. If cost is an issue, consider forming an association with neighboring businesses.
- **Doors** should be pick-resistant with double deadbolt locks.
- **Windows** should be secured when the business is closed. Wire mesh is recommended.
- **Lighting** should be adequate around the perimeter of the premise.
- **Air conditioning ducts, vents, and roof entrances** should be secured with metal bars or mesh to prevent unwanted entry.
- **Fences/Gates** should be secured with a high security lock, such as a disc lock. The gate hasp should be housed in a lock box.
- **Tools/Equipment** should be inventoried and marked accurately and clearly.
- **Safes** should be bolted to the floor and only certain individuals should know the combination.
- **Cash** should be incrementally deposited to prevent keeping a large sum of money on the premises.



HOW CAN I HELP KEEP MY NEIGHBORHOOD SAFE?

WHAT IS A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH?

A Neighborhood Watch is neighbors helping neighbors. They are extra eyes and ears for reporting crime and helping neighbors. Members meet their neighbors, learn how to make their homes more secure, watch out for each other and the neighborhood, and report activity that raises their suspicions to the police.

HOW SHOULD I REPORT INCIDENTS?

- Call 9-1-1
- Give your name and address
- Explain what happened
- Briefly describe the suspect: sex and race, age, height, weight, hair color, clothing, distinctive characteristics such as a beard, mustache, scars, or accent.
- Describe the vehicle if one was involved: color, make, model, year, license plate, and special features such as stickers.

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SOME OF THE HONOLULU ORDINANCES THAT ARE ENFORCEABLE BY HPD



Bus Stops

Prohibits persons, subject to certain exceptions from lying down in designated bus stop areas between 4am on one day and 1am of the following day.

Ordinance 18-5

Sit-Lie

Prohibits, subject to stated exceptions, persons from sitting or lying on public sidewalks during the hours from 5am - 11pm in specified areas zoned for commercial and business activities. Find out which areas currently have sit-lie ordinances in place by contacting me at cksay@honolulu.gov.

Ordinance 14-26, 14-35, 15-14, 17-15, 17-41, 20-15

Camping

Camping means the use and occupation of a public park as a temporary or permanent dwelling place or sleeping space between the hours of 10pm-5am.

Ordinance 08-22

Tents/Shopping Carts

Prohibits persons within the limits of any public park from constructing, utilizing, placing, occupying, leaving, or in any other manner situating any tent, except as authorized by permit and prohibits persons within the limits of any public park from constructing, utilizing, placing, occupying, leaving, or in any other manner situating any shopping cart.

Ordinance 10-4, 10-5

Sidewalk Obstruction

prohibits, between 6am-10pm, persons from creating, causing, or maintaining an obstruction on a public sidewalk if it interferes, impedes, and/or prevents pedestrians from passing freely.

Ordinance 18-34



Learn More About HPD

Check out www.honolulu.gov/hpd for more information regarding HPD, where you can also learn more about:

Police Services:

You can visit www.honolulu.gov/hpd/police-services to learn more about police services that include:

- Firearms
- Hire a Special Duty Officer
- Police Patch Request
- Police Reports
- Speaker Request
- Museum Tour
- Station Tour
- Report Graffiti
- Burglar/Alarm Registration
- Anti-Terrorism
- Online Reports
- Bail Out Procedures

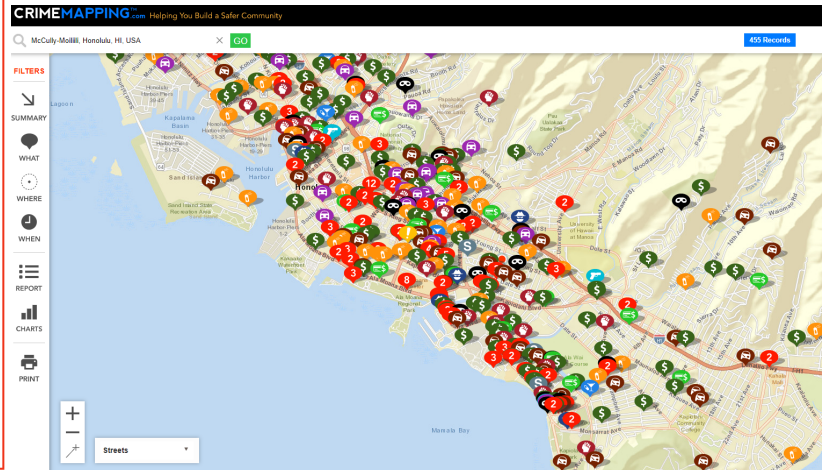
Citizen reporting

Reporting a crime via telephone or online is designed to make filing a police report easier and more convenient; however, it is a crime to make false statements or misuse electronic communication. Please note, that although your report is submitted via HPD's online reporting system, an Officer will still call you and confirm the information you provided.

All Online reported cases / incidents are handled between the hours of 6:30am-11:00pm (excluding most holidays), cases that are sent after those hours or during a holiday will be handled the following morning at 6:30am. To better assist you in your needs, or if you need immediate assistance please call 911.

This online reporting system is only to be used to report a set of limited criminal incidents with very specific criteria listed. You can find more information here: <https://www.frontlinepss.com/honolulupolice>

Be aware of what's happening in your neighborhood. **Crime mapping** data that appears on the interactive crime map comes from HPD's Computer Aided Dispatch System: www.honolulupd.org/information/crime-mapping.



EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021



HOLO cards will completely replace bus passes. Starting on that date, in order to pay admission to ride the bus, you can only use either your HOLO card or cash. You can find more information about the HOLO card at www.holocard.net.



There will no longer be a parking fee exemption for people possessing disability parking permits. Those with limited mobility may apply for a disabled paid parking exemption permit. More information can be found at <https://health.hawaii.gov/dcab/disabled-paid-parking-exemption-permit/>.

What is Text to 911?

Text to 911 is an emergency service that is provided to all mobile users in the State of Hawaii. It allows someone to use their activated cell phone to contact the 911 center via text message instead of calling 911.

That's Awesome! So I should just use the texting because it's easier than calling?

Actually, no. Calling 911 is still a faster, more efficient way of relaying an emergency to the Police, Fire, Ambulance, or Ocean Safety. Calling 911 will also provide the 911 center with access to your location. Texting to 911 should only be done when you are unable to make a voice call.

So, when would someone use text to 911?

Some examples would be:

- If you are in a situation where it is not safe to place a voice call to 911.
- If you are experiencing a medical emergency that renders you incapable of speaking or hearing.
- If you are unable to call 911 due to being in a location with sporadic cellular voice service.
- If you are unable to speak or hear due to injury or physical restraint.

If I am able to text to 911, will the 911 center automatically know my location?

No. Per the FCC: Texting to 911 is different from making a voice call to 911 in this respect. In most cases when you text 911 from a wireless phone, the call taker will not receive this automated information. For this reason, if you send a text message to 911, it is important to give the 911 call taker an accurate address or location as quickly as possible, if you can.

I see...so what do I do to text if I have to?

You simply send a text to the number 911 like you would any other text. Keep in mind, text messaging was never meant to provide emergency services, so your text may take longer to reach help.

What do I say in a text?

You will need to provide your location and the type of emergency you have (Police, Fire, or Ambulance) and address if you know it, including floor or room number if you are in a building. Send brief messages, but please don't use abbreviations. Also remember to use plain English language. The 911 Center Dispatcher will then respond with text questions pertaining to your situation.



DID YOU KNOW?

when you can't call you can text 911