

HPP Neighborhood Watch Meeting Minutes for 4/4/26

1. HPP NW Board Members Present: Judi Houle President, Betty Masterson Vice President, Barbara Digmann Secretary

Community Police Officer: Officer Chance Lunsford- Absent

Team Leaders: NW Emergency Radio Co-Captain- Francis Blas

Community Members Present: Tonya Clark, Teresa DeMello, Al Yax, Cathy Garrison, Stan Griffin, Sue Griffin, Rudy Paffran, Mimi Hafele, Anthony Clark, Tom Cioch, Mary Louisa

HPP Neighborhood Watch Minutes for 3/7/26 were approved by email. Meeting called to order by President Judi Houle at 9:10am. The March Crime Map and Most Wanted were available at the meeting.

2. Community Reports and Discussions:

- 1) 3/23-3/27 Warrant Sweep by Police, Sheriff, DOCARE, and Secret Service led to 11 arrests on Big Island. 5 arrested were from Puna.
- 2) Murder in Kurtistown. Jong Kim 80yr old killed his wife in their kitchen.
- 3) 4/9 Kupuna Watch in Pahoia Senior Center 10-12 noon. Topics are about scams, AI, elder abuse, reporting crimes, and crime prevention.
- 4) Animal Control- Interim Administrator Charyse Emmons. The previous Administrator has been reassigned to Veterinarian Technician at the Pana'ewa Zoo.
- 5) Truck playing loud music on Beach Rd. off Paradise Dr. People are camping overnight in their vehicles along the cliffs. Suggested night cameras to catch vehicles and license plates.
- 6) Neighbor reported campfires on Makuu Cliffs and Shipman property. No camping and no campfire signs are needed.
- 7) Vehicle Disposal Assistance Program: State will pay for 2 free tows/year off private property.
- 8) Wild pigs are out of control. We need help from County or State. People are feeding wild pigs and chickens that is increasing the population.
- 9) Proposed Grocery Store & Gas Station: Infrastructure improvements and rezoning must be made before a commercial enterprise gets built.
- 10) Neighbor reported a burnt out vehicle on 16th Ave. is now gone.
- 11) Squatter family on 21st Ave. and theft across the street at sec. 8 rental.

- 12) 3/31 Bomb threat at Keaau Post Office. Post Office, Shopping Center, Health Care Center, and School was evacuated. Erick Smith of Volcano was arrested. No bomb was found in the package.
- 13) We are waiting for the 2 Armadillo reports on 16th Ave. and Beach Rd.
- 14) Missing Naomi Michael was reported in Hilo by Police Detective.

Report crimes or suspicious activity. This will increase our numbers and Demand for more Police Officers in HPP. Puna HPD is currently short 11 Officers.

Speed Bump project is currently done for now. Go to the HPPOA.net website for updates.

HPP NW Food Pantry now has a refrigerator and freezer to store food.

March Crime Report

Burglaries went up to 4 in March as compared to 0 in February. Thefts, UEMV, and UCPV went down in March.

*Continue to be vigilant, report crimes and suspicious activity.
Beware of distracted and reckless drivers at intersections that are running stop signs, speeding, or on their phones.*

5 Major Traffic Accident: Most accidents happen at intersections by distracted drivers, not stopping, or not yielding. Beware of blind corner of Makuu & Hwy. 3/8 Paradise & 28th Ave., 3/11 Paradise & 25th Ave.
3/12 Hwy 130 & Makuu Dr., 3/14 Hwy 130 & 29th Ave., 3/16 Hwy 130 & Makuu Dr.

4 Burglary- 3/3 on 24th Ave., 3/10 on 17th Ave., 3/18 on 17th Ave., 3/28 on 28th Ave.

0 UCPV-

0 UEMV-

2 Theft- 3/21 on 32nd Ave., 3/23 on Makuu & 31st Ave.

1 Assault- 3/2 on 29th Ave.

Puna's 9 Most Wanted: Call 911 if seen! Armed and Dangerous

Call Crime Stoppers 808-961-8300 to report anonymous tips to police.

Daesyn Pacheco Muraqin- Arrested!

Cherish Torres- Arrested in Hawaiian Acres.

Keanu K. Krause- Seen in Mt. View on Livingston. Rides a stolen Black

ATV and black dirt bike.

Kole Race-Joaquin- Auto theft. Moves from Hilo to Honakaa to Ainaloa.

Drives a loud black enduro with no plates.

Alden Pauline- Arrested in Keaau! Bail is set for \$5,000.

Christopher Mattos- Last seen in Hawaiian Acres and Ainaloa in a stolen Jeep Wrangler. DLNR reported him hunting in the Mountains.

Aaron Nobriga- Arrested in Hawaiian Acres!

Eduardo Lopez- Arrested in Keaau!

Fill out "Community Road Safety Watch" form. Report Reckless Drivers!

Traffic Safety Division will follow up and send a warning.

Call: 808-961-2226 and email report to: Torey.Keltner@hawaiicounty.gov

3. **Deputy Prosecutor Berrenberg has retired: She had recommended using 2 websites as resources to look up incarcerations, status, and citations.
www.VineLink.com Hawaii - to check on a criminal's incarceration status.
www.courts.state.hi.us - Ecourt Kokua Hawaii -to check on arrest history and citations.**
4. **Treasurer's March Report: Monica Suddarth - absent.
HPP NW Swap Income was \$370
NW GE taxes paid. March Checking Account Balance \$22,113.45
Food Pantry March purchases 4 tables and bags. Balance \$8841.80**
5. **Vice President: Betty Masterson- Be vigilant and observant. Keep a daily log. Write down suspicious people, cars, and license plates. Lock your car doors. Watch vacant or abandoned homes for intruders. Call Police!**
6. **NW Emergency Radio Team: Co-Captain Francis Blas said we need new recruits, weekly Radio Nets, monthly meetings, and Kona Low power failures and need for radio damage reports and downed trees.**
7. **CERT Team Trainer: Betty Masterson- talked about training schedule and online tutorial. CERTs learn 1st Aid, Search and Rescue, extinguishing small fires, damage assessments, and assisting after a disaster.**
8. **HPP NW Website, and Newsletter: Leo Warden is working remotely on Updating the Website www.HPPWatch.org**
9. **Trail Cameras: There is 1 camera available for loan to HPP**

Neighborhood Watch residents.

- 10. HPP Food Pantry Report: 3/24 we provided bags of food, fresh produce, and clothing for nearly 800 people in need and made home deliveries to 50 disabled and homebound residents.**

Next Food Pantry 4/28 Tuesday at 1-3:30pm while supplies last.

We appreciate donations of bags, canned food, clothing, or produce.

- 10. Swap Meet: 4/11 Saturday 7–11AM. 6 Door prizes are given out every half hour**
- 11. Albizia Workshop and In-Field Demonstration: 4/18 Saturday 9-11am.**
- 12. Adjourned Meeting at 10:20 am**