STATEWIDE TRAFFIC COMMANDERS

FALL 2026 · FFY27 Q1 EDITION

TRAFFIC COMMANDER QUARTERLY

Results, highlights and what's next from the October 20–21, 2026 meetings.
Reporting period: July–September 2026.



Community Collaboration Day, Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai‘i · October 21, 2026

STATEWIDE, YEAR TO DATE

75 traffic deaths, Jan 1 – Oct 19, 2026

▼ 28 FEWER than the 103 lost at this point in 2025 (−27.2%)

Every one of those 28 is a person who made it home. The work you are doing is moving the numbers. Let's keep going in this direction!

Preliminary state data, subject to change.

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ONE TEAM · ONE MISSION · SAFER ROADS FOR ALL

ALOHA, TRAFFIC COMMANDERS

Ben and I want to say mahalo to everyone who joined us on October 20 and 21, and especially to our presenters and to everyone who reported for their agency. Your time, preparation and willingness to share data and lessons learned are what make these meetings valuable for every partner across the state.

This newsletter is something many of you asked for. It is written for the commanders, prosecutors and partners who were in the room, and just as much for the chiefs, directors and administrators who could not be. Inside are the statewide numbers, what each agency reported for July through September, results from our last Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over mobilization, highlights from both days, and what is coming next.

The numbers are encouraging. As of October 19, Hawai‘i has lost 28 fewer people on our roads than at this point last year. That did not happen by accident. It came from increased enforcement, HDOT’s behavioral data guiding where that enforcement goes, and consistent, unified messaging on every island.

There is still a lot of work ahead. Occupant deaths are up, Hawai‘i County is running above last year, and the holidays are the most dangerous stretch on our roads. Connection, communication, collaboration and cooperation remain the keys to our progress. We will be back in January with a full 2026 year in review.



Ben and Slate, back in the day.

Mahalo for everything you do,

Slate & Ben

WHAT IS TRAFFIC COMMANDERS?

A quarterly, statewide meeting that brings the people responsible for traffic safety to one table. The purpose is to get enforcement along with prosecution, engineering and education all moving in the same direction to make our roads safer.

Think Justice League but with cooler people (wink). Instead of the weight of the universe, we have the weight of Hawai‘i’s roadways and traffic safety on our shoulders.

Day 1 · Traffic Commander Collaboration: state and county law enforcement leaders, prosecutors and HDOT Highway Safety specialists.

Day 2 · Community Collaboration: adds the judiciary, engineers, planners, communications staff, grant recipients and community partners.

WHO WE ARE

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FFY27 MEETING DATES

Jan 26–27 · Apr 27–28 · Jul 27–28, 2027

Held quarterly at the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai‘i

PRELIMINARY STATE FARS DATA · JANUARY 1 – OCTOBER 19, 2026 VS. SAME PERIOD 2025

WHERE HAWAI'I STANDS

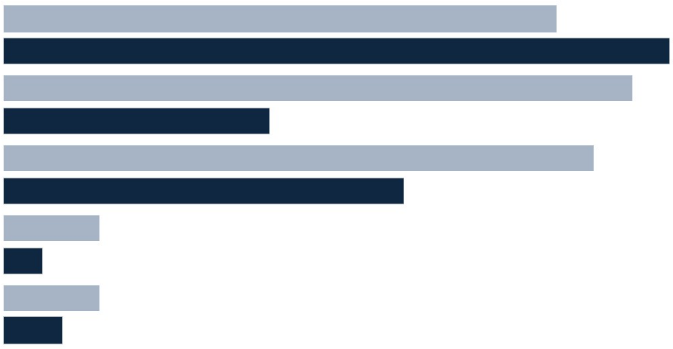
STATEWIDE FATALITIES

75 in 2026
103 at this point in 2025

▼ 28 fewer deaths (–27.2%)

County	2025	2026
Honolulu	67	**33**
Hawai‘i	17	**27**
Maui	13	**10**
Kaua‘i	6	**5**
Statewide	**103**	**75**

WHO IS DYING ON OUR ROADS



FOCAL POINT

Motor vehicle occupant deaths are **up 20.7%**, and more than half of those killed were **unbelted**. Helmets were not used in **3 of 4** motorcycle, moped and scooter deaths. About half of this year's deaths involved **speed**, and nearly every impaired-driving death also involved speeding.

Hawai‘i County is the one county running above last year. Every partner can help there.

THE FARS ASK

Please help get **toxicology results and updated or corrected reports** to JP at HDOT as soon as they are available.

If each agency sets up a **proactive** routine to send them without JP having to ask, our statewide data gets more accurate and more timely. Mahalo!

A FRIENDLY REMINDER: CRASH REPORTS AND HDOT

Every statistic on this page starts with a crash report. Under **HRS §286-171**, the Director of Transportation administers Hawai‘i's statewide traffic records system, which includes the traffic records of the county police departments. HDOT relies on those reports to assess damage to state roads and bridges, analyze crashes, plan repairs and safety fixes, and keep FARS and statewide records complete. When we request a collision report for official traffic safety purposes, please help it move quickly, especially for crashes on state highways and bridges or fatalities. Most agencies already make this routine. Mahalo for being great partners!

Preliminary state data, subject to change. Bicyclist counts include e-bikes.

STATE & COUNTY POLICE REPORTING · JULY – SEPTEMBER 2026

THE QUARTER BY THE NUMBERS

FATALITIES & CRITICAL INJURIES

Measure	Kaua‘i	Honolulu	DLE	Maui	Hawai‘i	Total
Fatalities	1	10	0	4	8	**23**
Critical injuries	7	5	1	0	*	**13**

23 traffic fatalities this quarter, down from 32 the prior quarter, and **734 OVUII arrests**, up from about 650. Enforcement figures are statewide totals for all five Traffic Commander agencies.

STATEWIDE ENFORCEMENT TOTALS

Total OVUII arrests	**734**
On-duty	**658**
Grant-funded	**76**
OVUII checkpoints	**181**
On-duty	**32**
Grant-funded	**149**
Racing citations*	**48**
Racing arrests*	**2**

Speeding citations	**8,615**
Excessive speeding citations	**1,248**
Excessive speeding arrests	**92**
Distracted driving citations	**1,945**
Occupant protection citations	**2,228**
Seat belt	**2,045**
Child safety seat	**221**

AGENCY HIGHLIGHTS

July–September compared with April–June 2026

HONOLULU PD · FATALITIES DOWN 23%

Traffic fatalities fell from 13 to 10 and critical injuries from 12 to 5. Excessive speeding citations nearly tripled (up 167%), and OVUII checkpoints rose 24%. Year to date, Honolulu County traffic deaths are down by half compared with the same period last year.

HAWAI‘I PD · FATALITIES DOWN 38%

Traffic fatalities dropped from 13 to 8. Enforcement climbed across the board: OVUII checkpoints up 68%, distracted driving citations up 25%, occupant protection citations up 22% and OVUII arrests up 10%, backed by patrol’s two hours of traffic enforcement every day.

KAUA‘I PD · OVUII ARRESTS MORE THAN TRIPLED

Even while down 50 officers, Kaua‘i PD more than tripled its OVUII arrests, doubled its OVUII checkpoints and more than doubled distracted driving citations. Speeding citations rose 72%, and traffic fatalities fell from 2 to 1.

MAUI PD · OVUII ARRESTS UP 28%

OVUII arrests rose 28%, and Maui reported no critical injuries for the second straight quarter. Year to date, Maui County traffic deaths are down from 13 to 10 compared with the same period last year.

STATE (DLE + AG) · EXCESSIVE SPEEDING CITATIONS UP 67%

Its sheriffs have used HDOT crash data to work O‘ahu’s high-crash corridors all year and have been a major contributor to the island’s drop in fatal crashes. Excessive speeding citations rose 67% and distracted driving citations rose 44%.

Coming to future reports: DWOL, high-intox, habitual OVUII, negligent homicide and injury, DRE evaluations, e-bike citations/crashes and serious injury crashes. Quarterly data will eventually move to an online reporting system.

As reported by agencies on October 20, 2026. * Not yet collected; will be available at future meetings. Totals reflect reported figures.

TOP CHALLENGES SHARED BY POLICE AND PROSECUTORS STATEWIDE

WHAT'S GETTING IN THE WAY

STAFFING & RESOURCES

- Several departments are well below full staffing, with only a few officers permanently assigned to traffic.
- Small units covering large areas limit how often saturation patrols can run.
- New red-light camera locations are coming online with very few staff to process violations.
- Severe storms and congestion stretch already-thin resources.

COURTS & PROSECUTION

- A shortage of permanent judges; per diem judges may need more traffic-specific training.
- Defense attorneys are challenging cases on policy details, such as how police vehicles are parked.
- Timely blood draws depend on EMS/ medical support that is not always available.

LAWS & PENALTIES

- Fines seem too low to deter. Partners would like TVB to consider raising fees and fines.
- Moped DWOL is not being prosecuted: HRS 286-102 covers mopeds, 286-1 does not. A 2027 fix is proposed.

CULTURE, TRAINING & TOOLS

- Motivating every patrol officer to make time for traffic enforcement.
- IPTM at-scene, advanced and kinematics training runs March 1 – April 16.
- Electronic search warrants for felonies are in development; DLE-DRE tablets need funding.

IMPAIRED DRIVING CASE SCREENING

Prosecutors	Screened	Accepted	Rate
Honolulu (YTD)	902	659	**73%**
Maui	114	105	**92%**
Kaua‘i	51	44	**86%**
State (DLE + AG)	4	4	**100%**
Hawai‘i		Not currently tracked	

It was important to take a deep dive into this topic and to work together as a team, searching for opportunities to improve. Here are the top reasons cases are declined

- Can't prove beyond a reasonable doubt; no driving pattern observed.
- Driver "looks fine" on body-worn camera, especially on equipment stops with no chemical test.
- High refusal rate for SFST and testing.
- Drug-impaired cases: lab limits, no DRE, linking the drug to impairment.

SCREENING & TRIAL ISSUES

- Cases aren't always triaged, so a blood-draw, high-intox or fatal case can wait in the same pile as a petty misdemeanor.
- Judges may accept SFSTs for probable cause but apply a "common sense" standard at trial.
- Out-of-state priors are underused to show a reckless state of mind.

WORKING TOGETHER FOR SUCCESS

- Build direct officer–prosecutor relationships and flag high-impact cases early.
- Document the driving pattern and divided-attention clues, not just "failed SFSTs."
- Get a chemical test or DRE evaluation whenever possible.
- Cross-train: prosecutors at SFST, wet lab and DRE training; officers at mock trials.
- Track screening outcomes statewide so we can measure progress together.

From agency and prosecutor reporting, October 20, 2026.

NHTSA NATIONAL MOBILIZATION · AUGUST 19 – SEPTEMBER 7, 2026

DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER

59 sobriety checkpoints statewide (22 department-funded, 37 grant-funded)

43 saturation patrols, including DLE freeway operations

757 vehicles screened at Maui checkpoints alone

5 agencies across all four counties working one campaign

Agency	Dept. checkpoints	Grant checkpoints	Saturation patrols	Notable
Honolulu PD	4	32	18	9 social media posts promoting the campaign
Maui PD	12	—	8	757 vehicles screened; 24 arrests (incl. 2 habitual, 1 drug); 23 vehicles towed; drivers aged 19 to 68
Hawai‘i PD	5	5	14	Additional saturation patrols island-wide
Kaua‘i PD	1	—	—	Joint MADD checkpoint: 57 vehicles screened, 1 arrest; Instagram PSA; operations disrupted by a hurricane
State (DLE)	0	0	3	DOT-funded freeway saturations; 2 commercial vehicle operations; separate school-zone operations

NEW FOR FFY27: ONE AGENCY LEADS EACH CAMPAIGN

No more last-minute planning. Each of the five Traffic Commander agencies now owns one of five HVEE mobilizations. The lead agency:

- Coordinates the response from the other agencies
- Is the point of contact for social, earned and paid media and for media inquiries
- Reports the campaign planning and results at Traffic Commanders on Day 1 and Day 2

Slate serves as the wingman on every campaign, so no lead agency is left on its own. See page 11 for more.

> **The certainty of being caught changes behavior more than the severity of the penalty.**
>
> That is why we publicize every operation.

NEXT UP: HOLIDAY DRIVE SOBER

December 16, 2026 – January 1, 2027. Please send your enforcement plans and results to Slate early so they can be reported to HDOT and NHTSA.

Mobilization results as reported by agencies at the October 20 meeting.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20 · TRAFFIC COMMANDER COLLABORATION

ONE TABLE, EVERY AGENCY

THE AGENDA

9:00	Opening and welcome	**2:00**	FFY2027 HVEE planning
9:15	Agency reporting and mobilization results	**2:15**	DRE program updates and in-service recap
10:30	Prosecutor screening procedures and problems	**2:30**	State lab update and future plans
11:15	HIGLS / KāPix data alliance	**2:45**	IACP IDTS and GHSA conference recaps
12:00	Lunch and learn: legislative ideas	**3:15**	Highway Safety staff and FFY27 grant updates
1:00	Smart Start ignition interlock in Hawai‘i	**3:45**	Networking and closing





Putting the interlock to the test: a quick swig of mouthwash shows how environmental alcohol can register on a Smart Start device.

IGNITION INTERLOCK, UP CLOSE

- Smart Start provided an in-depth presentation about the device.
- Mouthwash, sanitizer and some foods can trigger a warn or fail. Users are trained to rinse with water first.
- A removed device does not mean driving privileges are restored. Check license status.
- Police are not automatically notified of violations unless added as a monitoring authority on the case.

BUILDING ONE CRASH DATA PICTURE

- **KāPix** reads license, registration and insurance from three photos and fills 100+ crash report fields in under five minutes. Less time on the roadside.
- **HIGLS** geolocates crashes and feeds **SHACA**, the state crash repository.
- Goal: e-citation, telematics and driver self-reporting in one common operating picture. This eliminates the need for officers to even respond to a minor "fender bender" crash, allowing more time for enforcement.

FROM THE NATIONAL CONFERENCES

- About 10 Hawai‘i representatives attended IACP’s Impaired Driving & Traffic Safety Conference (Aug 21–23) and we shared some key takeaways.
- Ideas to pursue: pre-hospital whole blood, intelligent speed assistance, and roadside safety habits (“spot, out, lighting,” helmets).
- Move Over violations factored in 9 of 15 officer deaths nationally this year.
- Many drivers believe “natural” drugs and medicines are legal and safe to drive on. More ARIDE and DRE training will help officers recognize the signs and symptoms of drug impairment.

DRE, LAB & GRANTS

- **DRE in-service recap** (Karen Kahikina, HDOT): September’s session included a mock evaluation. ITSMR will become the one home for DRE rolling logs and recertification, with a policy template coming. ARIDE and DRE training is coming up soon and is open to all agencies. Please ensure you encourage your personnel to participate.
- State lab is procuring new drug-testing instruments; methods development follows.
- **FFY26 final reports:** due in 45 days; please aim for 30 ahead of the federal management review.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21 · COMMUNITY COLLABORATION

THE WHOLE COMMUNITY IN THE ROOM

THE AGENDA

9:15	Kaua‘i PD Traffic Safety Section
10:00	ISA speed regulator: Toby Taylor & Badal BK, Smart Start
11:00	Drive With Aloha / Keep It Flowing: Ken Nishimura
11:45	Freeway Service Patrol refresh: Kurt Kendro
12:00	Lunch and learn: What is your why?
1:00	Agency and community partner reporting
1:30	Campaign and mobilization updates
1:45	Legislative ideas and wet lab discussion
2:30	Engineering: Mel Chung, HDOT
3:15	MADD Mission Moment: Alexis Brown



Kaua‘i PD’s presentation (top) and Drive With Aloha (bottom).

KAUA‘I PD: SMALL UNIT, BIG REACH

- One lieutenant, one sergeant and two investigators cover enforcement, reconstruction, training and car seats.
- Through September: about 50 traffic arrests, 1,351 moving citations and 31 major cases, 5 of them fatal.
- Roadblocks from Kapa‘a to Hanalei to Waimea; car seat checks at Wilcox every second Tuesday.

INTELLIGENT SPEED ASSISTANCE

- Act 260 (2026) created a statewide ISA program; enforcement provisions take effect January 1, 2028.
- The device limits the throttle at the posted limit; it never touches the brakes.
- Courts may issue ISA permits for racing and shall for excessive speeding; tampering is a misdemeanor.

ENGINEERING & ENFORCEMENT TOGETHER

- Roadside hazards: remove, relocate, modify, then shield.
- Speed limits weigh the 85th percentile with geometry, crash history and pedestrians. A road that feels fast needs more than a new sign.
- HDOT reviews every fatal crash site. Officers’ hazard reports feed the fixes.

MADD HAWAI‘I & DRIVE WITH ALOHA

- MADD serves victims with no conviction required. Refer families early so officers can focus on the investigation.
- Drive With Aloha uses student murals and talk story to build lifelong commitments to never drive impaired.
- Illuminate MADD Hawai‘i is November 19 (page 12).

LEGISLATIVE IDEAS FOR 2027 (SAMPLES)

- License revocation for 100+ mph; habitual excessive-speeding penalties; lower the excessive-speed threshold to 20+ mph over
- Update fines that haven’t moved in years; TVB Dashboard; Resolution for pre-hospital blood
- Close the moped DWOL gap; add 291E-62 to habitual DWOL
- Revisit the voluntariness law; ignition interlock for DWI Court participants; street-racing vehicle forfeiture (destruction vs auction); GPS blocker ban (ISA tampering)

WHAT IS YOUR WHY?

“I am tired of knocking on doors in the middle of the night letting families know that their loved one is no longer coming home.”

— A county traffic commander, one of 24 who shared their why

We received dozens of terrific legislative ideas. If we listed them all, this would be a 20-page report, so we included only a few above. But one excellent point is worth sharing again: you can have as many laws as you want, but if they are not enforced or prosecuted, they are useless. The thought? Maybe we should focus on making the laws already on the books work as intended before we create new ones. Terrific food for thought, and that is exactly what this meeting space is all about.

Missed your chance? Legislative ideas and “why” stories can still be sent to Slate.

HAWAIIAN ISLANDS TRAUMA SYMPOSIUM · OCTOBER 16, 2026

TAKING E-MOBILITY SAFETY TO THE TRAUMA COMMUNITY





From left: Slate, Torey Keltner and Kari Benes Arincorayan at the panel table, and at the podium in the Tapa Ballroom.

At The Queen's Medical Center's 25th annual Hawaiian Islands Trauma Symposium at the Hilton Hawaiian Village, three Traffic Commanders partners sat on the panel **"The Road Ahead: E-Bike Safety, Mobility Trends, and Hawai'i's Policies for Building Safer Communities"**: **Kari Benes Arincorayan**, Highway Safety Manager, HDOT; **Torey Keltner**, Program Manager, Hawai'i PD Traffic Services Section; and **Slate**. Queen's Trauma Services injury prevention coordinator Christina "TJ" Donayri moderated for an audience of physicians, nurses, EMS and trauma registrars.

WHY THE LAW HAD TO CHANGE

- Two fatal O'ahu crashes in December 2021 (a Sur-Ron in Ewa Beach and an electric unicycle on the H-1) involved devices that fit no category in Hawai'i law.
- E-bike injuries statewide rose from **106 in 2022 to 244 in 2025** (device definition continued to be an issue).
- **1 in 3** Honolulu e-bike injuries in 2025 were children under 18, and more than half had no helmet.

ACT 259 AT A GLANCE

- Defines Class 1–3 e-bikes: working pedals, motor of 750 watts (W) or less, speeds top out between 20 and 28 mph.
- Bans high-speed electric devices (over 750 W and over 28 mph) from roads, bike lanes, paths and sidewalks, and lets police seize them.
- Helmets under 18; no wheelies or stunts; mopeds and e-motorcycles out of bike lanes; $30 one-time e-bike registration.



SIGNED JULY 15, 2026 · NEXT DATE: NOVEMBER 12, 2026

Governor Josh Green signed HB 2021 as Act 259 this quarter. Its **labeling and seller disclosure rules take effect November 12**: every new e-bike must carry its class, top assisted speed and wattage.

The ask for officers and trauma teams alike: record the device, not just "e-bike." Pedals? Throttle? Class label? Helmet? Good documentation gives us good data so we can find the gaps in educating our community.

Learn more: hidot.hawaii.gov/faqs/ebikes/ebikerules · HBL.org/EBIKES

Injury data: Hawai'i Dept. of Health and Honolulu EMS (via Civil Beat, May 2026).

A STATEWIDE, MULTI-AGENCY CAMPAIGN · LAUNCHING JANUARY 1, 2027

SPEND ONE TO SAVE ONE

One moment spent. One action taken. One life saved.

Approved by the HDOT Director, with a majority of law enforcement agencies already pledged. One brand for all of our traffic safety work, carried out in every county through HDOT and the Law Enforcement Liaison.



128
traffic deaths in 2025, the most since 2007 and 25% more than 2024

90%+
of 2025 fatal crashes tied to driver behavior

–30.6%
statewide deaths, Jan–Sep 2026 vs. 2025 (98 → 68)

–55%
on O‘ahu, same period (65 → 29)

The January 2026 Traffic Commanders meeting was a turning point. Nine people had already died on our roads that month. Since then, shared HDOT data, sheriffs and officers working the high-crash corridors, and unified messaging have changed the trend. Spend One to Save One makes that approach permanent. **Traffic safety is public safety:** in 2025 Hawai‘i lost five people on its roads for every murder, and roadways and parking lots were the most common place for reported crime.

THE COMMITMENT

- **Officers:** one focused hour per shift (or per week, as staffing allows) of proactive enforcement, education or engagement where the data points.
- **Supervisors and leaders:** protect the hour, deploy with data, brief the Chief monthly, and report results at Traffic Commanders.
- **Every partner:** at least one traffic safety action every day, week or month in your own field, shared with fellow partners. Fact sheets cover 12 partner groups.

THE FOUR E’S & FOUR C’S

Enforcement · Education · Engineering · Engagement. Engagement is the fourth E that ties it together: officers, partners and communities talking, sharing data and acting together.

Communication · Coordination · Collaboration · Commitment keep it going through rotations, budgets and leadership changes.

Outcomes, not tickets: measure deaths and serious injuries, belt, helmet and phone use, hours, contacts and hazards fixed.

BEFORE JANUARY 1

- ☐ Confirm your agency’s pledge and Chief or Director endorsement
- ☐ Introduce the campaign at lineup, on social media and internally
- ☐ Put traffic safety on every community agenda
- ☐ Designate who presents your results at Traffic Commanders
- ☐ Start logging events, hours, contacts and behavior-change encounters
- ☐ Bring first results to the January 26–27 meeting

Partner fact sheets, the full program report and a copy of the overview presentation are available from Slate.

HIGH-VISIBILITY EDUCATION & ENFORCEMENT · OCTOBER 1, 2026 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2027

THE FFY27 CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

Quarter	Campaign	Dates	Lead agency
Q1	**Crash Responder Safety Week**	November 2–6, 2026	**Honolulu PD**
Q1	**Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over (holiday)**	Dec 16, 2026 – Jan 1, 2027	**All agencies**
Q2	**Put the Phone Away or Pay**	April 5–12, 2027	**Kaua‘i PD**
Q3	**Click It or Ticket**	May 17 – June 6, 2027	**Hawai‘i PD**
Q4	**Speeding Catches Up With You**	July 5–31, 2027	**DLE**
Q4	**Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over**	Aug 11 – Sept 5, 2027	**Maui PD**



Ready to post? Tag HDOT and use #HIGOSAFE. Sgt. Steve Chun is the lead for this HVEE campaign. All agencies should participate with increased enforcement and education, as well as earned media and social media posts. Please let us know your plans and be ready to share your activity at the next meeting. Mahalo!

UP NEXT · NOVEMBER 2-6 · LEAD: HONOLULU PD

CRASH RESPONDER SAFETY WEEK

Protecting the people who protect us: police, fire, EMS, Ocean Safety, Freeway Service Patrol and tow operators. This year, let’s go beyond a press release: a heavy Move Over presence on every island for the full week.

> **New in 2026:** Act 95 extends Move Over to any stationary vehicle showing hazards, flares, cones or caution signs. Violators get a court summons: **$250** first offense, **$300** second and **$500** third within one year.

- Enforce Move Over at crash scenes, traffic stops and work zones, especially on freeways.
- Partners: share the graphic or create your own, even if Move Over isn’t your core mission. Let’s all get behind this campaign to help protect our crash responders and keep our heroes safe!

PARTNER UPDATES

HLEIRS moves to legacy status around year’s end. Agencies should contact HDOT’s Motor Vehicle Safety Office now to be included in the new system’s rollout.

Motorcycle training is set up in Hilo and Kona; Maui awaits equipment and Kaua‘i is on hold. Instructors are needed.

DWI Court is now an official treatment court, growing from 6 participants in January to 27 today. Slate also shared with everyone what a terrific and impactful program this is.

KIPC will host its next car seat certification training around February 2027. Join the coalition at kipchawaii.org.

HALLOWEEN · SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

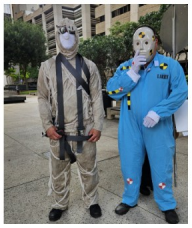
LEAVE THE HORROR ON THE MOVIE SCREEN

Halloween falls on a Saturday this year, which means more keiki on our streets after dark and more parties. **We're asking every agency to step up enforcement and education this weekend**: impaired and distracted driving, speed in neighborhoods, and pedestrian safety for trick-or-treaters. We're also asking all of our partners to join us with unified safety messaging to remind drivers, trick-or-treaters and party hosts about what they can do for a safe Halloween.











We have share-ready graphics and costume ideas. Reach out if you would like help creating your own Halloween safety campaign.

DRIVERS

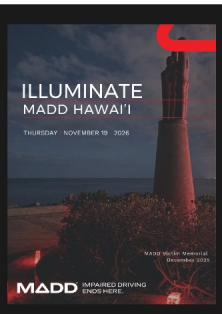
- Put your phone away, slow down and scan for kids stepping out into the road or crossing.
- Pre-plan a safe ride or a designated driver. Never get behind the wheel when you are impaired.

TRICK-OR-TREATERS

- Adults with kids under 12. Walk, don't run; use crosswalks and obey traffic laws.
- Carry a flashlight or glow sticks, wear reflective costumes and skip vision-blocking masks.

PARTY HOSTS

- Serve food and non-alcoholic drinks; collect keys from guests who drink.
- Plan rideshares or sober drivers before the party starts.



THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19 · 6:30 P.M.

ILLUMINATE MADD HAWAI'I

For the first time in Hawai'i, MADD invites everyone to light a building, landmark or home in red to honor victims of drunk and drugged driving, alongside its annual candlelight vigil. It kicks off the deadly stretch from Thanksgiving to New Year's.

Please light up your station or office and share a photo. Contact Makena Young, MADD Hawai'i: 808-532-6232 ext. 5003, makena.young@madd.org



THANKSGIVING · NOV 26

A reminder that many people drink or are in a rush this holiday. **"You're supposed to eat a turkey, not be a turkey."** Graphic ready to share; just let us know.

DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER

NHTSA HOLIDAY MOBILIZATION

Dec 16, 2026 – Jan 1, 2027

Plan checkpoints and saturation patrols now and send plans to Slate, Ben and Karen K.

NEXT TRAFFIC COMMANDERS: JANUARY 26–27, 2027

Ben and I truly appreciate all of your support over our first year in these new roles. At the next meeting we will take a look at the last quarter of 2026, but also the 2026 year in review… as well as the launch of Spend One to Save One, a full year of FARS data to analyze and another exciting slate of presentations (no pun intended). Until then, we hope you all have a safe and happy holiday season.

Mahalo

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