

“This Week With Hawaii’s Law Enforcement”

In this last segment of our show, we will update the public on our activities for the state of Hawaii.

From Sunday to Thursday, this past week, I was in Huntington Beach, California, attending the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference, which is held in a different state each year. This Conference brings together the various components of the Federal Courts from the Ninth Circuit which constitutes the Western States of the United States.

Attending this conference are the Judges from the Circuit Court of Appeals, the District Court Judges and the Magistrate Judges; the U.S. Attorneys, the Federal Public Defender; the heads of the Probation Office and the Pretrial Services Office. At the conference, we discuss various legal issues facing the Western United States Region.

We were very fortunate to have attending this year's conference John Roberts, the Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court, and Associate Supreme Court Justices Kennedy and Breyer. During their individual forums they spoke to the attendees separately about their views on a variety of legal issues. The conference was very informative and certain assists me and my office with the work we do in Hawaii.

During the week, I was also able to meeting with my counterparts to discuss issues and topics facing the Department of Justice. My thanks to John McKay, the U.S. Attorney in Seattle, Washington, and Debra Wong Yang, the U.S. Attorney in Los Angeles, California for hosting us during this conference.

Our next Ninth Circuit Conference will be held in Hawaii, and it will be my pleasure to host the meeting between the U.S. Attorneys. I can hardly wait to show them what the aloha spirit is all about in Hawaii.

Prior to leaving for Huntington Beach, I had the pleasure of attending the Honolulu Police Department's 153rd Police Recruit Class Graduation, which was held at the Neal Blaisdell Concert Hall on July 6th. This class produced 34 newly sworn police officers who took the oath to protect the public to the best of their abilities. Mayor Mufi Hannemann also gave a very good speech to the graduates.

I would like to congratulate our newest police officers on a job well done, and thank them for their future service to the public. Thank you to HPD for inviting me to this wonderful event.

On Friday, I attended the Fifth Anniversary Ceremony for the Federal Detention Center in Honolulu. The FDC – Honolulu, is located out by the Honolulu International Airport and is near our inter-island terminal.

This federal facility is very important to our state because it holds our federal detainees pending their trial. It also houses other inmates who are serving their federal sentences. Because

virtually all of the inmates were prosecuted by the U.S. Attorney's Office, the Federal Detention Center has been nicknamed "Camp Kubo."

In attendance were the heads of the various federal and military agencies in Hawaii. Hawaii's U.S. District Court Chief Judge Helen Gillmor, Former Chief Judge David Ezra, the Detention Center's First Warden, Joe Booker, and myself were asked to say a few words to the attendees. My comments to the crowd at this ceremony were recorded, and is also posted on our office website.

My thanks to FDC Warden John Rathman and his wonderful staff for hosting all of us at this ceremony.