



Illegal Fireworks Task Force

**Honolulu Police Department
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September 21, 2010

Incidents and Enforcement New Year's Eve



Year	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Reported Incidents	1,263	1,202	1,566	1,361	1,840
Citations	14	16	23	14	93
Arrests	3	1	2	2	1
Total Citations & Arrests	17	17	25	16	94

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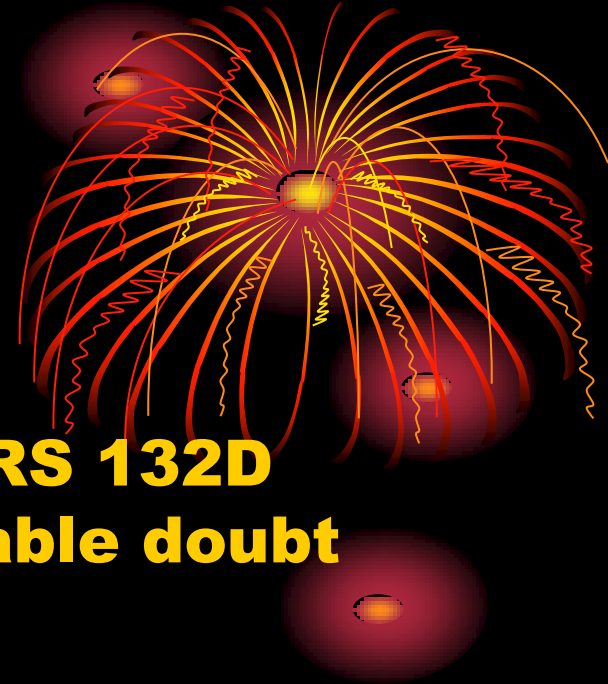
July 4th Incidents and Enforcement



Year	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Reported Incidents	578	427	396	349	387
Citations	11	7	8	5	8
Arrests	3	0	0	0	0
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Challenges

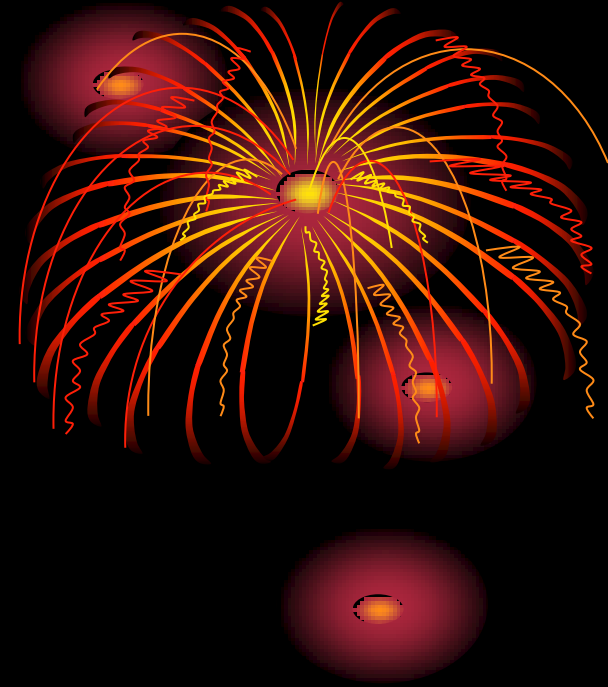


- **Convictions for violations of HRS 132D require proof beyond a reasonable doubt**
- **Insufficient staff to address overwhelming number of violations island-wide**
- **Insufficient qualified staff to conduct forensic analysis of explosives**

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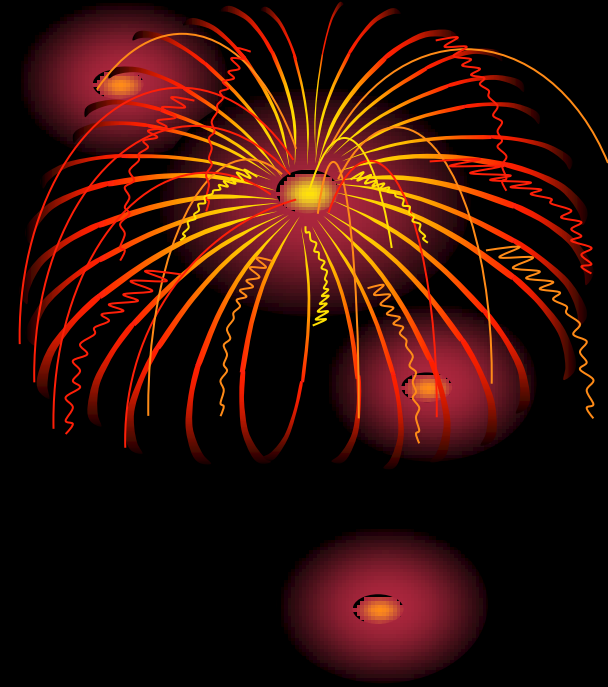
- **Storage of seized fireworks**
- **Inspection of cargo containers**
- **Lack of community cooperation in identifying violators (illegal importers and distributors)**



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Cost Factors

- **\$330,400 regular pay**
- **\$495,000 in overtime pay**
- **\$26,333 to destroy 5,000 pounds of seized fireworks**



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Past Strategies

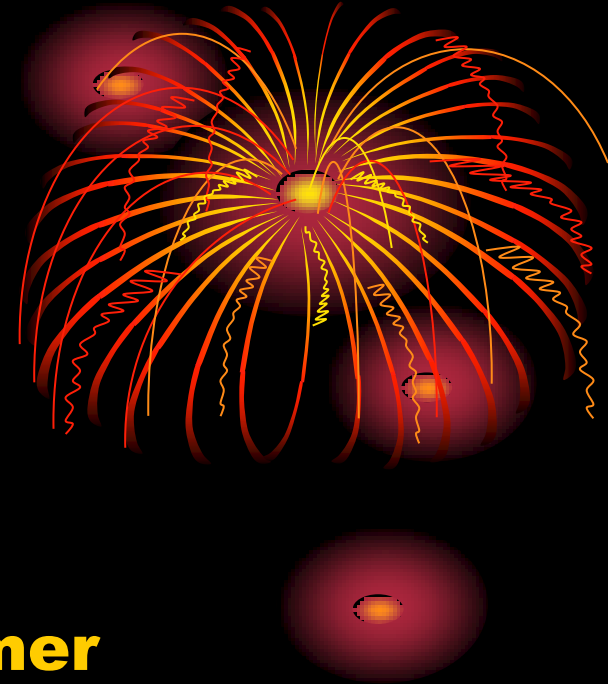


- **Each patrol district dedicated officers exclusively to fireworks enforcement**
- **Plainclothes officers attempted to purchase fireworks without permits from licensed vendors**
- **Develop intelligence and leads through cooperation with State and Federal agencies**

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Legislation

- **Act 170 – “County Rule”**
- **Bill 34 – Restrictions of consumer fireworks with “special use” provision for fire crackers.**



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