

Kenneth Tano

Executive Profile

Retired major of the Honolulu Police Department, Narcotics/Vice Division. Currently the Hawaii Law Enforcement Coordinator (LEC) for the Western States information Network (WSIN). WSIN is one of six regional projects under the federally funded Regional Information Sharing System (RISS). RISS is managed through the Bureau of Justice Assistance Program and funded through congressional appropriation.

The Western States Information Network's mission is to assist local, state, federal, and tribal criminal justice partners by providing adaptive solutions and services that facilitate information sharing, support criminal investigations, and promote officer safety.

WSIN Hawaii office is located at the Hawaii High Intensity Drug Trafficking (HIDTA) program within their Investigative Support Center. Also within the same office floor is the Honolulu Police Department Narcotics/Vice Division and 12 Federal and State HIDTA Drug Investigative Task Forces.

Skill Highlights

- Plans and coordinates all necessary liaison functions which are required for the establishment, maintenance, and improvement of a viable criminal intelligence information sharing program for Hawaii WSIN law enforcement member agencies.
- Meets with and visits local chiefs of police, sheriffs, district attorneys, task force commanders, and operative officers and provides orientation and other training and liaison to explain WSIN's role in the exchange of intelligence information and other federally funded services.
- Initiates, plans, attends and coordinates regional criminal information sharing meetings among participating agencies within the state of Hawaii.

Core Accomplishments

- Honolulu Police project Manager for the multi-jurisdictional Statewide Narcotics Task Force
- Honolulu Police Administrative Adviser to the Statewide marijuana Eradication Task force
- Honolulu Police Administrative Adviser to the State and Federal Asset Forfeiture program
- Honolulu Police primary spokesperson against the legalization of gambling in the State of Hawaii
- Honolulu Police primary spokesperson at public forums, Senate Hearings, and City Council meetings in presenting testimony in opposition to pro-marijuana bills
- Honolulu Police Administrative Adviser to the DEA Narcotics/Vice Airport Detail Narcotics Interdiction Program
- Committee member of the Hawaii Drug Court
- Committee member of the Needle Exchange Program
- Member of the Hawaii Epidemiology Work Group
- Member of the Crystal Methamphetamine Forum
- Member of the Advisory Commission On Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances

Professional Experience

Patrol officer, Detective, Lieutenant, Captain, Major-Commander of the Narcotics/Vice Division

June 1968 to March 1998

Honolulu Police Department - Honolulu, HI

Spent 30 years in the Honolulu Police Department with the majority of supervisory years spent in the Narcotics/Vice Division as a Lieutenant, then Captain, followed as the commander of the Narcotics/Vice Division at the rank of Major.

Representing WSIN currently sits as a voting Executive Board Member of the Hawaii High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA). The HIDTA Board is made up of the four County Police Chiefs, federal, state, and county prosecutors, and all of the heads of the major Hawaii federal law enforcement agencies. The board develops a yearly drug threat assessment for the state of Hawaii and through joint federal, state and local enforcement and intelligence task forces, addresses those threats through enforcement strategies. The HIDTA also has a demand reduction component.

Education

Wayland Baptist College

University of Hawaii Windward Community College

College of San Mateo