

**Charles M. Hirata**  
**Resume**

**GOV. MSG. NO. 692**

Hired 12/1/77, graduated with the Maui Police Department 24<sup>th</sup> Recruit Class and assigned to Wailuku District as a Police Officer I.

12/01/78 - 12/16/79, assigned to the Molokai Patrol District as a Police Officer II and returned to Wailuku District.

2/16/81, assigned to the Task Force, a plainclothes unit. Participated in theft stakeouts, directed enforcement, and special assignments from the Chief's Office.

10/1/81, transferred to the Vice Section and assigned to the Gambling Unit. Worked on several high-profile 6-5 gambling cases and drug investigations.

8/16/82, promoted to Sergeant and assigned to the Communications Section as a Dispatch Supervisor.

6/1/83, transferred to Lahaina Patrol as a field sergeant.

1/2/86, transferred to Wailuku Patrol. Assigned as Supervisor of the Crime Reduction Unit, which made numerous arrests in all areas, including vehicle break-ins and street drug sales.

11/1/89, transferred to the Criminal Investigation Division as a Detective. Specialized in writing search warrants and worked on or assisted with numerous serious felony cases.

2/16/91, promoted to Lieutenant and assigned to the Molokai Patrol District.

3/1/92, transferred to the Wailuku Patrol District and placed in command of "C" Watch.

11/22/92 to 2/15/2003, Commanded the Traffic Section. Responsible for the introduction and use of the latest technology used in the area of traffic enforcement and fatal investigations such as Forensic Mapping and Crash Data Retrieval. Developed the first Civilian Reconstruction Technician position in the State of Hawaii.

Received initial training in child restraints in 1995. 1997, trained as the first Child Passenger Safety Technician in Hawaii. 1998, certified as a CPS Instructor. Taught CPS classes in California, South Dakota, Guam, American Samoa, Saipan and Japan. Personally inspects approximately 100 carseats a year.

2/16/2003 to 8/1/2010 Commander of the Lahaina Patrol District. Retired from the Maui Police Department after 32 years and 8 months.

8/1/2010 to present, Child Passenger Safety Coordinator for Maui County.

## Education

Graduated from Waipahu High School

Attended Kapiolani and Windward Community College concurrently.

Graduated from Maui Community College in                      with an Associate in Arts-Liberal Arts Degree.

Graduated from Maui Community College in                      with an Associate in Science-Administration of Justice Degree.

Graduated from the FBI National Academy, 205<sup>th</sup> Session in June of 2001.

## **Awards Received**

- 24<sup>th</sup> Recruit Class - Firearms Award
- American Legion - 1995 Certificate of Commendation
- Mothers Against Drunk Driving - 1996 Law Enforcement Award
- Maui News - 1997 People who made a Difference.
- Maui Police Department - Certificate of Merit, 1998
- Hawaii State Law Enforcement Officials Association - 1998 Maui Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award.
- Keiki Injury Prevention Coalition - Certificate of Recognition, 1998
- Top Cops Awards - Nomination, 1999
- County of Maui - 2000 Emergency Personnel Appreciation Award.
- State of Hawaii, 21<sup>st</sup> Legislature - 2001 Recognition Resolution for contributions to improve traffic safety.
- Governor's Highway Safety Council - 2001 Alaka'i Award for Leadership in Traffic Safety in Hawaii
- County of Maui - 2001 Team of the Year Member
- Mothers Against Drunk Driving - 2002 Law Enforcement Award for Prevention of Underage Drinking.
- Maui Police Department - 2003 Manager of the Year
- Bronze Medal of Valor – September 2004
- Maui News - 2004 People who made a Difference Award.
- Lahaina Town Action Committee Kokua Award - 2004
- Keiki Injury Prevention Coalition - 2005 Champions for Children Award
- National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) – March 2007, Public Safety Award
- International Association of Chiefs of Police – 2010 J. Stannard Baker Award for

Highway Safety.

## **Certifications Held**

- Qualified as an expert in fingerprint comparison.
- National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Child Passenger Safety Technician Instructor

## **Community Activities**

- Past president, Waikapu Community Association
- Past board member, Waiolani Community Association
- Past president, Zenshin Daiko
- Member of Keiki Injury Prevention Coalition/Hawaii Safe Kids
- Member of Safe Community of Maui
- Chair for the Aggressive Driving Emphasis Area, State Highway Safety Plan
- Hawaii Disaster Medical Assistance Team