

GOV. MSG. NO. 570

Samuel Jelsma – Background Information

Accumulated 27+ years of sworn law enforcement service with Hawaii County Police Department in the following capacity:

- Police Major assigned to the Area I Field Operations Bureau (from June 2018 to present) overseeing command of patrol and investigative operations in the districts of South Hilo, Puna, North Hilo and Hamakua
- Police Captain assigned as the Commander of Kona Patrol and later Puna Patrol (period of November 2009 to June 2018)
- Police Lieutenant assigned to command the Area I Vice Section and later Watch Commander in South Hilo Patrol (period of March 2007 to November 2009)
- Sergeant assigned to the Traffic Enforcement Unit, later as a Puna District Patrol supervisor, and as an Area I Juvenile Aid Section "Domestic Violence Detective" (period of May 1999 to March 2007). Also included in this period was 5-years assigned as a Special Response Team leader (from the creation of SRT for our department)
- Patrol Officer assigned to Kona Patrol, later South Kohala Patrol, and Puna District Patrol (period of February 1989 to February 1990 and period of January 1992 to May 1999). During this time was also a Field Training Officer for new recruits, a certified Drug Recognition Expert (DRE), and department Instructor on several subjects.

Retired from the Hawaii Army National Guard with the rank of First Sergeant in October 2017 having 21+ years of credited military service, inclusive of 3-years on active duty in the Air Force Security Police, while serving in the Army National Guard participated in three separate overseas combat deployments to Iraq (2004), Kuwait (with mission to conduct convoy security into Iraq) (2008), and Afghanistan (2012)

Graduate of 245 session of the FBI National Academy in Quantico Virginia in June 2011

Other related prior experience is 8-months employed as an Adult Corrections Officer assigned to Hawaii Community Correctional Center in Hilo.