

# HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT

## POLICY LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS

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### SOVEREIGN CITIZEN MOVEMENTS

#### POLICY

Individuals or groups who are part of a sovereign citizen movement shall be treated the same as any other person or group involved in a legitimate political movement. All rights under the appropriate federal, state, and city constitutions and laws shall be guaranteed to citizens involved in the sovereign citizen movement.

#### PROCEDURE

##### I. DEPARTMENTAL OBJECTIVE

The objective of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD) in dealing with situations involving a sovereign citizen movement is to attempt to resolve all situations fairly and with minimal controversy. This can be done by setting up clear lines of communication between the leaders of the movement and the HPD.

##### II. RESPONSIBILITIES


- A. The Major Events Division (MED) shall be the lead element in dealing with any situation that involves a sovereign citizen movement. The commander or designee of the MED shall assist in assessing the problem or situation.
- B. Information regarding mitigation options (e.g., use of Civil Affairs, Rapid Deployment Force, etc.) shall be relayed to the appropriate division involved so that the required resources can be coordinated to address the problem or situation.

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III. EFFECT OF SOVEREIGN CITIZEN GROUP DOCUMENTS

- A. Documents generated from sovereign citizen groups carry no legal validity under the effective laws in the state of Hawaii and, accordingly, require no response by the department or any employee receiving such documents.
- B. These documents will not require an employee to make notification to the department, pursuant to departmental policy.
- C. Such documents shall be accepted by the employee. The employee shall initiate a Miscellaneous Public report documenting the receipt of said documents. A copy of the Miscellaneous Public report and the original documents received by the employee shall be forwarded to the MED.

  
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