

# HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT

## POLICY LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS

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### GANG MEMBER RECOGNITION AND INFORMATION

#### POLICY

The Honolulu Police Department (HPD) enhances its efforts against gang-related activities with a process that centralizes the collection of all gang-related information.

#### PROCEDURE

##### I. BACKGROUND

During their tours of duty, field and investigative personnel will encounter individuals who are found under suspicious circumstances, conduct an illegal activity, or are subject to arrest based on probable cause or a warrant. Some of these individuals will claim affiliation, membership, or association with a gang.

##### II. COLLECTING AND PROCESSING

- A. All gang-related information gathered, by field interviews, arrests, or other means, shall be entered on the HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT GANG INFORMATION FORM, HPD-187 form, to document any information on gangs, gang members, and gang member associates.
- B. HPD-187 form originals shall not be included with original police reports that are processed and submitted in accordance with departmental directives.

- C. Copies of police reports relating to gang activity and original HPD-187 forms shall be submitted directly to the Criminal Investigation Division's Crime Analysis Unit (CAU) supervisor. The submittals shall be sent in a sealed envelope inside an intradepartmental mail envelope to ensure that the contents are inaccessible to unauthorized personnel.

As a form that is covered under Title 28, Part 23, Code of Federal Regulations 28 CFR Part 23, under no circumstances shall copies of the HPD-187 form be submitted to the Records and Identification Division with the original police report or uploaded to the Case Report System (CRS).

- D. Even if a criminal contact with an individual was documented with an HPD-187 form, each subsequent contact with that person shall be documented with a new HPD-187 form and submitted to the CAU.
- E. The Community Affairs Division, Criminal Investigation Division, Narcotics/Vice Division, Criminal Intelligence Unit, and each patrol district shall assign a liaison who shall provide gang-related information to the CAU and attend departmental gang-related meetings as scheduled.

### III. CENTRALIZED INFORMATION DATABASE

- A. The CAU shall be responsible for entering all gang-related information into the Western States Information Network's Regional Information Sharing Systems National Gang Program's (WSIN RISSGang) database.
- B. The CAU supervisor shall ensure that information entered into the WSIN RISSGang database is 28 CFR Part 23 compliant.

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- C. Only the CAU supervisor or designee shall obtain, input, or modify any data provided to or obtained from the WSIN RISSGang database.



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