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Department of the Attorney General Supports Big Island K-9 Training

HONOLULU – The Department of the Attorney General, Missing Child Center-Hawaii (MCCH) is participating in, and financially supporting, a three-day intensive K-9 scent tracking training being conducted on Hawaii County from December 11 to 13, 2019.

The training for the Hawaii Police Department's (HPD) Juvenile Aid Section K-9 handlers will take place at the HPD Kona Station in Kailua-Kona on December 11 and December 12, 2019 and at the HPD Hilo Station in Hilo on December 13, 2019. The trainer is Corporal Wayne Silva, Special Services Division/Canine Unit, Honolulu Police Department (retired) and the HPD handlers will be working with K-9 Falcon and K-9 Argos, both dogs purchased by the Friends of MCCH and donated to HPD.



Falcon is a seven-year-old male Labrador Retriever trained as a tracking K-9 and Argos is a two-year-old male German Shepherd designated as a tracking and cadaver K-9. The main mission of both Falcon and Argos is locating, recovering, and protecting missing children in Hawaii County. MCCH works closely with HPD to locate and recover missing children across the county.

MCCH is one of the specialized criminal justice programs in the Department of the Attorney General. MCCH primarily operates as the State's missing children clearinghouse and a resource center for law enforcement, social services and families of missing children. MCCH also financially supports local law enforcement partners in developing their expertise and capacity to address the issue.

Please visit <https://ag.hawaii.gov/cpja/mcch/> for more information about MCCH and helpful resources.

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