



## County of Hawaii

### POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Dear Summit Participants:

I want to welcome you to this crystal meth summit, which was called to address a growing problem in the Big Island community.

The Big Island has a major, and growing, "ice" problem. Statistics indicate that the use of crystal methamphetamine is higher here than anywhere else in the nation.

I want to thank all of you for taking the time to attend. It proves that you care about the Big Island community.

The plague of crystal methamphetamine, however, is more than a matter for police alone. Getting a handle on the problem will require the combined resources of the county, state and federal governments. And that's the reason we are meeting here today.

I have every hope that, together, we can devise an effective campaign to stem the tide of crystal methamphetamine in Hawaii County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lawrence K. Mahana".

LAWRENCE K. MAHANA  
Acting Police Chief