



## Lahaina Security Checkpoints



**PURPOSE:** To ensure public safety, protect private property, facilitate infrastructure restoration efforts, and accomplish various incident management objectives.



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- National Guard left on 12/28/23
- Gold Shield awarded contract on 12/23/23
- Gold Shield began coverage of 9 checkpoints
- Gold Shield now covers 10 checkpoints 24/7 plus 3 debris removal checkpoints between 0600-1800 hours





## **Debris Removal Security**





### For Debris Removal Traffic

- Limited to certain hours
- Specific entry/exit points

### **Debris Entry/Exit Points**

- Fleming Road
- Fleming Road & Front Street
- Wahikuli Road











- 2 Guards Per Post
- Operating 24/7
- 63 Deployed Daily

#### **Surveillance**

- 28 Live Video Feeds
- Operating 24/7
- Monitoring & Recording



# Training and Experience



- Checkpoints are staffed by off-duty personnel from various law enforcement, emergency response and security agencies
- Possess a Hawaii State Employee (GDE)
  license "Guard Card"















# **Logistical Needs**



- Barricades
- Shelters
- Light towers and generators
- Surveillance cameras
- Provision of food, water, and ice
- Fuel
- Signage
- Port a Potties



# Lahaina Checkpoint Security Responsibilities



- Verification of credentials and access permissions
- Monitoring and controlling traffic flow
- Provide assistance and information to the public.
- Collaborating with emergency response teams
- Ensuring the safety and security of all personnel and assets at the checkpoints



- Attend weekly coordination meetings with partners
- Maintain a visible presence at the designated traffic control access points.
- Maintain a written log of all activities and observations associated with operations.



- Utilize the County entry plans to facilitate consistent entry.
- Always provide the appropriate personal protective equipment and traffic safety apparel for personnel.
- Identify communication plan for all designated sites



- Report any observed suspicious activities to Maui Police Department.
- Provide and maintain staffing or coverage as requested at all designated traffic access control locations.



# **Security Activity**



- 150-300 daily entries per checkpoint.
- 60-80 daily denials per check point.
- Sheriffs are averaging 3-5 contacts per hour for a total of 33 contacts per day.
- Serious cases include gate runners, persons trespassing, and disorderly persons at the checkpoint.
- Most recently, there has been many tourists wandering into the zone via Fleming Road and Front Street and Mala Wharf.



# Maui Police Department Response











- Thefts
- Stolen vehicles
- Criminal littering
- Assaults
- Rules and order violations from the beginning











### Conclusion



- Checkpoints work!
- Ensure safety & security
- Provide prompt team response to incidents
- Residents and workers can complete their jobs with no delays
- Checkpoints are crucial to the Lahaina recovery mission



