



**Application for Appointment to Boards, Committees, and Commissions  
City and Borough of Sitka**

Board/Commission/Committee: Police & Fire  
Name: Neil P. Alkana Preferred Phone: [REDACTED]  
Address: [REDACTED] Alternate Phone: [REDACTED]  
Email Address: [REDACTED] Fax Number: N/A  
Length of Residence in Sitka: 3 1/2 yrs. Registered to vote in Sitka? ☒ Yes ☐ No  
Employer: Retired  
Organizations you belong to or participate in: Sitka Sportsmans Assoc.

Explain your main reason for applying: The feeling of giving back to the communities I have lived in.

What background, experience or credentials will you bring to the board, commission, or committee membership?  
32 years Federal Law Enforcement  
(see attached Resume)

Please disclose any potential conflicts of interest that may arise from your appointment. These may include but are not limited to:

- A substantial financial interest of \$1000 annually that could be influenced by your appointment.
- An immediate family member employed within the scope of this appointment.

None

Please attach a letter of interest, outline, or resume which includes your education, work, and volunteer experience that will enhance your membership.

→ (To be considered, your application must be complete AND be accompanied by one of the above supporting documents.)

Date: 10/18/18 Signature: [Signature]

Your complete application and resume should be returned to the Municipal Clerk's Office by noon on the Wednesday prior to an advertised Assembly meeting.

Please note: all information submitted will be made public and published online. Appointments are normally made during open session of an Assembly meeting, however, Assembly members may vote to discuss applicant(s) in closed executive session. In this case, do you wish to be present when your application is discussed? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Return to:

Melissa Henshaw, Deputy Clerk/Records Specialist, 100 Lincoln Street  
Fax: 907-747-7403 Email: [melissa.henshaw@cityofsitka.org](mailto:melissa.henshaw@cityofsitka.org)

**NEIL PAOA AKANA**

Home: [REDACTED] Cell: [REDACTED]

SS#: [REDACTED]  
Veteran's Status: None

U.S. Citizen

**OBJECTIVE:** To apply for a position as a member on the Police and Fire Commission with the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska.

**EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**  
**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR**  
**NATIONAL PARK SERVICE**  
**1984 to 2016 (40 hours per week)**  
**RETIRED 1/2017 - Approx. 32 yrs. Federal Law Enforcement**

SITKA NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK  
106 Metlakatla St.  
Sitka, AK 99835

**CHIEF RANGER**, GS-0025-11/10 05/2015 - 12/2016  
Supervisor Mary Miller (numerous Acting Superintendents) and David Elkowitz, [REDACTED]  
(All supervisors may be contacted).

**Responsibilities:**

**SERVED AS CHIEF RANGER** (Senior Law Enforcement Officer) Duties included the implementation and supervision of the parks emergency services program, to include law enforcement, emergency medical services, search and rescue and structural/wild-land fire operations through both inter-agency agreements and co-ordination.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE - INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES BRANCH (Duty Stationed at Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, Hawaii)  
1201 Eye St. NW (2653)  
Washington, DC 20005

**SPECIAL AGENT**, GS-1811-12/8 02/2004 - 04/2015  
Supervisor Paul Crawford, Assistant Special Agent in Charge [REDACTED] (All supervisors may be contacted).

**Responsibilities:**

**SERVED AS SPECIAL AGENT**

This position is located in the Law Enforcement, Security and Emergency Services, Investigative Services Branch and serves as interstate responsibility to investigate known suspected violations of Federal laws and regulations. The major focus of this position is providing support for parks, interagency program management and coordination of investigation of civil and criminal operations, investigations and information/intelligence gathering.

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P.O. BOX 52  
HAWAII NATIONAL PARK, HI 96718

**PARK RANGER (LE)**, GS-0025-09/07  
Gail Miami-Judd, Supervisor [REDACTED]

01/1991 – 01/2004

#### **Responsibilities**

##### **SERVED AS PARK RANGER (LAW ENFORCEMENT)**

This position was designated as a primary law enforcement position. Served as a Park Ranger in the Protection Division of the park. I was assigned to both front-country and back-county patrol operations. This area receives a very high density use with 2 campgrounds, 1 major hotel concession, a military R&R camp, visitor center, volcano observatory/museum and a major state highway. Annual visitation exceeds 1.5 million. This is a year-round park.

#### **SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS**

*Served as Acting Criminal Investigator.*

*Prepared search warrant and criminal complaint affidavits, testified before the grand jury and both Magistrate/ District Courts during criminal and civil proceedings, interviewed witnesses and interrogated suspects.*

*Developed and maintained a good close working relationship with the U.S. Attorneys Office, (I have worked with the majority of the Assistant United States Attorneys at the Hawaii District Office for both criminal and civil cases throughout the past several years), local prosecutors and federal/state law enforcement agencies.*

*Solved numerous complex cases of larcenies from motor vehicles cases, some of which included a coordinated effort with the Hawaii County Police Department. In one of these cases I interviewed three suspects in approximately 20 larcenies from motor vehicles at Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. Through these interviews, I was able to identify several additional suspect and leads using link analysis. In a joint effort with HCPD, I recovered several property items, linking the suspects to thefts from the park. I prepared search and arrest warrant affidavits during this investigation.*

*I was case agent for another complex investigation involving the death of a National Park Service interpretive ranger. The case involved a motor vehicle accident resulting when the*

*suspect was fleeing a law enforcement ranger and collided with the interpretive ranger vehicle. The suspect was charged with manslaughter and possession of cocaine with intent to distribute.*

*Case agent for other complex investigations of narcotic manufacture and distribution (cocaine, heroin, marijuana). Utilizing surveillance equipment/ techniques and development of informants of Mexican nationals for the continuation of locating additional suspects of narcotic distribution cases. Investigated and solved several burglaries from government building cases.*

*Solved year old theft case by recovering a painting valued at \$1800. Prepared and executed search and arrest warrants. Testified in Grand Jury proceedings.*

*Located and interviewed a material witness in an international reptile and narcotics case. The witness was located on the island of Oahu, Hi. and agreed to assist Investigators in the Southwest region. The agents in the SWRO stated that they did not have any further evidence in this case and prosecutors were not interested in the case until I located and turned the witness.*

*Conducted internal investigations, one of which resulted in gaining a confession from a National Park Service employee (suspect) of theft of government funds.*

*I am currently the assistant case agent for the murder of Ranger Steve Makuakane Jarrell. Jarrell was murdered in 1999 at Kaloko Honokahau National Historic Site. This case is currently the most complex of my career, involving dozens of witnesses, coordinating interviews, preparing memorandums of these interviews and investigative criminal reports, working with a multiple of agencies, serving search warrants and working closely the U.S. Attorneys Office.*

***Represented the National Park Service in U.S. Magistrates Court***

Served as Assistant Operations Supervisor (Law Enforcement) for approximately six months. Responsible for day-to-day supervision of up to seven Law Enforcement Rangers; evaluated, trained, counseled, coached Rangers in their protection duties; completed bi-weekly work schedule, reviewed reports, coordinated emergency response to all-risk incidents; Field Training Officer.

Member of the Pacific West Region Special Events Team #1 since 1991, Team Leader since 2002.

Served as Fee Collection Supervisor from 09/03/1992 – 09/14/03. Supervised 4 GS-4 Fee Collectors. Performed cash register and vehicle audits, supervised remit procedures, visitor use statistics and commercial use counts.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT**

Since I arrived in January 1991, I've made 35 DUI arrests, 15 drug related arrests and 20 larceny arrests. I transported suspects 28 miles to the Hawaii County Community Correctional Center in Hilo. I investigated approximately 75 motor vehicle accidents (MVA's) involving serious personal injury and documented my cases using investigative format report writing. I have investigated 100 MVA's with property damage, 50 car burglaries, 75 larcenies and 5 juvenile run-away cases. I collected and packaged evidence according to park and NPS policy. I am certified in the use of police traffic radar and enforce a large body of laws relating to the licensing, operation and physical condition of motor vehicles. I have issued approximately 400 violation notices for both resource and traffic related misdemeanors. I have participated in the state-wide marijuana eradication task force. I flew, rappelled and long-lined on 50 marijuana missions and personally eradicated approximately 20,000 marijuana plants.

**SEARCH AND RESCUE (SAR)**

I am a member of the park's SAR team. I am Heli-Rappel certified. I have performed as Incident Commander on 10 "carry-out" incidents, with 1 involving a litter and belay ropes on low angle terrain. I have participated as a team member of an additional 12 carry-out incidents. I was a team member of 4 body recovery operations, with 1 involving a helicopter short haul, the others using belay ropes and z-rig raising systems. I have logged approximately 150 hours of helicopter flight time.

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS)**

I have performed as the park's EMS coordinator. I have drafted, prepared and composed the park's EMS plan. I have scheduled and instructed training courses for both park personnel and other agencies. I have coordinated interagency responses. I am National Registry EMT-B certified. I have inventoried, ordered, stocked and maintained all medical supplies for the park. I have responded to approximately 150 EMS calls, of which 50 needed ambulance transport and/or ALS services.

**STRUCTURAL/WILDLAND FIRE**

I am a member of the park's structural fire brigade. I am Level II certified for internal/external attack. I have participated in monthly in-service trainings. I am a member of the wildfire crew

and red card rated as a Firefighter Initial Attack, Heli-Spot Manager, Security Manager, EMT, Law Enforcement Officer and Prescribed Holding Crew Member. I have performed as Heli-Spot and Heli-Base Manager on the Napau Fire involving at peak, 7 type II helicopters. I have participated as a firefighter on 2 1-5 acre fires.

#### **RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**

I have participated in the park's feral pig eradication program by removing pigs from the park. I submitted observation cards regarding sightings of the endangered Hawaiian Goose (Nene).

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P.O. BOX 577  
YOSEMITE, CA 95389

**CORRECTIONAL OFFICER, GS-07/02**  
Greg Zeman, Supervisor, [REDACTED]

01/1989 – 01/1991

#### **Responsibilities**

**SERVED AS CORRECTIONAL OFFICER/PARK RANGER** in the Division of Visitor Protection located in the Law Enforcement Office of the Valley District of the park. I was responsible for the custody, security, detention, care, treatment, supervision and transportation of prisoners who were arrested and incarcerated at the Yosemite Holding Facility.

#### **CORRECTIONAL OFFICER**

Major duties include receiving and processing of arrested felony and misdemeanor criminal violators in the Holding Facility. This involved frisk and/or strip searches, interviewing, advisement of prisoner rights, facility rules and procedures, charge notification, bail and court procedures, photographing, fingerprinting, evidence and property management, and following established facility procedures. In the absence of the Holding Facility Supervisor, I acted as officer in charge of all custody management activities during my assigned shift. Coordinated and/or transported felony and misdemeanor prisoners to and from locations up to 100 miles from Holding

Facility, including field locations, U.S. Magistrates Court, County Jails and other Federal and State facilities. I completed bail documents and routinely processed several hundred dollars of bail money. I served as bailiff for court proceedings in the U.S. Magistrates court. Each session involved 10 in-custody and 20 out of custody defendants.

#### **LAW ENFORCEMENT**

I have logged over 150 hours of road patrol time within Yosemite Valley. Yosemite has an extremely busy law enforcement and EMS workload. Approximately 5000 violation notices were written and 637 arrests made. I made 16 arrests for both misdemeanor and felony violations. I made 40 violation notices. I have conducted and/or assisted in 9 investigations involving credit card fraud, rape, auto burglary, larcenies, and dwelling burglaries.

#### **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

Member of the El Portal ambulance team as a National Registry certified EMT-B. I responded to approximately 30 EMS calls both in and out of the park.

**STRUCTURAL/WILDLAND FIRE.** Incident Red Card Qualified as a firefighter/initial attack, security manager. I have fought small in-park fires as well as bigger interagency fires outside the park, as part of a 20 man crew.

**SEARCH AND RESCUE**

Performed as team leader on 4 major searches, leading 4 ground search team members into assigned search area, utilizing grid and other search techniques. Participated as team member in 2 incidents involving raising/lowering rope and litter systems.

GRAND TETON NATIONAL PARK

P.O. DRAWER 170

MOOSE, WY 83012

**LEAD PARK RANGER (LE)**, GS-0025-06/01

04/1988 – 12/1988

Pete Cowan, Supervisor, [REDACTED]

**Responsibilities**

**SERVED AS THE LEAD PARK RANGER (LAW ENFORCEMENT)** for the Visitor Protection Division in the North District of the park. This is an intensively used area subject to 4 million visitors a year, with over 1 million vehicles traveling on 267 miles of primary and secondary roads. This area is composed of extensive concession and residential facilities and 600 camp sites resulting in heavy visitor use. In the area, there are 200 medical calls, 30 SAR's and 50 arrests annually.

**SUPERVISION AND OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT**

I supervised 4 Law Enforcement Park Rangers and was responsible for the road patrol operation. I served as Field Training Officer in the day-to-day operation. I trained road patrol rangers in all facets of the job; firearms, vehicle stops, motor vehicle accident investigation, handling the mentally ill, domestic situations, theft and burglary investigation, collecting latent fingerprints and evidence. I coordinated the response emergency situations and SAR operations. I provided input and assistance to the Colter Bay Sub-District Ranger regarding the formulation of shift priorities, short and long term goals, objectives, and guidelines. I was responsible for the review and approval of case incident reports and investigations submitted by the road patrol staff.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT**

Grand Teton National Park has concurrent jurisdiction with the Teton County Sheriffs Office, Wyoming Highway Patrol, and Wyoming Game and Fish Department. I was personally responsible for issuing 60 violation notices involving Federal regulations and assimilated Wyoming State statutes. I made 4 arrests and assisted in many more. Investigated 40 MVA's, 28 larcenies, 12 auto burglaries and 11 dwelling burglaries. Made over 300 vehicle stops. Investigated 7 poaching incidents of big game, elk, bison, moose and deer.

**RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**

I worked along with the park Resource Management Division personnel to monitor and protect endangered species. Assisted in the taping and radio collaring of the park's bison herd to monitor range, habits and grazing areas. Assisted in the implementation of the park Bear Management Plan by educating visitors about proper food storage, identification of black and grizzly bears, identifying problem bears, setting traps and transporting these bears to remote areas of the park. Assisted in the park elk reduction program by deputizing the public to hunt and kill elk in certain areas of the park, monitoring these persons for safety, adhering to both park and state regulations, determining age and sex of the elk killed and providing information to both the deputized hunters and general park visitors why the park has the elk reduction program.

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

Coordinated and/or participated in 40 EMS calls. Grand Teton National Park is located at an elevation to 6,400-13,000 ft. We responded to a large number of cardiac distress cases. I was involved in 3 CPR cases and 15 cases requiring ALS. Member of the Colter Bay ambulance team.

**SEARCH AND RESCUE** coordinated 1 major and 8 minor SAR operations involving overdue and lost hikers and boaters within the North District of the park. I performed as Incident Commander of 1 search involving ground and water support with 5 rangers involved. I was a team member of 4 carry out operations of injured persons in the back country. I performed numerous lost and/or misplaced children cases.

#### **STRUCTURAL/WILDLAND FIRE**

Participated in the suppression of 4 major wild-land fires ranging from 5,000-280,000 acres. Worked as a Squad Boss and Firefighter in both initial attack, control/contain, and mop-up situations. Gained an advanced knowledge of wild-land fire suppression techniques through these experiences and training. Also gained experience in helicopter operations and helitack. Worked with ships such as Hughes 500, Jet Bell Rangers, Hueys and Chinooks. Received additional structural fire suppression training (see training).

#### **PUBLIC/CONCESSION RELATIONS**

I presented orientation programs to new and returning concession employees on park history and creation, natural resources, rules and regulations, EMS and general park information. Provided fire information to the public regarding fire activity, locations, detours, and fire ecology. I also provided general park information to park visitors throughout my tour of duty.

#### **SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS**

At the National Park Service Superintendent's conference 5/88-6/88 at Jackson Lake Lodge, I assisted in providing security with the U.S. Park Police SET Team detail. Superintendent's of the National Park Service, Director William Penn Mott, Assistant Director Dennis Galvin, Secretary of the Interior Donald Hodel, and other dignitaries of the Federal government. This assignment included both uniform and plainclothes details.

Member of the overhead team to coordinate security and law enforcement of fire camps and closed to public areas of both Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Parks during the record wild land fires of 1988. I supervised 10 U.S. Park Police Officers in addition to 4 NPS Law Enforcement Rangers. We dealt with the general public, media and other government agencies. I was the liaison between the National Park Service and U.S. Forest Service Law Enforcement personnel to coordinate unified command and concurrent jurisdiction of any and all law enforcement situations and problems.

**PARK RANGER (LE) (SEASONAL), GS-0025-05/01**

05/1987 – 11/1987

Pete Cowan, Supervisor, [REDACTED]

#### **Responsibilities**

**SERVED AS PARK RANGER (LAW ENFORCEMENT).** I was assigned to the North District road patrol in the Visitor Protection Division of the park. The park receives high density visitor use, offers a variety of visitor activities and is traversed by a major highway. Visitation exceeds 4 million a year.

#### **LAW ENFORCEMENT**

Grand Teton has concurrent jurisdiction. I worked closely with other law enforcement agencies. I assisted the park Law Enforcement Officer in serving both search and arrest warrants. I transported violators and booked them into the Teton County Jail. I issued approximately 50 violation notices of 36 CFR and assimilated State statutes. I enforced a large body of laws involving the operation of motor vehicles. I also participated in the parks elk reduction program by enforcing all State and Federal regulations. I investigated 4 incidents of illegal kills of both elk and moose.

#### **SEARCH AND RESCUE**

Performed as team member of 4 "carry-out" incidents, involving litter teams. Also performed as team member of 2 major ground search operations.

**RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**

I cited and reported numerous wildlife viewing throughout the park, while on routine patrol. Many of these were of endangered species. Also assisted the parks Resource Management Division in the immobilization and radio collaring of the parks bison herd. I was assigned to the parks elk reduction program.

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

I responded to and participated in approximately 35 EMS calls, involving First and Advance aid care. I was a member of the Colter Bay ambulance team. I gained additional hands-on experience and assisted the parks EMT's and Medics. I assisted in a cardiac arrest patient by performing CPR and was able to save a visitors life. I received a Distinguished Act Award from NPS director William Penn Mott, presented by the park Superintendent.

**STRUCTURAL/WILDLAND FIRE**

Member of the Colter Bay structural and wild-land fire suppression crew. During the summer, I was assigned to a 20 person wild-land fire crew on a class F fire within the park. I had the same assignment in the Klamath National Forest during the "Siege of '87" in Northern California. Fires in this area exceeded 5 million acres. I was assigned to the Elk Camp complex where 6 fires totaled 350,000 acres. I participated in long work shifts of 16 plus hours as a firefighter and squad boss.

**SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS**

During the visit of Vice President George Bush and Department of the Interior Secretary Donald Hodel, I was assigned to the security detail. I worked along with the U.S. Secret Service Agents, Park Police and the U.S. Navy Dive Team. I performed perimeter security of housing areas and public/media briefings.

REDWOOD NATIONAL PARK  
111 SECOND STREET  
CRESCENT CITY, CA 95531

**PARK RANGER (LE) (SEASONAL),** GS-0025-05/01

10/1986 – 05/1987

Steve Hurd, Supervisor, [REDACTED]

**Responsibilities**

SERVED AS A PARK RANGER (LAW ENFORCEMENT). I was assigned to the South District of the park. Majority of my time was spent on roving vehicle and foot patrols with emphasis on enforcement of misdemeanor regulations, maximum visitor contacts, and conveying information on the park to the park visitor.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT**

Redwood National Park has proprietary jurisdiction. It is located in northern California in Humboldt County. Marijuana cultivation is abundant in this area. I performed investigations of these marijuana gardens to locate them, provide surveillance, and to make arrests when possible. I assisted in the arrest and provided court room testimony in the conviction of 2 persons suspected of cultivation of marijuana. I helped locate and destroy 4 gardens, which included approximately 3,000 plants and estimated at \$ 6,000,000 value. I was also involved in the investigation of illegal hunting (poaching) within park boundaries. I made arrests of 4 native American Indians that I observed shoot a deer within the park, and was able to get convictions on all suspects. These cases involved many hours (including evenings) of staking out areas where elk and deer are grazing. I wrote many violation notices involving fishing regulations and other resource violations.



**RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**

I assisted the Resource Management Division in the Roosevelt Elk and California Black Bear management program by setting and trapping these animals for the purpose of radio collaring, weighing, and determining sex. I took and passed a wildlife immobilization course to these techniques. I also helped with the replanting of Redwood and Douglas Fir trees in areas that were clear cut by logging companies prior to the park expansion.

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

Responded to and assisted in 20 EMS calls involving first-responder cases. These cases ranged from sprained ankles to cardiac arrest. Carry-outs were common. Heat exhaustion and hypothermia were also common cases during the seasonal changes.

**WILDLAND/STRUCTURAL FIRE**

I was assigned to 2 ten man crews on separate incidents within the park. Fire acreage was approximately 40 and 150 acres respectively. I performed as firefighter and squad boss in both initial attack and mop-up operations. I was helitacked into a 55 acre fire outside the park, with the assistance of the California Dept. of Forestry.

**SEARCH AND RESCUE**

Performed as team member in 5 "carry out" incidents from the Tall Trees Grove. Litter teams and belay ropes for low angle terrain were utilized.

**BACKCOUNTRY AND TRAIL MAINTENANCE**

I provided maintenance and construction of park trails. I installed water bars and mileage posts. I repaired shelters and trail bench rest areas. I initiated trail register and trailhead sign requests and followed through with construction of these boards and signs.

**GRAND TETON NATIONAL PARK**

P.O. DRAWER 170  
MOOSE, WY 83012

**PARK RANGER (LE) (SEASONAL), GS-0025-05/01**

05/1986 – 09/1986

Pete Cowan, Supervisor, [REDACTED]

**Responsibilities**

**SERVED AS PARK RANGER (LAW ENFORCEMENT)** in the Visitor Protection/Resource Management Division of the park. I was assigned to the North District road patrol. I worked out of the Colter Bay Sub-District. This area receives very high density visitor use. There are 600 camp sites, 3 major concession lodges which have approximately 1000 employees, and when full during the peak time of the summer the North District sleeps approximately 6,000 visitors.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT**

During the summer I investigated approximately 40 motor vehicle accidents, 8 of which included serious injuries and investigative format report writing. 7 car burglaries, 7 larcenies, 2 burglaries, 2 juvenile run-away cases. I made 5 arrests, 2 were for DUI and 3 for controlled substances. When making these arrests, I collected and packaged evidence and transported the violators 40 miles to the Teton County jail. Never did I lose a case or receive a complaint from loss evidence or property. My court conviction record was outstanding, I never lost a case. I issued approximately 50 violation notices. I was certified in the use of police traffic radar. I enforced a large body of

laws relating to the licensing, operation, and physical condition of motor vehicles. I also investigated 4 illegal kills of wildlife.

#### **RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**

Assisted the Resource Management Division in the fish creel census survey by determining size and species caught by meeting and talking with fisherman at the boat launch and landing areas to gain information. I turned in numerous wildlife observation cards on rare and endangered species. Assisted park biologists with trapping, tagging and radio collaring park bison and elk.

#### **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

I responded and participated in approximately 30 EMS calls. Calls ranged from sprained ankles to cardiac arrest. I was a member of the Colter Bay ambulance team as a driver and advanced first aid. I actively participated in numerous EMS training courses taught by the park EMT II.

#### **WILDLAND/STRUCTURAL FIRE**

I was Incident Red Carded as a firefighter/initial attack. I was part of a five man squad that was assigned to suppress 2 small lightning strike fires. Total acreage was 5. Also member of the Colter Bay structural fire team. Attended numerous training sessions on structural fire suppression. (see training)

#### **SEARCH AND RESCUE**

Participated in 1 major ground search operation as a team member outside the parks boundary as an agency assist to Del Norte County Sheriffs Office.

#### **INTERPRETATION**

While on routine patrol, I stopped and gave informal interpretive talks to visitors about the history of the park, wildlife, and general information.

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P.O. BOX 369  
MAKAWAO, HI 96768

#### **PARK RANGER (LE) (SEASONAL)**

04/1986 – 05/1986

Karen Newton, Supervisor, [REDACTED]

#### **Responsibilities**

**SERVED AS PARK RANGER (LAW ENFORCEMENT)** for the Crater District of the park. This job was funded by a special law and order account for the purpose of providing Visitor Protection and Interpretation in the park for the viewing of Haley's Comet. Heavy visitor use occurred at this time.

#### **LAW ENFORCEMENT**

A great amount of time was spent on traffic control and visitor control through vehicle and foot patrols. Hundreds of visitors were traveling on one major park road to and from the summit of

Haleakala for the purpose of getting a good viewing spot. I investigated 11 motor vehicle accidents, 3 car burglaries, and 3 larcenies. I made 2 arrests for DUI and controlled substances

respectively. I transported these suspects to the Kahului jail, which was 50 miles away. I also enforced numerous traffic and parking violations.

#### **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

I responded to 9 EMS calls. 6 were for altitude sickness, 2 sprained ankles and 1 laceration due to a fall. I restocked First Aid kits and 02 bottles.

#### **INTERPRETATION**

I conducted and assisted in interpretive talks on the comet and other constellations in the sky. Groups ranged from 10-100 visitors. I also gave information on other aspects of the park such as wildlife, hiking trails, and the history of the park.

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P.O. BOX 52  
HAWAII NATIONAL PARK, HI 96718

#### **RANGER TRAINEE/RANGER (LE)**

10/1985 – 04/1986

Joe Evans, Supervisor, [REDACTED]

#### **Responsibilities**

**SERVED AS RANGER TRAINEE/PARK RANGER (LAW ENFORCEMENT)** in the three different divisions within Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. The program consisted of various types of training. It was funded by a organization for placing Native Hawaiians into jobs. It was called Alu Like.

#### **LAW ENFORCEMENT**

Because I held a Western Region commission prior to my arrival here at HAVO from Redwoods, I was able to perform law enforcement duties intermittently. Through on-the-job training, I enhanced my National Park Service understanding of philosophies of law enforcement, NPS policies, objectives, and goals. I also gained an understanding of the Park Safety Management Plan, Tort Claims Act, and the duties of the law enforcement office. I assisted the Law Enforcement Specialist with reviewing case incident reports, motor vehicle accidents investigation

reports, preparing law and order accounts, handling of evidence, and court proceedings. I performed road patrol duties in both the Kilauea and Kalapana Districts. I wrote numerous violation notices for traffic violations and natural resources. I patrolled the backcountry at the coast and the mountain. I checked fisherman as to compliance and their identity. (The coastline can only be fished by native Hawaiians from Kalapana.) I checked campers for permits. I maintained trails, cabins, and shelters. I took water samples at the numerous water systems from Halape to Mauna Loa. (Coast to mountains)

#### **WILD-LAND/STRUCTURAL FIRE**

I worked as a fire control aid at the Kilauea District fire cache. I maintained all fire equipment and apparatus to ensure it was fire ready. I sharpened tools, checked pumps, hoses, and chainsaws. I checked both the wild-land and structural fire trucks. I took fire weather and loaded the data into a computer for the Regional Fire Management Officer. I took training courses on both wild-land and structural fire fighting techniques.

#### **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

I received the Aikane award from the Hawaii Visitors Bureau along with 4 other rangers for performing CPR on a park visitor at the Thurston Lava Tube. I took an Advanced First Aid course and re-certified on CPR.

#### **SEARCH AND RESCUE**

I received training on lowering and raising rope systems with a litter and patient. I learned to setup z-rigs and pulley systems.

**INTERPRETIVE DIVISION**

I gained an understanding of the functions of the interpretive division through on the job training. I learned skills for communicating to group programs, nature walks, and giving general park information. I was trained and worked in the operation of the visitor information desk. I was trained and performed in video and film projector equipment use. I presented the eruption film and gave current volcanic status at the Volcano House. I stopped at overlooks while on road patrol to give information on that particular area or feature.

**RESOURCE MANAGEMENT DIVISION**

I assisted the park feral pig control program by constructing fences, checking and informing hunters on active areas. I participated in the Nene goose study program by submitting observation cards and information. I cared for and observed captive geese. I was assigned to a 5 day horse detail to the coastal area to eradicate exotic vegetation species. Rode in on horseback with a pack mule with supplies and equipment.

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**PARK TECHNICIAN (LE) (SEASONAL)**

03/1985 – 09/1985

Laurel Pistel, Supervisor [REDACTED]

**Responsibilities**

**SERVED AS PARK TECHNICIAN (LAW ENFORCEMENT)** in the Visitor Protection Division of the South District of the park. At the time, the park was the newest National Park added to the service. The park had many unique problems, with park neighbors, alignment of the boundaries and the fact that 3 state parks were within those boundaries.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT**

The park had proprietary jurisdiction. I worked closely with the Humboldt County Sheriffs Office, California Highway Patrol (CHP), and the California Fish and Game. I assisted the sheriff's office in the arrest of 3 suspected marijuana growers. Also assisted the CHP of 2 DUI suspects. I wrote 15 violation notices of natural resource and fishing violations. I patrolled by both foot and vehicle to enforce these misdemeanor regulations. Also assisted Fish & Game in the arrest of 2 suspected poachers. Staked out areas where elk and deer were grazing, usually at night with the assistance of night vision goggles. Relayed information to other agencies regarding violations occurring outside the park boundaries.

**RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**

I assisted the division with the California Black Bear study and research by setting and monitoring traps, collaring bears with radio transmitters and tag identification. Also did same with Roosevelt Elk study program. Reported numerous sightings of wildlife and exotic vegetation.

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

Responded and participated in approximately 25 EMS calls requiring basic life support. Participated in weekly EMS training sessions in the subjects of CPR, bandaging, and splints.

**WILDLAND FIRE**

I responded to 3 in-park fires as a firefighter, total acreage was 20. I was helitacked into one of these fires.

### TRAINING

#### *(Significant Related Training for Position of Criminal Investigator)*

##### Law Enforcement (2050 HRS)

- Emergency Responder Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Awareness/Operations, 8 hrs., 04/2003
- Physical Security Training Program, 80 hrs., 11/2002
- FAA Flying While Armed, 2 hrs., 04/2002
- Criminal Investigator In-Service Refresher, 40 hrs., 02/2001
- ***Criminal Investigator Training Program, 480 hrs., 09/2000***
- Tactical Tracking Operations School Level I, 50 hrs., 02/1999
- Domestic Cannabis Eradication Suppression Surveillance, 40 hrs., 04/1998
- Motor Vehicle Accident Investigation, 40 hrs., 06/1996
- Mental Preparation for Armed Confrontations, 16 hrs., 06/1994
- Asset Forfeiture Training, 16 hrs., 05/1994
- Archeological Resources Protection Training Program (ARPA), 40 hrs., 04/1994
- Basic Police Training 9PT-101, 384 hrs., 12/1990
- Latent Fingerprints Training, 8 hrs., 05/1985

##### Emergency Medical Services (326 ½ HRS)

##### Structural/Wild land Fire (318 HRS)

##### Search and Rescue (90 ½ HRS)

##### Resource Management (32 HRS)

### SPECIAL SKILLS AND QUALIFICATIONS

- National Park Service, Law Enforcement Commission  
Badge Credential #236
- California Dept of Justice, Intoxilyzer 5000 Operator
- Experience with cameras, surveillance equipment
- 6 years alpine and Nordic skiing, fishing both salt and fresh water
- Physically fit. Very active in most outdoor sports; basketball, volleyball, softball, tennis, golf, jogging, weight lifting.

### EDUCATION

**Southern Oregon State College**, Ashland, OR 97520 1977 - 1982  
Bachelor of Science Major: Criminology

**Kaiser High School**, Honolulu, HI 96820 1973 - 1977  
Diploma

### SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS AND AWARDS

1999 Letter of Appreciation, FBI for the outstanding assistance in a joint investigative effort. During the

- investigation of the murder of National Park Service Ranger Steve M. Jarrell and capture of the suspect Eugene Boyce.
- 1999 Cash Award, Letter of Commendation  
Outstanding Work Performance resulting in the successful defense during trial of a \$1 million dollar liability lawsuit initiated by park visitors at an active volcanic eruption site.  
*Kahan & Minc v. USA*
- 1994 Commendation of Performance  
Outstanding performance during temporary assignment as Criminal Investigator at Hawaii Volcanoes National Park
- 1993 Unit Award of Excellence of Service  
Pu'u O'o Response Team, for successful and courageous rescue of 3 occupants of a downed helicopter in an active volcanic
- 1992 Certificate of Commendation  
For Command and Control Security Support at the Arizona Memorial's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Pearl Harbor Attack
- 1992 Certificate of Appreciation - "Operation Wipeout" Investigation and eradication of marijuana.  
Drug Enforcement Administration, Los Angeles Field Division
- 1992 Special Achievement Award  
For high standards of performance in Law Enforcement at Hawaii Volcanoes National Park
- 1991 Gold Fitness Award  
For exemplary physical fitness by ARA Human Factors
- 1991 Commendation for Exemplary Performance  
Search and Recovery Operation
- 1990 500 Point Physical Efficiency Battery  
For maximum physical fitness score at FLETC
- 1988 Exemplary Act Award  
For successful resuscitation of park visitor during cardiac arrest

#### REFERENCES

Paul Ducasse, Chief Ranger  
Hawaii Volcanoes NP, HI

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I certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

/s/ Neil P. Akana