John Weeks
John is the Division Administrator for the Hawaii Division office of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration. His office is located in the federal building, right here in Honolulu. John has 32 years of experience in the field of transportation safety. John has worked in the states of Florida, New York and Hawaii. He’s worked in law enforcement as a Motor Carrier Specialist, he’s worked as a safety director for a large school bus company and he’s worked for both state and federal governments. To date, John has presented on transportation topics in more than 20 states. Today, John is going to talk to us about the Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse and some other current FMCSA topics. Please welcome Division Administrator John Weeks…”

Tresha Pepito
Tresha Pepito serves as the State Program Specialist for the Hawaii Division Office of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), providing advisory support and technical assistance for four jurisdictions – the State of Hawaii and the Territories of American Samoa, Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands – to ensure compliance with established laws, regulations, policies, and procedures with regard to the Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP) and Commercial Driver’s License (CDL) program.

An Economics graduate of the University of Texas system, Tresha has spent many years working in the field of commercial vehicle safety and enforcement, earning experience through both the Texas Department of Public Safety – Motor Carrier Bureau and the Hawaii Department of Transportation – Motor Vehicle Safety Office, prior to joining FMCSA.

Jason Okada
Jason Okada is the safety investigator for the Hawaii Division office of FMCSA. He has approximately 10 years of transportation experiencing working with Part 382 / 382 in both a military and non-military, civilian capacity.

Ed Sniffen
Ed Sniffen is the Deputy Director of the Hawaii Department of Transportation’s Highways Division, which is responsible for 2,500 lane miles of highway and 741 bridges across six Hawaiian Islands. Ed has oversight over nearly 1,000 employees in four district offices, six branches and four staff offices. His mission is the development and improvement of our highway transportation systems to facilitate safe and efficient travel and commerce statewide.

Among his key responsibilities as Deputy Director for Highways is strategically planning the Division’s safety, preservation, and improvement initiatives considering need, available funding, and State and Federal statutes. Ed carries out these responsibilities through close collaboration with the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highways Administration, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the Hawaii State Legislature, County Administrations, and other transportation stakeholders.

Ed is driven to improve the Division’s procurements and project management processes and has used innovative strategies such as open-ended federalized contracts to streamline project payouts. The improved project delivery and procurement tools Ed has championed since his appointment in January 2014 have resulted in the efficient utilization of federal highways funding; bringing Hawaii’s unexpended federal obligation balance to the lowest level in 18 years.
Prior to his appointment as Deputy Director for Highways, Ed served in executive positions at the City and County of Honolulu and within the private sector. From 2010 to 2011 Ed served as Highways Division Administrator where he was responsible for oversight of the statewide $200 million operations and maintenance budget and the $250 million Capital Improvements Program budget.

Ed is licensed professional engineer with experience in civil and structural design as well as facilities and construction management.

SueLyn Tran  
State Public Utilities Commission Compliance Chief

Sage Lang  
Volkswagen Settlement Specialist  
Hawaii State Energy Office  
Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism

Kelvin Kohatsu  
Kelvin Kohatsu heads Hawaiian Electric Company’s Fleet Services. He is responsible for providing leadership and strategic direction for fleet operations at HECO. And responsible for developing and implementing a One Company business plan to provide safe, reliable, and cost effective fleet services.

Kohatsu is a State of Hawaii-Licensed/Registered/Certified Mechanic, ASE Certified Master (Auto, Med-Hvy Trk, Engine Mach, School Bus, Alternate Fuels, Advance Level Diesel, Collision & Parts, Trk Equip). He is also a CDL-A holder with all endorsements, a Certified Crane Operator, AWS Structural Certified Welder, Aerial Bucket & Digger operator, etc.

Kohatsu has been a presenter at transportation conferences & meetings on Greening/Electrification of Fleets, and has garnered awards from:  
2001 American Trucking Association - Technology Maintenance Council outstanding front-line maintenance supervisor;  
2013, 2014 & 2016 Heavy Duty Trucking Top 50 Green Fleets-Hawaii Electric Light Fleet; and  
2014-2015 Blue Planet Foundation/Clean Cities Certified Clean Fleet award.

Michael McDonald  
Michael McDonald is the Senior Director of Sustainability and Government Affairs for United Parcel Service. Mr. McDonald works in the Automotive Engineering Department, and his current responsibility is to assist and support the United Parcel Service Sustainability and Public Affairs teams. Michael McDonald also reviews and evaluates alternative fuel vehicles for their feasibility in the future UPS fleet.

Michael McDonald holds a Bachelor’s Degree in business from Trevecca Nazarene University in Nashville, Tennessee. He also holds MBA for business administration from Saint Leo University in Tampa, Florida.
Bruce Mac Rae

Bruce is the Vice President of US Government Affairs for the West Region of UPS. His area encompasses the States of California, Hawaii, Nevada, Utah and Arizona. Bruce deals with local, state and federal issues effecting UPS. UPS being the world’s largest package delivery and supply chain services company.

Bruce began his UPS career in 1978 as a un-loader in the Anaheim package facility. In 1983 he became a full-time driver and Teamster Union Shop Steward. Bruce entered into management in 1987 where he was promoted to Preload Supervisor. Bruce has risen through many positions, acquiring skills in Operations, Industrial Engineering, Hazardous Materials, Customer Relations, Community / Public Relations, Security Investigator and currently as Vice President of US Government Affairs.

In addition to his regional responsibilities, Bruce plays an active role in and beyond his community. Bruce is serving on the boards of such organizations as: The Los Angeles Sheriffs Youth Foundation (Chairman) Chairman of Board of Trustees of the Battleship USS Iowa, National State Chair of the state chairs of the American Legislative Exchange Council, CSULB Athletic Board, LBCC Board of Governors, the CTA (California Trucking Association), (Past President) of the Orange County Sheriffs Advisory Council and board member of the Drug Use is Life Abuse organization. Coalition for Clean Air, Hawaii Transportation Association, Nevada Trucking Association, Chairman of the Arizona Trucking Association, Emeritus on TAT- Trucker Against Trafficking and the California Natural Gas Vehicle Coalition to name a few. Bruce holds strong to his responsibilities at home, in the community and at work; understanding that each of these are critical for everyone to achieve their own goals.

Bruce grew up and attended school in Long Beach and is also a second-generation Long Beach native. His sons Nick is a graduate of CSULB and is the associate head coach for the 2-time back-to-back NCAA Championship men’s volleyball team at LB State. Jake is a graduate of LB State with a degree in occupational therapy and recently obtained his California real-estate license. His daughters Meghan, a journalism graduate at SLO works with athletes and is currently working at St Joseph elementary and Timarie who devotes her time with assisted living and dementia patients in Rancho Santa Margarita, all are enjoying the business life. They all reside in Long Beach. Bruce is recently married to his strong and beautiful wife Barbie and is also a new Grandpa with granddaughter Reese Harper and grandson Nyles Nicholas MacRae.