

# U.S. Marine Corps: Ethos of Integrity and Honor



U.S. MILITARY POLICE WORK TO ENSURE GOOD BEHAVIOR

- The overwhelming majority of American service members, dependents and civilian employees are law abiding, honorable and respectful. Our service members are friendly, responsible and active members of our host community, everywhere they are.
- We reinforce responsible behavior and support our positive relationships with the communities we live in.
- Service members have excellent relations with our Japanese neighbors and we encourage continued engagement in the thousands of off base community relations events that transform Okinawa from a duty station to a home.
- The Marine Corps institutes and actively participates in numerous base support and community outreach programs to maintain mutual trust and respect between Marines and the local community. Marines in Japan participate in more than 2,500 community relations events throughout the year, from annual festivals, sporting events, beach cleanups, music festivals, and more in order to build and maintain relationships.
- We protect and defend - Service members volunteer and accept the privilege of military service taking an oath to protect and defend the United States, Japan, our other allies, friends and those in need.
- The Uniform Code of Military Justice reinforces and mandates a high standard of conduct.
- We honor our host nation by ensuring the Okinawa Prefectural Police have access to, and jurisdiction over accused off duty military service members in every case, per the SOFA agreement.
- Japanese and Okinawan lives have been saved by service members, and we always stand ready to help our community.

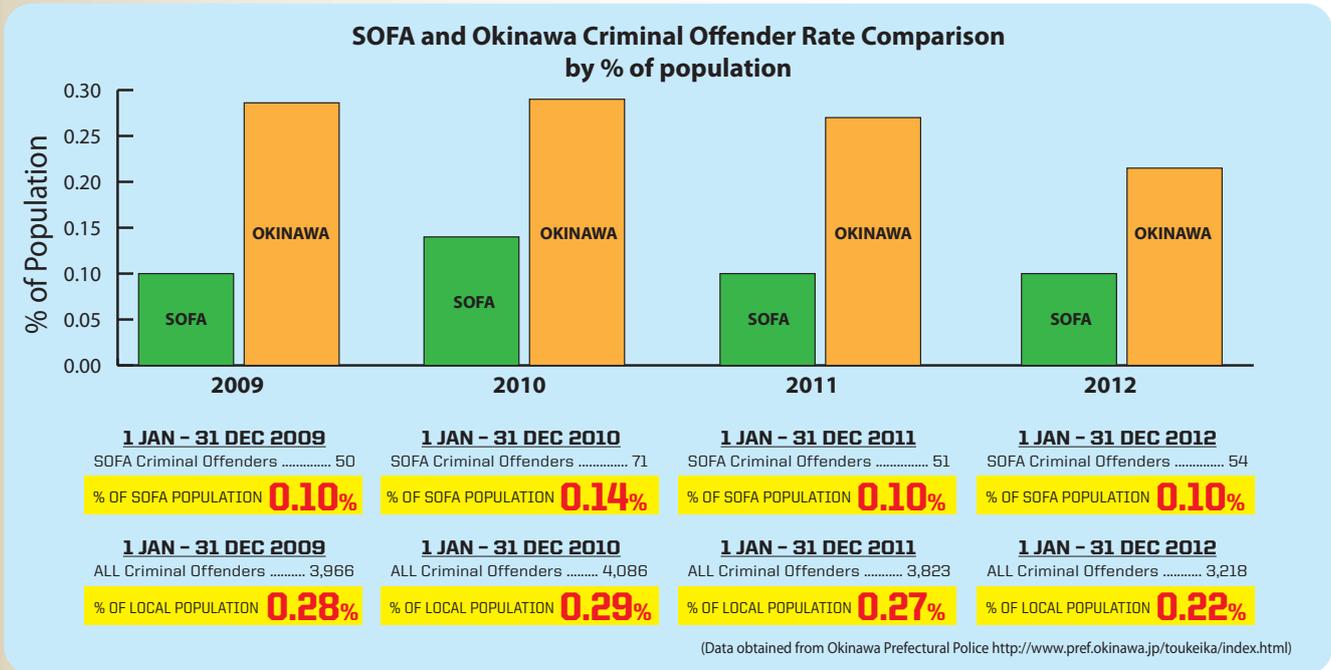
• According to the Okinawa Prefectural Police (OPP) the U.S. SOFA per capita crime rate is less than half the crime rate in Okinawa. We are succeeding in minimizing criminal activity.

"According to the Okinawa Prefectural Police, the number of crimes committed by U.S. Forces personnel, civilian component and their families in Okinawa Prefecture has decreased 40.8 % in the year of 2011 in comparison with that in 2010. This number is the lowest for the last 10 years.

The GOJ appreciates the U.S. Forces' initiative to prevent crimes, be a good neighbor and wishes further positive results of the efforts."

-As stated by an acting MOFA Representative

## CRIMINAL OFFENDER RATE COMPARISON



Although total numbers of penal code offenses involving Marines are very low, we are still not satisfied. We remain committed to reinforcing continued positive behavior.

**Our most valuable relationships are with our local community - we will continue to do our utmost to keep our community safe. We appreciate your support and continued understanding.**