



Aaron Caceres

Security Specialist

Class of 1997

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In the middle of the night, a family of four sleeps soundly in their beds. The mother and father are in their bedrooms close together. Their daughter and son sleep in their rooms. The girl holds on to her teddy bear; her brother hugs his action figure. The night is calm as the whole family feels safe. However, outside the house, in the depths of the night, a stranger waits dressed in all black. He has stalked the house and walked all around waiting to strike. The stranger goes to the window with a crowbar in his hand. He puts it under the window and yanks down, as suddenly an alarm is set off. Scared and confuse by what is happening, he makes a run for it back into the dark. The mother and father, woken by the alarm, run to their childrens' rooms and pick them up as they go into one room. As the phone rings they answer to hear the Alert Alarm operator's voice. She asks if the family is all right and assures them that help will be there soon.

Aaron Caceres is a security specialist with Alert Alarm Hawaii, a electronic security provider and systems expert with over 100 employees on all the major islands. Locally, the Hilo office has eight employees which service all the public schools and many government agencies, as well as private businesses and residences. As a service technician, he installs and maintains video surveillance, burglar and fire alarm systems, CCTV cameras and cameras for the company. He is also a DJ and a family man.

Aaron has worked for Alert Alarm of Hawaii for nearly eight years. He loves his job because he doesn't have to work in an office and he gets to travel around the island and see new places. One downside of traveling around is that the rides can be long and tiring. What he loves most about his job is that he can give people peace of mind because they are safe, and he can help catch the bad guys. It's a real challenge to figure out how to fix these electronic devices, and the best way to learn this job is through on the job training. A college degree is not necessary as long as you have some kind of passion for technology.

Aaron has always loved technology. When he was at Waiakea High, he was in charge of the Sound Crew which set up the PA system and played music for all school events. Besides getting to play the music he enjoyed, he liked getting out of class early to set up the system and going to class late after putting the equipment away. He also remembers making an electronic car. After graduation in 1997, Aaron went into the Army National Guard for seven years, where he was an aircraft electrician.

From his Sound Crew experiences, he developed a side job of being a disc jockey. His company, A & M Mobile, sets up and provides music at weddings, birthdays and graduation parties and other events.. He enjoys being a DJ because it gives him the opportunity to tinker with modern sound equipment and it reminds him of his high school days. He also fixes computers on the side.

Aaron has a daughter named Kaylie, who is 15 months old. His twin brother, Anson is a Hilo policeman.

