

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAUI POLICE COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2009 AT 10:00 A.M.
CHIEF'S CONFERENCE ROOM, WAILUKU, MAUI, HAWAII**

PRESENT Doreen N. Gomes, Chair
Keone Ball, Vice-Chair
David Jorgensen, Member
Leil Koch, Member
Kirk Tanaka, Member
Ron Vaught, Member
Jeffrey Ueoka, Deputy Corporation Counsel

ALSO PRESENT Gary Yabuta, Chief of Police
Clayton Tom, Deputy Chief of Police
Sydney Kikuchi, Assistant Chief Investigative Services
Wayne Ribao, Assistant Chief Uniformed Services
Danny Matsuura, Assistant Chief Support Services
Mr. Greg Takahashi, Business Manager
Milton Matsuoka, Captain, Criminal Investigation Division
Wendell Loo, Detective, Criminal Investigation Division

DELAYED John Ornellas, Member
Sean Connolly, Member

EXCUSED Tina Gomes, Member (Sick)

**CALL/
QUORUM** Chair Gomes called the meeting to order at 9:57 a.m. A quorum was ascertained with six Commissioners present to conduct business.

OPENING PRAYER The opening prayer was offered by Chaplain Dale Kreps of Pukalani Church of the Nazarene.

PRESENTATION **By the Public of Oral or Written Testimony on Agenda Items of the Commission:**

None

APPROVAL Vice-Chair Ball asked to have Correspondence (a) moved to New Business as Item (b).

A motion to approve the agenda as amended was made by Commissioner Jorgensen. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Ball and carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES **A motion to approve the minutes of August 12, 2009 was made by Commissioner Tanaka and seconded by Vice-Chair Ball. The motion carried unanimously.**

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LETTERS OF COMMENDATION (32)

Detective W. Loo; Sergeants B. Aoki, P. Delima, J. Fletcher; Officers J. Akana, D. Cabacungan; D. Clifton, D. Corpuz, D. Danley, T. Dods, R. Esperanza, S. Gasmen, E. Grace, L. Kaai, N. Kanekoa, L. Kauhaahaa, M. Kaya, B. Koyama, A. Krau, K. Masse, M. McCutcheon, S. Perry, M. Sagawinit, G. Sagun, C. Schmitt, S. Singh, J. Somera, K. Taguma, J. Terry, M. Victorine, K. Wong, J. Wright

A motion to file the Letters of Commendation was made by Commissioner Jorgensen and seconded by Commissioner Koch. The motion carried unanimously.

CHIEF'S REPORT Chief Yabuta read a letter from the United States Postal Inspection Service commending Detective Wendell Loo for his work in solving the burglaries into more than 110 Post Office boxes on Maui. Chief Yabuta then presented Detective Loo with a Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of the Inspector-In-Charge of the San Francisco Division of the U.S. Postal Inspection Service.

(10:02 a.m.) Commissioner Ornellas entered the meeting.

Chief Yabuta reminded the Commissioners that HSLEOA is next week from the 23rd to the 25th.

Chief Yabuta reported they are preparing for the FY 2011 budget. He is meeting with the various bureaus and Budget Manager, Fred Pablo has provided the Department with a figure to work with.

The Maui Police Department selections for Employee, Manager and Team of the Year are: Reports Reviewer, Helen Kanae; Hana Commander, Lt. Clarence Kenui; and the Vice/Narcotics Section. They will be honored in a small ceremony on October 12th, but the Department will do something special for them at Family Night on December 10th. Officer Kimberly Masse was selected as the Lanai employee and Officer Lonnie Kaai was the employee selected from Molokai. Each of them will be honored at a luncheon on their respective islands with Deputy Chief Tom and Assistant Chief Ribao attending.

Chief Yabuta and Deputy Chief Tom will be conducting community town meetings on September 30th at the Hannibal Tavares Upcountry Community Center; on October 14th at the Mitchell Pauole Center on Molokai; October 19th at Helene Hall in Hana; on October 22nd at the Kihei Community Center; on October 26th at the Lahaina Civic Center; on November 3rd at the Velma Santos Wailuku Community Center; and on November 5th at the Lanai Community Center. All meetings will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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Commissioner Vaught said after a meeting in Kihei, the people he spoke with felt good about the Chief coming out and speaking to the community and appreciated him being open with them about issues.

Chief Yabuta thanked the Commissioners who were able to come out and attend the meetings; it's always good to have their support.

Assistant Chief Kikuchi introduced Evidence Specialist Tony Earles. Mr. Earles did a presentation on what the unit does with regard to their duties and responsibilities in processing a crime scene. Mr. Earles then conducted a visual demonstration by developing the latent footprint of Chair Doreen Gomes.

Deputy Chief Tom reported that Maui was the first police department in the State of Hawaii to implement the Enhanced 9-1-1. The board has done a five-year budget plan for equipment, services, maintenance fees and contract services. That plan will be submitted to the legislature, and they will ask for a provision to raise the cap to \$15 million.

Captain Matsuoka gave the report for the Criminal Investigation Division.

Assistant Chief Sydney Kikuchi gave the report for the remainder of the Investigative Services Bureau.

Assistant Chief Wayne Ribao gave the report for the Uniformed Services Bureau.

Officers of the Month for August were:

District 1 – Officer Dennis Arnds
District 4 – Officer Marvin Miles
District 5 – Sergeant Jamie Winfrey
District 6 – Officer Keoki Santos

A.C. Ribao recognized the Molokai officers for their hard work during the recent fires.

(11:15 a.m.) Commissioner Connolly entered the meeting.

Assistant Chief Danny Matsuura gave the report for the Support Services Bureau.

FINANCIAL Mr. Takahashi handed out the Fiscal Year 2011 Budget - Police
BUDGET Department Due Dates. He had no report for FY 2010.

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PERSONNEL Mr. Takahashi handed out the Staffing Report which reflects 38 vacant Police Officer positions with 39 conditional offers made. Thirty officers have been hired to date, and we'll probably end the year with around 40 police officer hires. We should be at a record staffing level by the end of calendar year 2009. There are 19 civilian positions vacant. Five conditional offers have been made for Radio Dispatchers.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. PC 09-30 Honolulu Police Commission Minutes dated June 17, 2009
- b. PC 09-31 Honolulu Police Commission Minutes dated June 17, 2009
- c. PC 09-32 Honolulu Police Commission Minutes dated July 8, 2009

A motion to file the above correspondence was made by Commissioner Vaught and seconded by Vice-Chair Ball. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Discussion to Change Commission Rules and Change Date of Monthly Commission Meeting

Commissioner Jorgensen reviewed the rules and suggested a couple of changes. He and sub-committee members, Commissioners Koch and Ornellas will review the suggested changes and bring their recommendations to the October meeting.

- b. PC 09-29 Letter from Corporation Counsel Brian Moto dated 08/24/09 Regarding the Process on Legal Representation

Before making their decision on legal representation, the Commission will be provided a copy of the law suit, the officer's request for legal representation, as well as all related police reports which will have been redacted by the Records Section.

ADJOURN (12:10 p.m.) A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Connolly and seconded by Commissioner Tanaka. The motion carried unanimously.

SUBMITTED BY

Jeanne Berrigan, Police Commission Secretary

APPROVED

Doreen N. Gomes Chair