

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAUI POLICE COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2014 AT 9:00 A.M.
CHIEF'S CONFERENCE ROOM, WAILUKU, HAWAII**

PRESENT Ronald Vaught, Vice-Chair
Pancho Alcon, Member
Roger Dixon, Member
Howard Hanzawa, Member
Lawrence Ing, Member
Kelly Ruidas, Member
Kevin Tanaka, Member
Michael Wilson, Member

ALSO PRESENT Gary Yabuta, Chief of Police
Clayton Tom, Deputy Chief of Police
Danny Matsuura, Assistant Chief, Investigative Bureau Services
Dean Rickard, Assistant Chief, Support Bureau Services
Victor Ramos, Assistant Chief, Uniform Bureau Services
Greg Takahashi, Business Manager
Jeffrey Ueoka, Deputy Corporation Counsel
Gary Colton, Chaplin
Cynthia Sasada, Secretary
Chivo Ching-Johnson, AKAKU- Maui Community Television
Peter Tang, Hawaii News Now
Mileka Lincoln, Hawaii News Now
Susan Halas, Maui Weekly
Chris Sugidono, The Maui News
Alexis Felicilda

EXCUSED Gregg Lundberg, Member

**CALL/
QUORUM** Vice-Chair Vaught called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. A quorum was ascertained with eight Commissioners present to conduct business.

**OPENING
REMARKS** The opening remarks were offered by Father Gary Colton.

PRESENTATION **By the Public of Oral or Written Testimony on Agenda Items of the Commission:** None

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES** **A motion to approve the minutes of January 15, 2014 was made by Commissioner Ing and seconded by Commissioner Wilson. The motion carried unanimously.**

LETTERS OF COMMENDATION (16)

Detectives E. Correa, N. Hamilton; Sergeant. M. Bonilla, J. Winfrey; Officers: R. Devooght, C. Keli'ipa'akaua, T. Hodgens, J. Pallone-De La Torre, J. Pontanilla, A. Schuetz, M. Schafer, A. Wallwork; Chaplin C. Martin; ESD K. Kamalani, W. Tancayo-Mebille; ET A. Earles

A motion to accept and file the Letters of Commendation was made by Commissioner Dixon and seconded by Commissioner Ruidas. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Ing said he is pleased and proud to see the letters of commendation and letters of appreciation from the general public.

Commissioner Alcon entered the meeting (9:05)

RECESS: 9:07 A.M.

Technical Support Unit: Set-up for their presentation.

RECONVENE: 9:11 A.M.

CHIEF'S Chief Yabuta introduced Sergeant Lance Kaupalolo and Officers Corrine Chang and Ernest Grace, who gave a brief presentation on the updates to the Computer Aided Dispatch System.

RECESS: 9:23 A.M.

Technical Support Unit: Break-down (equipment) after their presentation.

RECONVENE: 9:25 A.M.

Deputy Chief Tom clarified that Hawaiian Tel Com will be installing software for text messaging only. Video streaming and pictures will come at a later time. The four major cell phone carriers will be able to go online May 15, 2014.

FINANCIAL REPORT Mr. Takahashi reported for FY 2014, approximately \$1 million has been budgeted for the purchase of 26 police vehicles (15 marked patrol vehicles, six unmarked, and three marked and two unmarked SUVs) and \$60,000 for 10 traffic cameras. For FY2015, we received a preliminary draft of the proposed performance measures. The Mayor's version will be submitted to Council by March 25, 2014.

PERSONNEL Mr. Takahashi handed out the Staffing Report for February 19, 2014 which reflects 42 vacant positions with 19 conditional offers pending. There are currently 29 civilian vacancies, 15 of which are ESD positions.

The department has 519 authorized positions, of which 383 are police officers and 136 are civilians. As of this date, there are currently 341 police officers and 107 civilian employees.

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Assistant Chief Matsuura gave the report for the Investigative Services Bureau.

A.C. Matsuura reported the Canine Unit continues to assist the Patrol Division. The Juvenile Section is looking to expand programs to the outside districts. The SWAT team continues to assist Criminal Investigation Division as well as Crime Reduction Unit with search warrants, and fugitive sweeps.

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Assistant Chief Victor Ramos gave the report for the Uniform Services Bureau.

A.C. Ramos announced Sergeants Mark Vickers, Scott Louis and Jerald Perkett were promoted to the rank of lieutenant effective February 16, 2014. Lieutenant Vickers has been assigned to the Lahaina District. Lieutenants Louis and Perkett have been assigned to Wailuku Patrol.

Sergeant Chris Gantala has been assigned to the Crime Reduction Unit.

Officers Taylor Kamakawiwo'ole, Jan Pontanilla and John Akana were selected as the Community Police Officers effective March 1, 2014. Officer Akana will be assigned to the Kihei District to assist Officer Kibby.

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Assistant Chief Dean Rickard gave the report for the Support Services Bureau.

A.C. Rickard reported the 78th Recruit Class is currently in the FTO portion of their training.

Twenty-one members of the 79th Recruit Class are currently in Motor Vehicle Accident investigations, ILEADS, and the report writing portion of their training.

Sergeant Audra Sellers was selected to fill a vacant position in Community Relations Section.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. PC 14-03 Honolulu Police Commission Minutes dated December 4, 2013

A motion to file the Correspondence was made by Commissioner Ing and seconded by Commissioner Tanaka. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Discussion of Police Commission Investigator

This item has been deferred to the March meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. 2014 State of Hawaii Police Commissioners' Conference

The 2014 State of Hawaii Police Commissioners' Conference will be held on April 24-25, 2014 on the Big Island.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion to move into Executive Session was made by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Hanzawa. The motion carried unanimously.

RECESS: 9:46 A.M.
RECONVENE: 10:00 A.M.

- a. Approval of Executive Session Minutes of January 15, 2014

A motion was made by Commissioner Dixon to approve the Executive Session Minutes of January 15, 2014. Commissioner Alcon seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

- b. MPC 13-09

A motion was made by Commissioner Dixon to accept the Findings of Facts & Conclusion. Commissioner Ruidas seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

- c. Evaluation of the Chief of Police

Commissioner Dixon stated the Annual Self-Evaluation form will be given to Chief Yabuta. A sub-committee will review and consolidate the evaluations into a final document.

REGULAR SESSION A motion to return to Regular Session was made by Commissioner Dixon and seconded by Commissioner Hanzawa. The motion carried unanimously.

RATIFY A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson to ratify the actions taken in Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ruidas and carried unanimously.

ADJOURN (10:40) A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Tanaka and seconded by Commissioner Ing. The motion carried unanimously.

SUBMITTED BY

Cynthia Sasada, Police Commission Secretary

APPROVED

Gregg Lundberg, Chair