

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAUI POLICE COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 2014 AT 10:00 A.M.
CHIEF'S CONFERENCE ROOM, WAILUKU, HAWAII**

PRESENT Roger Dixon, Chair
Kelly Ruidas, Vice-Chair
Pancho Alcon, Member
Howard Hanzawa, Member
Lawrence Ing, Member
Nora Kawasaki, Member
Gregg Lundberg, 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
Gary Murai, Deputy Corporation Counsel
Milton Fricke, Chaplain
Cynthia Sasada, Secretary
Susan Halas, Maui Weekly
David Kuasnicka, Maui Now

**CALL/
QUORUM** Chair Dixon called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m. A quorum was ascertained with nine Commissioners present to conduct business.

**OPENING
REMARKS** The opening remarks were offered by Chaplain Milton Fricke.

Chair Dixon introduced the new Police Commission Member, Nora Kawasaki.

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 March 19, 2014 was made by Vice-Chair Ruidas and seconded by Commissioner Lundberg. The motion carried unanimously.

LETTERS OF COMMENDATION (63)

Captain C. Kenui; Lieutenants E. Ferreira, W. Gannon, W. Juan, J. Perckett D. Silva; Detectives B. Aoki, R. Bennett; Sergeants N. Angel, N. Krau (2); Acting Sergeant S. Gasmen; Officers F. Abreu, W. Ahuna, T. Alconcel, J. Black, K. Brown (2), M. Brown, I. Custer, T. Dods, J. Dudoit, J. Foster, L. Guzman, T. Hickman, A. Kahoohanohano (3), T. Kamakawiwoole, C. Keliipaakaua, N. Kanekoa, C. Kenui, C. Kusunoki, N. Laga (2), A.

Maldonado, H. Marfil (2), K. Mawai, R. Mehra (2), S. Mida, P. Pomainville, E. Quintero, R. Saribay, G. Slonim, R. Silva K. Uyehara, M. Vaituulala, C. Visaya, L. Yorita, S. Yoshida; Recruits C. Agbisit, T. Brennan, P. Cacho, R. Fabita, R. Haia, M. Pombrio, M. Segault; Supervisor ESD M. Toro (2); ET A. Earles; Secretary T. Jones

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

Commissioner Wilson entered the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

**CHIEF'S
REPORT**

Chief Yabuta welcomed the new Police Commissioner, Nora Kawasaki.

Chief Yabuta informed the Commission that the Budget and Finance Committee hearing was held on April 9, 2014. He thanked the Commission for their support.

The Maui Police Department Police Week Memorial Service will be held on Monday, May 12, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. on the second floor lobby area near the Chief's Office. The memorial service is to honor our fallen heroes and fallen heroes throughout the nation.

The re-accreditation on-site assessment by Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc, (CALEA) was held on April 14-17, 2014. Chief Yabuta stated the assessment went extremely well, and gave credit to all the commanders, staff and civilians.

Deputy Tom announced the upcoming FBINA attendance: currently Lt. Rueben Dadez is attending the spring session; Captain Sterling Kiyota will be attending the fall session and Lt. Ricky Uedoi will be attending sometime next year.

Upcoming interviews for seven sergeant positions will be held on a April 29, 2014.

April 14-18, 2014 was National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. The observance is a tribute to the Emergency Service Dispatchers.

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

A.C. Matsuura commended Lahaina Patrol on the field work that was done with the Lahaina Shell Gas Station robbery. They were able to identify evidence and the suspect. The investigators were able to get a confession.

The Vice Canine Unit continues to assist the Patrol Division. The Juvenile Section conducted an alcohol deterrent operation in all major districts during spring break As a result, six cases were generated. SRT and CRU continue to assist all units that need help with search warrants or man power. The SWAT Team will be attending the 2nd Annual Inter-County Tactical Officers Conference.

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

A.C. Ramos highlighted the cooperation and teamwork with Patrol, CID, Vice, SRT.

The Traffic Section conducted distracted driving enforcement during the month of April. We rely heavily on the community to obey the rules on the roadway and encourage the public to drive safely.

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

A.C. Rickard reported the 21 members of the 79th Recruit Class completed their firearms proficient training and are currently in the arrest and defense tactic training. Graduation is will be held on May 30, 2014 at the King Kamehameha Golf Club.

The 80th Recruit Class began on April 21, 2014 with 10 recruits. Graduation is scheduled for December 19, 2014.

The 81st Recruit Class is tentatively scheduled to begin on September 8, 2014. Currently there are four recruits, and other applicants are being process at this time.

The Dare Rally will be held on May 5, 2014 at the "Iron" Maehara Baseball Stadium.

The Community Relations Section is accepting application for summer D.A.R.E. leadership program. The six week program will begin June 2, 2014 at the Maui Waena Intermediate School. The program is designed to develop and instill leadership qualities and abilities for 7th and 8th grade students.

FINANCIAL Mr. Takahashi handed out the Financial Report as of March 31, 2014. He reported for the month of March, overtime was \$410,000. We received commitment from the budget director that we will be receiving \$1.6 million in supplemental funds for this year. Overtime is projected to be about \$5.3 million for this year. The budget proposal for FY2015: \$52.7 million for general funds. Of the \$52.7 million, \$46.1 is for salaries and wages, \$8.2 for operating expenditures, and \$2.2 million for equipment.

PERSONNEL Mr. Takahashi handed out the Staffing Report for April 23, 2014, which reflects 35 vacant positions with 13 conditional offers pending. There are currently 16 civilian vacancies, 13 of which are ESD positions.

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RECESS: 10:55 A.M.

The Police Commission attended a brief presentation on the K-9's given by the Vice Narcotics Unit within the Chief's Lobby area.

11:10 a.m. Commissioner Alcon entered the meeting.

RECONVENE: 11:20 A.M.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. PC 14-07 Honolulu Police Commission Minutes dated January 8, 2014
- b. PC 14-09 Hawaii Police Commission Minutes dated December 20, 2013
- c. PC 14-10 Hawaii Police Commission Minutes dated February 21, 2014

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

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Discussion of Police Commission Investigator Position

Chair Dixon informed the Commission that investigators from Corporation Counsel will be handling the Police Commission investigations. There are several investigators who are experience and Chair Dixon is very satisfied with their pedigree and capabilities.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

- a. Approval of Executive Session Minutes of March 19, 2014, 2014

A motion was made by Commissioner Alcon to approve the Executive Session Minutes of March 19, 2014. Commissioner Lundberg seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

- b. MPC 14-01

The Commission discussed preparing a letter to the complainant responding to his letter to the Police Commission regarding the denial of his complaint.

- c. Evaluation of the Chief of Police

Chair Dixon asked for volunteers to be on the sub-committee. Vice-Chair Ruidas and Commissioners Ing and Tanaka volunteered.

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion of the May 21, 2014 Police Commission Meeting

The May 21, 2014 Police Commission Meeting will be tentatively rescheduled to May 28, 2014 at 9:30 a.m., since there is a scheduling conflict with some of the Commissioners.

ADJOURN (12:25) A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Kawasaki and seconded by Commissioner Ing. The motion carried unanimously.

SUBMITTED BY

Cynthia Sasada, Police Commission Secretary

APPROVED

Roger Dixon, Chair