

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAUI POLICE COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2015 AT 10:00 A.M.
UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII MAUI COLLEGE
LAULIMA BUILDING, ROOM 102**

PRESENT	Kelly Ruidas, Chair Kevin Tanaka, Vice-Chair Lawrence Feinberg, Member Howard Hanzawa, Member Gwen Ohashi Hiraga, Member Lawrence Ing, Member Nora Kawasaki, Member Michael Wilson, Member
ALSO PRESENT	Tivoli Faaumu, Chief of Police Dean Rickard, Deputy Chief of Police Danny Matsuura, Assistant Chief, Investigative Services Bureau Victor Ramos, Assistant Chief, Uniform Services Bureau Greg Takahashi, Business Manager Jeffrey Ueoka, Deputy Corporation Counselor Cynthia Sasada, Police Commission Secretary Sayble Bissen – AKAKU Lila Fujimoto – The Maui News
EXCUSED	Pancho Alcon, Member John Jakubczak, Assistant Chief, Support Services Bureau
CALL/ QUORUM	Chair Ruidas called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. A quorum was ascertained with eight Commissioners present to conduct business.
ROLL CALL	Present at the meeting: Commissioners Feinberg, Hanzawa, Hiraga, Ing, Kawasaki, Wilson, Vice-Chair Tanaka and Chair Ruidas.
OPENING	The opening remarks were offered by Chaplain Gary Colton.
REMARKS PRESENTATION	By the Public of Oral or Written Testimony on Agenda Items of the Commission: Mr. Larry Koss introduced himself and offered an oral testimony on Redefining Policing.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	A motion to approve the minutes of July 22, 2015 was made by Commissioner Kawasaki and seconded by Commissioner Feinberg. The motion carried unanimously.

LETTERS OF COMMENDATION (8)

Lieutenant W. Hankins; Sergeant E. Quintero; ESD Supervisor R. Filimoe'atu; ESD K. Agcaoili, T. Cabigas, B. Keener, J. Souza, K. Wolf

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

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. PC 15-16 Hawaii Police Commission Minutes dated May 15, 2015
- b. PC 15-17 Written Testimony received on July 22, 2015
- c. PC 15-18 Hawaii Police Commission Minutes dated June 26, 2015

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

CHIEF'S REPORT

The 2015 Hawaii State Law Enforcement Officials Association Conference will be held on September 16-18, 2016, at the Hapuna Beach Prince Hotel in Kona, Hawaii. Detective Nelson Hamilton was selected as the department's 2015 HSLEOA Officer of the Year.

Chief Faamu announced the selection of the following Maui Police Department employees for the 2015 Maui County Departmental Employee, Manager, and Team of the Year. Ms. Terry Jones (Assistant Chiefs Office) was selected as Department Employee of the Year; Lieutenant Richard Dods (Special Response Team) was selected as Departmental Manager of the Year; and Community Relations was selected for Departmental Team of the Year.

Deputy Chief Rickard announced the retirement of Detective Theresa Nishida and Sergeant Michael Taketa on August 1, 2015. Detective Myrna Sabas-Ryder and Officer Anselm Yazaki will retire on September 1, 2015. He thanked them for their dedicated years of service to the community.

Deputy Chief Rickard stated six (6) candidates interviewed for the position of lieutenant.

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

Vice Gambling Sergeant Brian Abe transferred to the Criminal Intelligence Unit. Lahaina Detective Michael Bates is the new Gambling Sergeant in Vice. SRT continues with active shooter training and assisting the state fugitive task force.

SRT will receive a tracking canine at the end of the year, and will work in conjunction with the Fire Department to track missing persons.

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

The solo bike program training will be held at the Army National Guard facility on August 24 to September 11, 2015.

AC Ramos reported two officers involved in the shooting a few months ago are returning back to work full duty. One officer is being transferred to the Vice Division, and the other is in Wailuku Patrol. He added it's good to have them back. Three other officers involved in the recent shooting at Keopuolani Park are currently on restricted duty and should be returning from personal leave tomorrow. One of the officers involved in the shooting had been on the job for about a week; so, it's a real eye-opener for officers coming into this line of work.

Deputy Chief Rickard gave the report for the Support Services Bureau.

Deputy Rickard thanked the commissioners who were able to attend the 81st Recruit Class graduation. He announced the following awards were given:

Most Outstanding Recruit: Recruit Chase Bell
Best Notebook Award: Recruit Vavi Domingo
Physical Fitness Award: Recruit Chase Bell
Outstanding Firearms Award: Recruit Derek Campanelli
Arrest & Defense Tactics Award: Recruit Keola McKee
Scholastic Achievement Award: Recruit Erik Matsuo

The 82rd Recruit Class continues with twenty-three (23) members. They are progressing well in academic and physical fitness training.

There are currently six (6) members in the 83rd Recruit Class.

FINANCIAL REPORT Mr. Takahashi handed out the FY2015 Financial Report. He reported carry over savings for FY2015 is about \$3,848,000 of which \$3,547,000 is attributed to salaries and wages savings; net savings of \$625,000 is for operating expenditures; and we spent \$324,000 more in equipment. For FY2016, the budget is \$52.8 million.

For FY2015, we spent \$5,278,000 in overtime. Our budget was \$4,294,000. For FY 2016, our overtime budget is about \$4.4 million. Based on preliminary results for July of this fiscal year, we project overtime to be about \$6.5 million.

PERSONNEL The Staffing Report for August 19, 2015 reflects 16 vacant sworn positions with 12 conditional offers pending. There are currently 27 civilian vacancies, 13 of which are ESD positions.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. 2016 State of Hawaii Police Commissioners' Conference – Update

Vice-Chair Tanaka reported the investigation committee is currently looking for a venue for the conference.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Recap of the Police Commission Meeting held on Lanai

Commissioner Hanzawa related the meeting on Lanai was good as the residents were able to express their opinions. He said the Commission should consider having meetings on the other islands. Commissioner Kawasaki stressed having Commission meetings on Lanai and Molokai as it is important to our citizens.

RECESS: 10:56 a.m.
RECONVENE: 11:12 a.m.

- b. Discussion regarding the Maui Police Department's Code of Conduct as it applies to Commission Members.

Deputy Corporation Counsel Jeffrey Ueoka explained the Maui Police Department's Code of Conduct. He informed the Commission if they had any questions, he strongly recommended they go into Executive Session so the Commission could have a discussion with their attorney on the matter(s).

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

RECESS: 11:15 a.m.
RECONVENE: 11:18 a.m.

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

ADJOURN (12:07 p.m.) The meeting adjourned.

SUBMITTED BY

Cynthia Sasada, Police Commission Secretary

APPROVED

Kelly Ruidas, Chair