

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAUI POLICE COMMISSION  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2009 AT 10:30 A.M.  
CHIEF'S CONFERENCE ROOM, WAILUKU, MAUI, HAWAII**

<b>PRESENT</b>	Doreen N. Gomes, Chair Sean Connolly, Member David Jorgensen, Member Leil Koch, Member Kirk Tanaka, Member Ron Vaught, Member Kimberly Sloper, Deputy Corporation Counsel
<b>ALSO PRESENT</b>	Gary Yabuta, Chief of Police Clayton Tom, Deputy Chief of Police Danny Matsuura, Assistant Chief Support Services Charles Hirata, Captain, Representing Uniform Services Mollie Klingman, Lieutenant, Representing Investigative Services
<b>EXCUSED</b>	Keone Ball, Vice-Chair (Vacation) Tina Gomes, Member (Sick) John Ornellas, Member (Business) Sydney Kikuchi, Assistant Chief Investigative Services (Vacation) Wayne Ribao, Assistant Chief, Uniformed Services (Honolulu) Mr. Greg Takahashi, Business Manager (Sick)
<b>DELAYED</b>	Ms. Lila Fujimoto, Reporter, <u>The Maui News</u>
<b>CALL/ QUORUM</b>	Chair Gomes called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. A quorum was ascertained with six Commissioners present to conduct business.
<b>OPENING PRAYER</b>	The opening prayer was offered by Commissioner Ron Vaught. Chaplain Dale Kreps of Pukalani Church of the Nazarene was delayed, and offered a prayer upon his arrival.
<b>PRESENTATION</b>	<b><u>By the Public of Oral or Written Testimony on Agenda Items of the Commission:</u></b>  None
<b>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</b>	<b>A motion to approve the agenda as circulated was made by Commissioner Connolly. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tanaka and carried unanimously.</b>
<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b>	<b>A motion to approve the minutes of September 16, 2009 was made by Commissioner Connolly and seconded by Commissioner Jorgensen. The motion carried unanimously.</b>

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**LETTERS OF COMMENDATION (22)**

Captain J. Singsank; Detectives M. Kaaa, W. Loo, R. Rodriguez; Sergeants B. Aoki, E. Saffery, M. Pellazar; Officers C. Bonacorsi, D. Corpuz, C. Chang, D. Danley L. Galario-Guzman, S. Gasmen, E. Gilo, B. Kibby, A. Perry, M. Ramsey, D. Roarty, M. Sagawinit, G. Sagun, K. Santos, R. Silva

**A motion to file the Letters of Commendation was made by Commissioner Vaught and seconded by Commissioner Connolly. The motion carried unanimously.**

**CHIEF'S REPORT** Chief Yabuta reported that the County of Maui had the highest seatbelt compliance rate within the State of Hawaii at 98.26%.

Chief Yabuta announced that he and Deputy Chief Tom continue to attend town meetings, and they will conclude them on the Island of Lanai on November 5<sup>th</sup>. Chief Yabuta invited the Commissioners to attend the 72<sup>nd</sup> Recruit Class Family Night on November 10<sup>th</sup>. Approximately 20 recruits will start classes on November 16<sup>th</sup>. Chief Yabuta commended the Administrative Services Section and the Plans, Training, Research & Development Section for their hard work during the recruitment and hiring processes. Testing for Police Officer I will stop for November and December and hopefully will resume in January 2010.

Chief Yabuta then introduced Ms. Jonie Chong-Kee, Manager of the Records Section. Ms. Chong-Kee did a presentation on the new Electronic Bench Warrants statewide system.

Deputy Chief Tom reported that the announcement of the new Captain will be made soon and the appointment will become effective November 16<sup>th</sup>. Fourteen recruits in the 70<sup>th</sup> Recruit Class have passed Phase IV of their FTO Program. Six recruits should be done with their FTO Program in another month and then they'll all be doing solo duty.

Chief Yabuta announced that the Communications Section will be undergoing a retrofitting where an emergency exit door and new floors will be installed, and some re-wiring will be done for the new CADS. During the renovations, operations will have to move to the Civil Defense Headquarters.

Chief Yabuta also announced that furloughs coming next year for Maui County HGEA members will have a severe impact on Radio Telephone Operators who are already operating with a manpower shortage. The Budget Director and the Director of Personnel Services are aware of the situation.

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

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Lieutenant Mollie Klingman gave the report for the Investigative Services Bureau.

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Captain Charles Hirata gave the report for the Uniformed Services Bureau.

Officers of the Month for September were:

District 1 - Officer Rockwell Silva  
District 3 - Officer John Akana  
District 4 - Officer Kelly Pauole  
District 5 - Sergeant Timothy Meyer  
District 6 - Officer Jeffrey Calibuso

Officers of the Quarter were:

District 1 - Officer Rockwell Silva  
District 2 - Officer Nelson Hamilton  
District 3 - Officer John Akana  
District 4 - Officer Kamuela Mawae  
District 5 - Officer Kyle Bishaw-Juario  
District 6 - Officer Asbel Polanco

There were six fatalities during the month of September. There have been 17 fatalities year-to-date compared to 14 at the same time last year.

Chief Yabuta commended Chaplain Paul Kaneshiro and the Juvenile Counselors for their time and the compassion they showed to the families during the traffic fatality that took the lives of three members of a family. Officer Lawrence Kauhaahaa is also to be commended for his assistance.

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**FINANCIAL** No financial report was given to due to the absence of Mr. Takahashi.  
**BUDGET**

**PERSONNEL** No Personnel report was available due to Mr. Takahashi's absence.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. PC 09-33 Letter from Peaceful Alliance Regarding Eradication in Hawaii County
- b. PC 09-34 Honolulu Police Commission Minutes dated August 5, 2009
- c. PC 09-35 Hawaii County Police Commission Minutes of August 14, 2009

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**A motion to file the correspondence was made by Commissioner Connolly and seconded by Commissioner Jorgensen. The motion carried unanimously.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

- a. 2010 State of Hawaii Police Commissioners' Conference Suggestions for Topics

**A motion was made by Commissioner Tanaka to defer this item to November. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jorgensen and carried unanimously.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Report from Sub-Committee Regarding Change of Commission Rules

**A motion was made by Commissioner Koch that the final draft of the changes to the Police Commission rules be presented for a vote at the November meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Connolly and carried unanimously.**

**RECESS** (11:40 a.m.)

**RECONVENE** (11:45 a.m.)

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**A motion to move into Executive Session was made by Commissioner Koch and seconded by Commissioner Vaught. The motion carried unanimously.**

- a. MPC 09-10

Chair Doreen Gomes denied investigation of this complaint as it was received more than 60 days after the date of incident.

**A motion to accept denial of the investigation was made by Commissioner Jorgensen. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaught and carried unanimously.**

**REGULAR SESSION** A motion to return to regular session was made by Commissioner Vaught. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Connolly and carried unanimously.

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

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**ADJOURN (11:55 a.m.)** A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Connolly and seconded by Commissioner Tanaka. The motion carried unanimously.

**SUBMITTED BY**

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**Jeanne Berrigan, Police Commission Secretary**

**APPROVED**

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**Doreen N. Gomes Chair**