

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAUI POLICE COMMISSION  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2010 AT 5:00 P.M.  
MITCHELL PAUOLE CENTER, MOLOKAI, HAWAII**

**PRESENT**

Keone Ball, Chair  
Leil Koch, Vice-Chair  
Sean Connolly, Member  
Roger Dixon, Member  
David Jorgensen, Member  
Gregg Lundberg, Member  
Kirk Tanaka, Member  
Ron Vaught, Member

**ALSO  
PRESENT**

Gary Yabuta, Chief of Police  
Clayton Tom, Deputy Chief of Police  
Wayne Ribao, Assistant Chief Support Services  
Danny Matsuura, Assistant Chief Uniformed Services  
Milton Matsuoka, Acting Assistant Chief Investigative Services  
Dean Rickard, Captain, District V, Molokai  
Leighton Kanaele, Lieutenant, District V, Molokai  
Eugene Santiago, Detective/Sergeant, District V, Molokai  
Timothy Meyer, Sergeant, District V, Molokai  
Wayne Ibarra, Lieutenant, Community Relations

**EXCUSED**

Tina Gomes, Member (Maui)  
Sydney Kikuchi, Assistant Chief (Maui)  
Greg Takahashi, Business Manager (Maui)

**CALL/  
QUORUM**

Chair Ball called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. A quorum was ascertained with eight Commissioners present to conduct business.

**OPENING  
PRAYER**

The opening prayer was offered by Commissioner Ron Vaught.

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

One member of the Molokai community offered testimony to the Commission.

**APPROVAL  
OF AGENDA**

**A motion to approve the agenda as circulated was made by Commissioner Jorgensen and seconded by Commissioner Lundberg. The motion carried unanimously.**

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**      A motion to approve the minutes of October 20, 2010 as circulated was made by Commissioner Connolly and seconded by Commissioner Tanaka. The motion carried unanimously.

**LETTERS OF COMMENDATIONS (23)**

Captains G. Matsunaga, M. Matsuoka; Lieutenants T. Gapero, W. Ibarra; Detectives W. Loo, S. Orikasa, H. Purdy, R. Rodrigues; Sergeant W. Hankins; Officers C. Antonio, M. Brown, S. Caparida, K. Doyle, E. Grace, T. Hodgens, C. Keliipaakaua, N. Krau, B. Rodrigues, C. Schmitt, J. Surina, J. Terry, T. Wong; Ms. S. Kimura

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

**CHIEF'S REPORT**      Chief Yabuta thanked the Police Commission for going out of the Wailuku District this year to both Lanai and Molokai in order to make themselves available to the people in those communities.

Chief Yabuta announced that Assistant Chief Sydney Kikuchi, Captain Gerald Matsunaga, Lieutenant James Bell, Lieutenant Timothy Gapero, Detective Brian Kaya and Sergeant Timothy Meyer will be retiring. Promotions will be announced in the near future.

Chief Yabuta reported Deputy Chief Tom will be conducting interviews on November 18<sup>th</sup> to fill two Sergeants' positions. After they fill those positions they'll probably fill the Assistant Chief's position, and then fill the positions of Captain and Lieutenant. Captain Donald Kanemitsu will be assigned as Commander of the Vice Division effective December 1<sup>st</sup>. The Captain for District VI, Kihei, has not yet been announced.

Chief Yabuta announced they are in the midst of their Town Meetings. He and Deputy Chief Tom will continue this practice every year, in each of the six districts. Assistant Chief Ribao will work with the media regarding announcements of the Town Meetings.

Chief Yabuta announced the 73<sup>rd</sup> Recruit Class Family Night will be December 1<sup>st</sup> and he invited the Police Commission to attend the potluck dinner.

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Deputy Chief Tom reported Captain Matsuoka will be sitting in on the Sergeants' Promotion Board as Assistant Chief Kikuchi excused himself from the Board due to his upcoming retirement.

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Deputy Chief Tom reported that during the Town Meetings in Hana, Lanai, Lahaina and Kihei, traffic was the number one issue, specifically cell phone usage and pedestrian safety. Another concern in the districts was the Neighborhood Crime Watch. On Lanai, Civil Defense concerns of shelters and evacuations were raised.

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Acting Assistant Chief Milton Matsuoka gave the report for the Investigative Services Bureau.

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

Officer of the Month

District 1 - Officer Melanie Ramsey

District 2 - Officer Kirk Pyland

District 3 - Officer Nicholas Angell

District 4 - Officer Matthew Brown

District 5 - Officer Stafford Caparida

District 6 - Officer Carl Eguia

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

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**FINANCIAL** Mr. Takahashi was not present at the meeting but submitted the Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2011- Actual Four Months Activity

**PERSONNEL** Mr. Takahashi also submitted the Staffing Report as of November 17<sup>th</sup> which reflects 28 vacant sworn positions with 28 conditional offers pending. There are 12 civilian vacancies with six conditional offers.

Chief Yabuta informed the Commission that the 72<sup>nd</sup> Recruit Class will complete their FTO Program on November 27<sup>th</sup> with 11 going solo at that time. One will be going solo a week later. Three were recycled and will probably finish in January. There are 15 in the 73<sup>rd</sup> Recruit Class and they will graduate February 18, 2011. The 74<sup>th</sup> Recruit Class will start in January and there are currently 11 recruits in that class.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. PC10-29 Honolulu Police Commission Minutes of September 1, 2010
- b. PC10-30 Kauai Police Commission Minutes of September 30, 2010
- c. PC10-31 Honolulu Police Commission Minutes of September 15, 2010

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**Commissioner Tanaka made a motion to file the above correspondence. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dixon and carried unanimously.**

- d. PC 10-32 Letter from The Hawaii Law Enforcement Memorial Foundation

Chair Ball encouraged Commission members to attend this function on December 11<sup>th</sup> at the Sheraton Waikiki. Further information on this function was included in the meeting packet.

**A motion to file this correspondence was made by Vice-Chair Koch and seconded by Commissioner Tanaka. The motion carried unanimously.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Sub-Committee Report on Chief's Evaluation

Chair Ball reported the entire Commission will be meeting with Chief Yabuta on Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup> to review Chief Yabuta's Self-Evaluation and to answer any questions that may still exist before the full evaluation on December 15<sup>th</sup>.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**A motion to move into Executive Session was made by Commissioner Dixon and seconded by Vice-Chair Koch. The motion carried unanimously.**

- a. Request for Legal Representation in Civil No. 10-1-0373

Commissioner Tanaka informed the Commission that he was a classmate of the Plaintiff in this case but felt that would not influence his vote. Commissioner Jorgensen informed the Commission that his law firm is representing the Plaintiff's family in another matter and he would abstain from voting.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Connolly to approve representation for the officer involved. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dixon. The motion carried with Commissioner Jorgensen abstaining.**

- b. MPC 10-14

This complaint was denied for investigation by Chair Ball based on 13-101-23 (b).

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A motion was made by Commissioner Dixon to support the denial of this investigation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lundberg and carried unanimously.

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

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

**ADJOURN** (5:45 p.m.) A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Connolly and seconded by Commissioner Vaught. The motion carried unanimously.

**SUBMITTED BY**

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Jeanne Berrigan, Police Commission Secretary

**APPROVED**

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Keone Ball, Chair