

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAUI POLICE COMMISSION  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2011 AT 10:00 A.M.  
CHIEF'S CONFERENCE ROOM, WAILUKU, MAUI, HAWAII**

**PRESENT** Leil Koch, Chair  
Kirk Tanaka, Vice-Chair  
Pancho Alcon, Member  
Roger Dixon, Member  
Tina Gomes, Member  
David Jorgensen, Member  
Gregg Lundberg, Member  
Kelly Ruidas, Member  
Ron Vaught, Member

**ALSO PRESENT** Danny Matsuura, Assistant Chief Investigative Services  
Tivoli Faaumu, Acting Assistant Chief Uniform Services  
Leighton Kanaele, Lieutenant Support Services  
Scott Hanano, Deputy Corporation Counsel

**EXCUSED** Gary Yabuta, Chief of Police  
Clayton Tom, Deputy Chief of Police  
Victor Ramos, Assistant Chief Uniform Services  
Larry Hudson, Assistant Chief Support Services  
Greg Takahashi, Business Manager

**CALL/  
QUORUM** Chair Koch called the meeting to order at 10:00a.m. A quorum was ascertained with nine Commissioners present to conduct business.

**OPENING  
REMARKS** The opening remarks were offered by Pastor Christopher Martin of Lahaina Baptist Church.

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

Mr. Kaniloa Kamaunu and Mrs. Johanna Kamaunu spoke before the Commission and wished to commend Officers Reid Pursley and Masanori Kaya who took the time to learn about Hawaiian Kingdom Laws and issues, and how they apply to native rights. They also had questions regarding permits for road closures and departmental procedures in handling complaints.

**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES** **A motion to approve the minutes of August 17, 2011 was made by Commissioner Lundberg and seconded by Commissioner Jorgensen. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Vice-Chair Tanaka made a motion to amend the quorum of the August 17<sup>th</sup> minutes from eight Commissioners to seven Commissioners. Commissioner Vaught seconded and motion carried unanimously.**

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**LETTERS OF COMMENDATION (18)**

Sergeants J. Acosta, J.Kozaki, A. Krau, L. Pagaduan; Officers C. Desamito (2), J. Dudoit, T. Hickman, N. Kanekoa, J. Kaneshiro, S. Kunioka, H. MacKnight, J. Marzan, J. Pontanilla, J. Terry, M. Victorine; ET A. Earles (2)

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

Chair Koch wished to commend the department on its internship program with Evidence Specialist Anthony Earles. Having such a program is a fantastic way to interact with the public.

**CHIEF'S REPORT** Assistant Chief Matsuura announced that Chief Yabuta, Deputy Chief Tom, Assistant Chief Ramos and Greg Takahashi are attending the Inter-County Police Chief's Meeting in Kona.

Assistant Chief Matsuura announced the promotion of Lieutenant John Kaupalolo to Captain effective October 1<sup>st</sup>. He will be assigned to Molokai in December following his graduation from the FBI National Academy.

Assistant Chief Matsuura informed the Commission that the Law Enforcement Coalition met and are discussing the upcoming legislative package.

Assistant Chief Matsuura introduced Community Police Officers Casio and Kahookele who gave a brief presentation on a march that occurred on September 3<sup>rd</sup> at Waihee Valley. The event was organized by a Native Hawaiian Group called Hui Pono Ike Kanawai. They also gave an overview of their duties as Community Police Officers.

(10:20 a.m.) Commissioner Gomes entered the meeting

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

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Acting Assistant Chief Tivoli Faaumu gave the report for the Uniform Services Bureau.

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Lieutenant Leighton Kanaele gave the report for the Support Services Bureau.

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**FINANCIAL REPORT**     Mr. Takahashi was off-island and could not be at the meeting.

**PERSONNEL**

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**RECESS:**                     **10:55 a.m.**  
**RECONVENE:**                **11:00 a.m.**

Commissioner Dixon recognized Officer Eric Fontes from the Honolulu Police Department, who recently died in the line of duty.

**NEW BUSINESS**

a. Chief's Evaluation

Chair Koch asked for volunteers to be on the sub-committee. Vice-Chair Tanaka, Commissioners Gomes, Lundberg and Ruidas volunteered.

b. Community Outreach

There was a discussion to have Commission members accompany Chief Yabuta to the Upcountry Town Hall meeting scheduled for February 2012.

c. Discussion on Complaint Form

The amended Maui Police Commission Complaint Registration form has been uploaded on the County of Maui website.

**OLD BUSINESS**

a. 2012 Police Commission Conference

Vice-Chair Tanaka updated the Commissioners on the 2012 Police Commission Conference.

b. Commission Shirt Order

Commissioners ordered shirts and hats from Out of the Blue Maui.

Commissioner Dixon thanked Commissioner Gomes for obtaining business cards for the Commission.

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

- a. MPC 11-09

This item has been deferred to the October meeting.

- b. MPC 11-10

Commissioner Jorgensen made a motion to defer this item to give the complainant time to respond to the Commission's request. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dixon and carried unanimously.

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

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

**ADJOURN (12:10p.m.)** A motion to adjourn was made by Vice-Chair Tanaka and seconded by Commissioner Gomes. The motion carried unanimously.

**SUBMITTED BY**

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**Cynthia Sasada, Police Commission Secretary**

**APPROVED**

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**Leil Koch -Chair**