

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAUI POLICE COMMISSION  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2013 AT 9:00 A.M.  
CHIEF'S CONFERENCE ROOM, WAILUKU, HAWAII**

**PRESENT** Gregg Lundberg, Chair  
Ronald Vaught, Vice-Chair  
Pancho Alcon, Member  
Roger Dixon, Member  
Howard Hanzawa, 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  
John Kaupalolo, Captain, Support Bureau Services  
Tivoli Faaumu, Acting Assistant Chief, Uniform Bureau Services  
Greg Takahashi, Business Manager  
Jeffrey Ueoka, Deputy Corporation Counsel  
Chivo Ching-Johnson, AKAKU: Maui Community Television  
Pastor Paul Kaneshiro

**EXCUSED** Lawrence Ing, Member  
Kelly Ruidas, Member  
Lawrence Hudson, Assistant Chief, Support Bureau Services  
Victor Ramos, Assistant Chief, Uniform Bureau Services

**CALL/  
QUORUM** Chair Lundberg called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A quorum was ascertained with seven Commissioners present to conduct business.

**OPENING  
REMARKS** The opening remarks were offered by Pastor Christopher Martin.

Chief Yabuta read a Letter of Appreciation to Pastor Christopher Martin and presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation for his years of service in the Police Chaplaincy Program. Chief Yabuta congratulated Pastor Martin on his new position as Executive Director of the Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention on Oahu and offered his heartfelt wishes.

**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 November 20, 2013 was made by Commissioner Dixon and seconded by Commissioner Hanzawa. The motion carried unanimously.

## LETTERS OF COMMENDATION (10)

Detective G. Sagun, G. Tihada; Sergeant M. Bonilla; Officers E. Alvarez, C. Antonio, A. Brown, R. Cabral, I. Custer, R. Devooght, S. Farberow, A. Maldonado, M. Marfil, J. Pallone-De La Torre M. Pigao, M. Schafer, C. Stephens

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

Chair Lundberg wished to recognize the men of women of the Police Department that have received letters of commendation.

**CHIEF'S REPORT** Chief Yabuta wished to recognize and extend his thanks to Pastor Paul Kaneshiro, who is in charge of the Police Chaplaincy Program.

A Certificate of Special Recognition from Governor Neil Abercrombie for the officers who participated in the Shop with the Cop event at Kmart. Officers volunteered their time to help the children shop for what they wanted, up to \$100. The event is sponsored by the Kiwanis Club.

Chief Yabuta thanked the Police Commission, Captain Faamu and all those involved in the grand opening of the Kihei Station, which was a monumental day.

Chief Yabuta introduced Police Evidence Technician II, Anthony Earles, of the Criminal Investigation Division. Mr. Earles gave a brief presentation on the 2013 Crime Scene Investigative Camp for high school juniors and seniors.

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

A.C. Matsuura reported Criminal Investigation Division, Vice Division, Juvenile Crime Prevention Division and the Special Response Team continue to work well with the Patrol Division. The K-9 and Patrol Units have been working together in taking drugs off the street.

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

Acting A.C. Faamu reported traffic fatalities are at 14 compared to 20 same time last year.

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Captain John Kaupalolo gave the report for the Support Services Bureau.

The 79<sup>th</sup> Recruit Class is currently participating in CPR and AED training. Their graduation is set for May 30, 2014.

The 80<sup>th</sup> Recruit Class will tentatively begin in April.

Captain Kaupalolo wished to recognize the Technical Services Unit for their hard work in upgrading systems and applications, such as CADS. They also upgraded about 137 laptop computers from the vehicles.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Mr. Takahashi handed out the Financial Report and Salaries Premium Pay Report for November 30, 2013. He reported the operating budget for FY2014 is about \$47 million. As of November 30<sup>th</sup>, about \$28 million funding is available--this is about 58-59 percent. For FY2014, \$1.2/\$1.3 million is budgeted for equipment to purchase vehicles. The proposed budget for FY2015 has been submitted. A meeting with the Managing Director, Budget Director and Deputy Managing Director is scheduled for December 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**PERSONNEL** Mr. Takahashi handed out the Staffing Report for December 18, 2013 which reflects 30 vacant positions with 26 conditional offers pending. There are currently 25 civilian vacancies, 11 of which are ESD positions.

As of November 1<sup>st</sup>, 11 new positions were created: 8 sworn and 3 civilians.

On December 31<sup>st</sup>, 10 officers and 2 civilians will be retiring.

Chief Yabuta reported on the plane crash off Kalaupapa on Molokai that claimed the life of the State of Hawaii Department of Health Director Ms. Loretta Fuddy (sister of Maui Police Department Chaplain Lynette Schafer). Chief Yabuta wished to commend the Molokai District: Captain John Jakubczak, Detective Jamie Winfrey, Dispatcher Wendi-Liz Tancayo-Mebille, Chaplain Lynette Schafer and the Molokai Personnel who participated as an Honor Guard and escort from the Molokai General Hospital to the Molokai Airport where Ms. Fuddy was flown to Oahu. Chief Yabuta also recognized and commended the Maui Fire Department for their rescue efforts. Funeral services will be held this Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, at St. Theresa's Church.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. PC 13-31 Letter from Terri Williams dated November 12, 2013
- b. PC 13-32 Honolulu Police Commission Minutes dated October 2, 2013
- c. PC 13-33 Letter from Terri Williams dated November 27, 2013

**A motion to file the Correspondence was made by Vice-Chair Vaught and seconded by Commissioner Wilson. The motion carried unanimously.**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Discussion of Police Commission Investigator

The Commission discussed the hiring of a new Police Commission Investigator and the employment of this position.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- a. None

**RECESS:** 10:35 A.M.  
**RECONVENE:** 10:40 A.M.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

- a. Approval of Executive Session Minutes of November 20, 2013

**A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson to approve the Executive Session Minutes of November 20, 2013. Vice-Chair Vaught seconded the motion and carried unanimously.**

- b. MPC 13-10

**A motion to support denial of investigation by the Police Commission was made by Commissioner Dixon and seconded by Commission Alcon. The motion carried unanimously.**

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

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

**ADJOURN** The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

**SUBMITTED BY**

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Cynthia Sasada, Police Commission Secretary

**APPROVED**

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Gregg Lundberg, Chair