

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAUI POLICE COMMISSION  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2015 AT 9:30 A.M.  
UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII MAUI COLLEGE  
LAULIMA BUILDING ROOM 102**

**PRESENT** Kelly Ruidas, Chair  
Kevin Tanaka, Vice-Chair  
Pancho Alcon, Member  
Lawrence Feinberg, Member  
Lawrence Ing, Member  
Nora Kawasaki, Member  
Gwen Ohashi Hiraga, 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  
John Jakubczak, Assistant Chief, Support Services Bureau  
Jeffrey Ueoka, Deputy Corporation Counselor  
Cynthia Sasada, Police Commission Secretary  
Chris Dack, AKAKU  
Gary Colton, Chaplain  
Barry Aoki, SHOPO

**EXCUSED** Howard Hanzawa, Member  
Michael Wilson, Member  
Greg Takahashi, Business Manager

**CALL/  
QUORUM** Chair Ruidas called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. A quorum was ascertained with seven Commissioners present to conduct business.

**ROLL CALL** Present at the meeting: Commissioners Alcon, Feinberg, Ing, Kawasaki, Hiraga, Vice-Chair Tanaka and Chair Ruidas.

**OPENING** The opening remarks were offered by Chaplain Arza Brown.

Chair Ruidas welcomed new Commissioner Gwen Ohashi Hiraga.

**REMARKS  
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 April 15, 2015 was made by Commissioner Kawasaki and seconded by Commissioner Alcon.**

## LETTERS OF COMMENDATION (3)

Sergeants M. Joaquin, B. Manlapao; and Officer M. Vaitu'ulala

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

## CORRESPONDENCE

None.

## CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Faaumu informed the Commission the first reading for the FY2016 budget will be on May 26 and the second reading will be on June 5, 2015.

The body camera pilot program has been completed and we are currently awaiting the after action report.

Mr. Don Jensen (Citizen on Patrol) was selected as the 2015 Outstanding Older American by the County of Maui.

Chief Faaumu wished to thank the commissioners who were able to attend the Police Memorial Service.

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Sadie Anzai, daughter of ESD Tracy Pellazar and Sergeant Nathan Pellazar, was selected to attend the 2015 FBI Leadership Program on June 13-20, 2015 in Quantico, Virginia. The leadership program is hosted by the FBI National Academy Associates, Inc.

The Maui Police Relief Association offered three (3) \$1,000 scholarships to graduating seniors. Deputy Chief Rickard wished to congratulate the recipients of the scholarships: Jaye Orikasa, Britney Delima, and Miki Matsuoka.

Deputy Chief Rickard announced four sergeants were promoted to the rank of lieutenant effective June 1, 2015: Jamie Winfrey, Darrell Ramos, Richard Rodriguez and Reid Pursley.

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

Sergeants Russell Kapahulehua, Dennis Clifton and Mark Hada will be assigned to Criminal Investigation Division.

The fugitive task force two-day sweep on Maui resulted in 145 arrests.

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

Captain Sterling Kiyota and Sergeant James Terry have been assigned to the Lahaina District. Sergeants Rocky Silva, Heather Gilroy, Duke Pua, Frank Abreu are assigned to Wailuku District, and Nathan Pellazar has been assigned to Kihei District.

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Assistant Chief John Jakubczak gave the report for the Support Services Bureau

The 80<sup>th</sup> Recruit Class passed their final phase of FTO training. They will be doing approximately three months of solo time.

The 81<sup>st</sup> Recruit Class is currently in Arrest and Defense Tactics training with 21 recruits remaining. They are scheduled to graduate on July 24, 2015.

The 82<sup>nd</sup> Recruit Class is scheduled to begin June 1, 2015 with 24 new members.

The 83<sup>rd</sup> Recruit Class is scheduled to begin January 2016.

The Crisis Intervention Team held their fifth graduation ceremony on Friday, May 1, 2015.

The site for the new Molokai Police Station is currently under property acquisition negotiations between the Department of Finance and the land owner.

**FINANCIAL REPORT** Mr. Takahashi was not present at the meeting and no report was given.

**PERSONNEL** Chief Faaumu reported there are 19 vacant sworn positions with 9 conditional offers pending. There are currently 23 civilian vacancies, 12 of which are ESD positions.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### a. Alternative Meeting Location

The Police Commission meeting for June 17, 2015 will be held at the University of Hawaii Maui College, Laulima Building, Room 102.

### b. 2015 State of Hawaii Police Commissioners' Conference Recap

Commissioners briefly discussed the 2015 State of Hawaii Commissioners' Conference on Oahu.

### c. 2016 State of Hawaii Police Commissioners' Conference

**Vice-Chair Tanaka made a motion that he would head the investigative committee for the 2016 State of Hawaii Police Commissioners' Conference. The committee will**

**include Commissioners Hanzawa, Feinberg, and Ohashi Hiraga, who will start the process of finding a venue, dates of the conference, cost involved, and the agenda items. The motion was seconded by Commission Ing and carried unanimously.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE)

Chair Ruidas and Vice-Chair Tanaka will attend the NACOLE Conference on October 4-8, 2015 in Riverside, California.

- b. Maui Police Commission Meeting – Lanai

The July's Police Commission Meeting will be held at the Lanai Police Station on Wednesday, July 22, 2015.

- c. Commission Orientation and Sunshine Law Review

Deputy Corporation Counsel Ueoka gave an orientation on the Sunshine Law.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

**RECESS: 10:55 A.M.**

**RECONVENE: 11:10 A.M.**

- a. Approval of Executive Session Minutes of April 15, 2015

**A motion was made by Commissioner Alcon to accept the Executive Session Minutes of April 15, 2015. Commissioner Kawasaki seconded the motion and carried unanimously.**

- b. MPC 15-01, filed on February 2, 2015, complainant alleged conduct unbecoming of an officer.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Ing that the findings contained in the report are sufficient for the Commission to take final action without a hearing and the incident complained of occurred, but the act or conduct of the department or employee was lawful and proper and the accused is exonerated. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Alcon and carried unanimously.**

- c. MPC 15-03, filed on March 10, 2015, complainant requesting more information

Deferred to next month's meeting.

- d. MPC 15-05, filed on April 6, 2015, complainant alleged conduct unbecoming of the officer

**A motion was made by Vice-Chair Tanaka to support denial of investigation by the Police Commission based on Police Commission Rule 13-101-23 (b). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kawasaki and carried unanimously.**

- e. MPC 15-06, filed April 6, 2015, complainant alleged unnecessary use of force

**A motion was made by Vice-Chair Tanaka to support denial of investigation by the Police Commission based on Police Commission Rule 13-101-23 (d). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Feinberg and carried unanimously.**

- f. MPC 15-07, filed April 10, 2015, complainant alleged conduct unbecoming of an officer

**A motion was made by Vice-Chair Tanaka to support denial of the investigation by the Police Commission based on Police Commission Rule 13-101-23 (d). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Feinberg. The motion carried unanimously.**

(11:50 a.m.) Commissioner Ing exiting the meeting.

**REGULAR SESSION A motion to return to Regular Session was made by Vice-Chair Tanaka and seconded by Commissioner Kawasaki. The motion . Carried unanimously.**

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

**ADJOURN (11:58 a.m.) The meeting adjourned.**

**SUBMITTED BY**

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**Cynthia Sasada, Police Commission Secretary**

**APPROVED**

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**Kelly Ruidas, Chair**