

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAUI POLICE COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 2015 AT 12:30 P.M.
LANAI POLICE STATION**

PRESENT Kelly Ruidas, Chair
Kevin Tanaka, Vice-Chair
Pancho Alcon, Member
Lawrence Feinberg, Member
Howard Hanzawa, Member
Gwen Ohashi Hiraga, Member
Lawrence Ing, Member
Nora Kawasaki, Member

ALSO PRESENT 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
Greg Takahashi, Business Manager
Jeffrey Ueoka, Deputy Corporation Counselor
Cynthia Sasada, Police Commission Secretary

EXCUSED Michael Wilson, Member
Tivoli Faaumu, Chief of Police

**CALL/
QUORUM** Chair Ruidas called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. A quorum was ascertained with eight Commissioners present to conduct business.

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

OPENING The opening remarks were offered by Chair Ruidas.

Chair Ruidas explained the duties of the Police Commission.

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

Ms. La'ikealoha Hanog spoke briefly about Pulama Lanai Company and offered cultural orientation on Lanai's history.

Mr. John Ornellas commended the police department for doing a great job on the island of Lanai. He expressed concerns of the drug problems on the island and the new legislation for drug dispensaries.

Mr. Stan Ruidas stated there is a huge disconnect between the police and the Lanai community. The police department needs to be a part of the Lanai community and sensitive to Lanai's culture.

Mr. Robert Neilson stated crime in town starts at about 8:30 a.m. when everyone goes to work. It would be great to see officers walk through the streets instead of driving in their cars.

Ms. Patricia Palumbo said there is an issue with rotating officers on Lanai; officers never get to know the community and what the problems are. Officers need more cultural training.

Mr. Butch Gima, social worker with the adult mental health, stated officers have done extremely well working with patients. The patients are appreciative that they are being treated very respectfully. He thanked the department for resurrecting the POI Program on the island.

Ms. Kathlyn Maioho stated the department and community need to get along and work together. Back in the day officers were part of our families, but it doesn't happen anymore.

Mr. Ron McCumber thanked Commissioner Kawasaki for organizing the meeting on Lanai. He said the police department should be trained and educated about Lanai through Pulama.

Mr. Nicholas Palumbo II stated that he felt intimidated and uncomfortable when speaking with an officer regarding an incident about a year ago. He also stated officers are on Lanai for a short period of time and leave.

Chair Ruidas stated for the record he received a written testimony regarding an ethics violation.

Chair Ruidas closed public testimony and thanked the Lanai community for attending the Police Commission Meeting.

RECESS: 1:45 p.m.
RECONVENE 2:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES **A motion to approve the minutes of June 17, 2015 was made by Commissioner Hanzawa and seconded by Commissioner Feinberg. The motion carried unanimously.**

LETTERS OF COMMENDATION (14)

Captains P. Delima, C. Kenui, D. Silva; Lieutenants J. Fletcher; Detectives R. Bennett, N. Hamilton; Sergeants H. Gilroy, D. Pua; Officers M. Bocon, M. Kahookele-Pea, E. Kibby (2), K. Mawae; J. Kohama

A motion to accept and file the Letters of Commendation was made by Commissioner Ing and seconded Commissioner Kawasaki. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hanzawa stated the letters of commendation reflects well on the department. He congratulated the officers who were honored.

Commissioner Tanaka said a friend of his wished to express his appreciation for the professional conduct of officers.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Deputy Chief Rickard thanked Lieutenant Rodrigues and Sergeant Masse for hosting the Police Commission Meeting on Lanai.

Deputy Chief Rickard informed the Commission that Chief Faaumu was attending a conference in Seattle and will return next week Monday. Chief Faaumu apologized that he is not in attendance for the commission meeting.

The 81st Recruit Class graduation will be held on Friday, July 24, 2015 at the Kamehameha Golf Course Club House. There are twenty (20) recruits graduating.

The HSLEOA Conference will be held at the Hapuna Beach Prince Hotel on September 16-18, 2015.

Deputy Chief Rickard announced the retirement of Sergeants Jamie Becraft and Roger Duchane; Public Safety Aide Florendo Tabios. He thanked them for their dedicated years of service to the community and wished them well in their future endeavors.

Deputy Chief Rickard said since the completion of the body camera pilot program, the committee is continuing to evaluate other vendors and products. The department is planning to move forward with purchasing 125 body cameras within the next two years. The initial application process for Department of Justice grants have begun and the department will continue to pursue other grant funding available to offset cost to assist in purchasing the equipment.

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

JCPD is actively seeking out further funding through the State to expand the POI Project to Molokai, Lanai and Hana.

The K-9 Unit received funding from HIDTA to purchase a canine to replace a retired canine.

Detectives Myrna Sabas-Ryder and Theresa Nishida will be retiring this month. They are commended for their dedicated years of service.

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

Lieutenants Darrell Ramos and Richard Rodriguez have been assigned to Wailuku Patrol.

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

A.C. Jakubczak thanked A.C. Ramos, A.C. Matsuura and Mr. Takahashi for attending the the MPD Summer Leadership Program graduation.

Chaplains Lynette Schaffer and Arza Brown attended the International Conference of Police Chaplains in California on July 13-15, 2015.

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The 82rd Recruit Class is currently training with Criminal Investigations, Criminal Law, Report Writing, Crime Scene Investigations, Hazmat and Maui County Codes.

The 83rd Recruit Class is currently working at Receiving Desk.

Sergeant Michael Taketa will be retiring at the end of the month. He is commended for his dedicated service during his tenure with the department.

FINANCIAL REPORT Mr. Takahashi reported FY2015 ended on June 30th. Preliminary estimate of \$3.9 million in carry over savings: \$3.6 million is attributed to salaries and wages; net savings of \$600,000 is for operating expenditures; and we spent \$300,000 more in equipment. For FY2016, the budget is \$52.7 million.

PERSONNEL The Staffing Report for July 22, 2015 reflects 16 vacant sworn positions with 10 conditional offers pending. There are currently 27 civilian vacancies, 13 of which are ESD positions.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Lanai Police Matters

Lieutenant Ryan Rodrigues gave a brief overview of arrests for drug offenses on Lanai between July 1, 2014 and June 30, 2015.

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Offense	Count
METHAMPHETAMINE TRAFFICKING 1	1
METHAMPHETAMINE TRAFFICKING 2	2
PRO DANG DRUG 3 - POSSESSION CRYSTAL METHAMPHETAMINE	13
PRO DET DRUG 1 - POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA PLANTS	1
PRO DET DRUG 3 - POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA & SEEDS	13
PRO DET DRUG 3 - POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA PLANTS	3
Grand Total	33

Approval of Executive Session Minutes of June 17, 2015

A motion was made by Commissioner Ing to accept the Executive Session Minutes of June 17, 2015. Commissioner Hanzawa seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN (2:15 p.m.) The meeting adjourned.

SUBMITTED BY

Cynthia Sasada, Police Commission Secretary

APPROVED

Kelly Ruidas, Chair