

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAUI POLICE COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2015 AT 10:00 A.M.
UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII MAUI COLLEGE
LAULIMA BUILDING, ROOM 102**

PRESENT Kelly Ruidas, Chair
Kevin Tanaka, Vice-Chair
Pancho Alcon, Member
Lawrence Ing, Member
Lawrence Feinberg, Member
Michael Wilson, Member
Howard Hanzawa - 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
Carolyn Ware, Police Commission Secretary
Linda Dorset– AKAKU
Lila Fujimoto – The Maui News

EXCUSED Gwen Ohashi Hiraga, Member
Greg Takahashi, Business Manager

DELAYED Nora Kawasaki, Member

CALL/QUORUM Chair Ruidas called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Quorum was ascertained with seven Commissioners present to conduct business.

ROLL CALL Present at the meeting: Chair Ruidas, Vice-Chair Tanaka; Commissioners Pancho Alcon, Lawrence Ing, Mike Wilson, Howard Hanzawa, and Lawrence Feinberg.

OPENING The opening remarks were offered by Chaplain Milton Fricke.

REMARKS PRESENTATION **By the Public of Oral or Written Testimony on Agenda Items of the Commission:** None.

APPROVAL OF **A motion to approve the minutes of September 23, 2015 was made by Vice-Chair Tanaka and seconded by Commissioner Alcon. The motion carried unanimously.**

LETTERS OF COMMENDATION (23)

Lieutenant S. Louis; Sergeants N. Krau, M. McCutcheon, A. Sellers, J. Terry; Officers W. Ahuna, J. Balag, K. Brown, W. Chai, N. Comilang, G. Goya, E. Grundy, N. Hubbard, L. Ka'ai, M. Kahookele-Pea, B. Kibby, E. Losvar, R. Mehra, K. Ornellas, C. Romero, K. Uyehara, D. Vandici; Ms. T. Jones.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

a. PC 15-23 Honolulu Police Commission Minutes dated August 5, 2015

A motion to accept and file the Correspondence was made by Commissioner Hanzawa and seconded by Commissioner Feinberg. The motion carried unanimously.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Faaumu stated the budget was submitted to the Mayor's Office for review and approval. Related in the budget we are asking for expansion position and reviewed the list of requests: a Police Major, due to the re-organization of the Support Services Bureau and an Emergency Service Coordinator. Stated as part of the re-organization, Assistant Chief Jakubczak is going to divide the Communication Section into two entities -- run separately-- the Emergency Services Coordinator will be in charge of the 911 System and the Lieutenant will be in charge of the Receiving Desk.

Stated we are also looking at a Facility Manager. Related we have a lot of facilities out there that require someone who knows what they are doing and who could offer guidance to our officers in areas where needed.

Further, a Police Sergeant for the Hana Station, due to growth in the community, as well as provide on-duty supervision for new police officers dispatched to that district.

Lastly, requested an Office Operations Assistant for the Wailuku Patrol Division as the division is growing and paperwork demand is increasing.

Stated the expansion position is based on the Maui News headlines, September 22 of this year, which stated Maui County's population is growing faster than the rest of the state and through their studies and articles they also mentioned we have grown, from ten years ago, from 154,000 residents to 163,000 in 2014. Stated we also know that based on their studies, according to the tourism industry, that they expect that about 2.4 million tourists visit; so, if you look at it, if you break it down it's about over 54,000 tourists added to our community at any given day. So, again, with the article they're looking at least 220,000 people at any given time.

Stated, and why we are asking for expansion position? We look at what is going on nation-wide and what is recommended by the FBI is that we should have at least 2.6 officers per every thousand residents; so, right now based on our authorized position using the de facto with the tourists included, our officer is about 1.76 per thousand and if we should focus only the residents we're about 2.35; so, what we are looking at is bring us up to where we are; so, if we use the ratio on the resident only we should be at least 420 officers we should have to meet the need of the community.

Finally, we're asking for equipment, again, as we increase in our manpower and needs.

Chief Faamu announced the month of October is Breast Cancer Awareness. Stated the Maui Police Department and the Fire Department kicked off a Go-Pink campaign on October 1st with a friendly competition to see who can sell the most t-shirts. Related at the end of the campaign there will be a "Gun & Hoses" softball game at the stadium on Saturday, November 14th, at which time a check will be presented to the Cancer Committee at the end of the game.

Commissioner Kawasaki enters meeting at 10:11 a.m.

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

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

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

RECESS: 10:38

RECONVENED: 10:48

FINANCIAL REPORT No Report.

PERSONNEL The Staffing Report for October 21, 2015 reflects 15 vacant sworn positions with 6 conditional offers pending. There are currently 23 civilian vacancies of which 17 are ESD positions.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. 2016 State of Hawaii Police Commissioners' Conference – Update

Vice-Chair Tanaka – Venue and date have been chosen but have not been locked-in to date -- we are looking at the last two days of March instead of April.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Recap of NACOLE

Chair Ruidas and Vice-Chair Tanaka gave a brief report. There were 478 attendees from across the nation including Canada and England, etc. There were 13 sessions of which some were very educational and full of information. The next Conference will be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico, September 25-29, 2016.

ADJOURN (11:09 a.m.) **The meeting adjourned.**

SUBMITTED BY _____
Carolyn Ware, Police Commission Secretary Pro Tem

APPROVED _____
Kelly Ruidas, Chair