

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAUI POLICE COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2016 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 Feinberg, Member
Howard Hanzawa, Member
Lawrence Ing, Member
Gwen Ohashi Hiraga, Member
Michael Wilson, 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
Linda Dorset– AKAKU

EXCUSED Nora Kawasaki, Member

CALL/QUORUM Chair Ruidas called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. Quorum was ascertained with eight Commissioners present to conduct business.

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

OPENING The opening remarks were offered by Chaplain Gary Colton.

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 December 16, 2015 was made by Commissioner Hanzawa and seconded by Commissioner Ing. The motion carried unanimously.**

LETTERS OF COMMENDATION (26)

Lieutenant R. Pursley; Detective J. Mahoney; Sergeants M. Crowe, K. Doyle, M. Joaquin, L. Marks; Officers F. Abreu, E. Bartolome, J. Casio, K. Chopra, D. Devin, R. Iokia, L. Ka'ai, J. Kahuhu, J. Kalb, B. Kibby, G. Ornellas, A. Polanco, M. Pombrio, J. Pontanilla, D. Potter, M. Santos, J. Taylor, A. Wallwork, D. Wikoli, A. Williams

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

a. PC 15-26 Letter from Chief Tivoli Faaumu dated December 15, 2015

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

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Faaumu reported the Rotational Policy is in effect as of January 1, 2016. The rotation shall occur when an officer reaches the time limit allowed for service within a specialized unit and the officer shall be assigned to the patrol division for a year before being eligible for rotation back to a specialized unit. This provides the opportunity for officers to increase their experience and expand their knowledge in various facets of police work through assignments in specialized units. He thanked the core team as well as Detective Barry Aoki, SHOPO, for their work on the policy.

The Traffic Section Solo Bike/Traffic Enforcement Detail began on January 4, 2016, and they are providing traffic enforcement on the island.

The 82nd Recruit Class graduation will be held on February 5, 2016 at the King Kamehameha III Golf Course.

Deputy Chief Rickard announced five officers were promoted to the rank of Sergeant effective February 1, 2016: Dawn Danley, Masa Kaya, John Surina, Matthew Bigoss and Eric Losvar.

As a result of retirements, there will be additional vacancies for the position of Captain, Lieutenants and Sergeants. Interviews for the Captain position is scheduled for January 26, 2016. Interviews for the Deputy's Secretary III position is scheduled for January 25, 2016.

The 81st Recruit Class has gone solo and are assigned to their districts. There are twenty-two (22) members remaining in the 82nd Recruit Class. The 83rd Recruit Class started on November 16, 2015 with seventeen (17) members.

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

The Juvenile Crime Prevention Division has expanded the POI Program to Molokai effective December 2015.

Sergeant Edwin Arreola of the Vice Division and Juvenile Counselor Keith Moniz retired December 31, 2015. Officers Eric Losvar of the Domestic Violence Unit and Matthew Bigoss of the Vice Division were promoted to the rank of sergeant.

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

Captain Clarence Kenui of Wailuku Patrol and Lieutenant Arthur Dadez of Lahaina Patrol retired on December 31, 2015. Officer John Surina of the Crime Reduction Unit has been promoted to the rank of sergeant. Sergeant Christopher Gantala is assigned to the Vice Division. Captain Stephen Orikasa is attending the FBI National Academy.

Since the solo bike program began on January 4th, approximately 400 citations were issued. They are doing a great job enforcing speeding.

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

Community Relations Section collected over 700 cans of food and \$118, which was donated to the Maui Food Bank.

The Records Sections will be undergoing renovations in the lobby area. Castaway Construction has been awarded the contract.

The 81st Recruit Class has completed their solo phase. The 82nd Recruit Class graduation will be held on February 5, 2016 with twenty-one (21) members. Four dispatchers will be included in this graduation. The 83rd Recruit Class currently has seventeen (17) members and is scheduled to graduate on July 22, 2016. There are two (2) members in the 84th Recruit Class.

Lieutenant James Fletcher of Receiving Desk retired on December 31, 2015. Lieutenant Gregg Okamoto is assigned to Receiving Desk. Sergeant John Foster has been assigned as Acting Lieutenant in Plans and Training.

FINANCIAL REPORT Mr. Takahashi handed out the Financial Report for FY2016. He reported after six months of operation, the department is doing okay. Currently, we have \$27.3 million, 53% of funding. Our equipment budget is about \$773,000. We need to purchase 30 tasers and 7 ballistic shields. We received the bid for 14 vehicles. Overtime is projected to be approximately \$7 million.

For FY2017 budget, our request for \$56.5 million is intact; we don't have projected revenues as of this date.

PERSONNEL The Personnel Summary and Staffing Report for January 20, 2016 reflects 16 vacant sworn positions with 11 conditional offers pending. There are currently 21 civilian vacancies of which 11 are ESD positions.

OLD BUSINESS

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

Vice-Chair Tanaka gave a brief update on the conference Makena Resort on March 30-31, 2016.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Presentation by the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney on the Criminal Prosecution Process

Chair Ruidas introduced Deputy Prosecutor Robert Rivera of the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, who gave a brief presentation on the criminal prosecution process.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

RECESS: 11:15 a.m.
RECONVENE: 11:23 a.m.

- a. MPC 15-08, Fact and Conclusion

A motion to accept the Fact and Conclusion was made by Vice-Chair Tanaka and seconded by Commission Wilson. The motion carried unanimously.

- b. MPC 15-09 filed on October 21, 2015, complaint alleging inappropriate behavior of an officer.

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Tanaka that the findings contained in the report are sufficient for the Commission to take final action. There is insufficient evidence to prove the material allegations of the complaint and the complaint is therefore not sustained. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

- c. Evaluation of the Chief of Police

This item has been deferred to February's meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson to approve Executive Session Minutes of December 16, 2015 and seconded by Commissioner Hanzawa. The motion carried unanimously.

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

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

ADJOURN **(11:40 a.m.) The meeting adjourned.**

SUBMITTED BY

Cynthia Sasada, Police Commission Secretary

APPROVED

Kelly Ruidas, Chair