

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAUI POLICE COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2017 AT 10:00 A.M.
UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII MAUI COLLEGE
LAULIMA BUILDING, ROOM 102**

PRESENT Kevin Tanaka, Chair
Larry Feinberg, Member
Gwen Ohashi Hiraga, Member
Nora Kawasaki, Member
Randol Leach, Member
Eugene Santiago, Member
Sharen Sylva, Member
Maxwell "Max" Tsai, Member

ALSO PRESENT Dean Rickard, Deputy Chief of Police
Victor Ramos, Assistant Chief, Investigative Services Bureau
John Jakubczak, Assistant Chief, Uniform Services Bureau
Sterling Kiyota, Assistant Chief, Support Services Bureau
Melissa Magonigle, Business Administrator

Jeffrey Ueoka, Deputy Corporation Counselor
Amy Lau, Police Commission Secretary
Lila Fujimoto, MAUI NEWS

EXCUSED Howard Hanzawa, Vice Chair
Tivoli Faaumu, Chief of Police

**CALL/
QUORUM** Chair Tanaka called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. A quorum was ascertained with eight Commissioners present to conduct business.

ROLL CALL Present at the meeting: Chair Tanaka, Commissioner Feinberg, Commissioner Hiraga, Commissioner Kawasaki, Commissioner Leach, Commissioner Santiago, Commissioner Sylva and Commissioner Tsai.

OPENING REMARKS None.

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 May 17, 2017 was made by Commissioner Kawasaki and seconded by Commissioner Feinberg. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES **A motion to approve the Minutes of June 21, 2017 as Amended was made by Commissioner Kawasaki and seconded by Commissioner Tsai. The motion carried unanimously.**

LETTERS OF COMMENDATION (30)

Lieutenant: E. Soares; Sergeants: F. LK Abreu, J. Acosta (2), E. Correa, L. Galario-Guzman, D. Galarza, T. Gomez, O. Satterfield; Officers: F. JKT Abreu, C. Bell, J. Box, A. Cabral, R. Corpuz, J. Dudoit, S. Farberow, D. Honda, J. Honda, N. Kanekoa, M. Kincaid, K. Mawae, M. Meredith, R. Nagata, G. Ornellas, J. Pallone-De La Torre, M. Sorcy, R. Tengan, M. Tevaga, Unnamed Officers (2); Supervising Emergency Services Dispatcher Ms. D. Racadio

Chair Tanaka referenced a quote from a letter to the Chief. "Thank you for all you do to keep Maui safe. You folks are heroes. Mahalo." Chair stated it's always nice to have letters coming in from the public that recognizes above and beyond the call.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. PC 17-22 Letter from Police Chief Faaumu dated June 29, 2017.

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

CHIEF'S REPORT

Deputy Chief Dean Rickard gave the report for Chief Faaumu.

Deputy Rickard welcomed the newest member of the Police Commission, Ms. Sharen Sylva. He extended their sincerest appreciation to her for her service and commitment to the Commission and the community and looks forward to working with her.

The Deputy also announced Ms. Melissa Magonigle as the new Business Administrator, effective July 10. She previously served as Office Operations Assistant II in Hana Patrol for 14 years. The Executive Staff is very confident in her abilities and she has their full support.

Since the Chief's last report, a contract for the Body Worn Camera (BWC) program has been executed and we are in receipt of 125 body worn cameras and the required hardware. Sgt. Joy Medeiros is coordinating the training from Axon personnel to be conducted from August 20 to 31st. She is working with County ITSD to install cable

switches within the major districts of Wailuku, Lahaina and Kihei with plans to have a camera on the road by September 1st. He thanked the BWC committee for doing an excellent job putting this program together over the last 2-1/2 to 3 years.

Deputy Rickard assured the Commission that the Community Police Officers and the entire Uniformed Services Bureau, which includes patrol units of every district, have and continue to take steps to address the many concerns of the community.

The Mayor's office and County Council continue to send us complaints of homelessness, public nuisance and increased criminal activity. When called upon, our CPO's conduct CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) studies for residences and businesses as a pro-active fighting technique to help reduce crime. Conducting Special Operations or "sweeps" not only helps to identify the criminal elements involved, but also serves to offer assistance and address the needs of those being affected by the sweeps.

We continue to work with federal, state and county agencies. The assistance from the private and non-profit groups have also been a tremendous help in addressing what is all our problems, not just the Police Department. There have been major cleanups throughout the County at Hoaloha Park by the Harbor, Lime Kiln in Baldwin Beach area, Paia, and Baldwin Beach Park. Many other areas are continuously monitored and patrolled year-round as we continue to look for positive results and improving quality of life.

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

AC Ramos thanked Patrol and CRU for the excellent job they are doing in gathering evidence during their preliminary investigations which is key for our Detectives. We're being handed the cases on a silver platter and we basically just manage the case from there.

Regarding the highlight on June 11. We now have one more responsible identified.

JCPD continues their Special Ops in parks and such which you'll see on social media which will slow down once school starts.

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

AC Jakubczak concurred with AC Ramos on their collaborative efforts. He stated it's very rewarding for the officer to package the case and see it get prosecuted. He thanked ISB and SSB for all the support they give assisting in their day-to-day duties.

In response to Commissioner Tsai, last year's Click it or Ticket program issued 395 citations as compared to 615 this year, an increase of 56%. Last year 24 Child Safety Seat citations; 28 this year. Felony arrests last year were 172; 176 this year. Last year 9 stolen vehicles were recovered; 19 this year. Last year 172 fugitives were apprehended; this year 172. Drivers with suspended licenses numbered 25 last year; 34 this year. Driving without a license was 83 last year; 92 this year. Uninsured motorist was 133 last year; 130 this year. Speeding was 119 last year; 46 this year. Hopefully, this big drop can be attributed to education. Cell phone violations were 81 last year and unfortunately rose to 180 this year. This will be the next educational program we will work on. Last year reckless driving was 26; 2 this year. Other arrests were 156 last year; 154 this year. Other citations were 858 last year; 637 this year. Truck-bed citations were 5 last year; 12 this year; so you see some increases and decreases, which means education is working in certain areas and we need to enforce or give more education in other areas.

Deputy Rickard stated the traffic's SOLO Unit, whose main purpose is traffic enforcement, is a contributing factor to these increases.

Assistant Chief Sterling Kiyota gave the report for the Support Services Bureau.

AC Kiyota stated the 85th Recruit Class is in their final two weeks of training with graduation being held August 2nd at 11:00 a.m. at the King Kamehameha Golf Club.

Twenty-four students graduated from our 6-week Summer Leadership Program for students 12-14 years of age who were mentored by 6 students aged 15-18. This Program is designed to teach leadership skills, share opportunities, and the importance of giving back to the community and the Island. This year marked the 20th year for this successful program which we hope to continue for years to come.

FINANCIAL REPORT – MS. MELISSA MAGONIGLE

Ms. Magonigle stated she moved from Hana last week and has jumped right into the Business Administrator's position that has been vacant for a while. She was briefed by Lesley and June that the Commission will be provided the most current and final version of the Budget Report for each month's meeting. She related that there are no changes to the May 31st report that was provided to them at last month's meeting.

Commissioner Hiraga is requesting a breakdown of all grants and what the CIP money is going to be used for. Deputy Rickard stated the information they are requesting will be provided to the entire Commission in future reports.

PERSONNEL – MS. MELISSA MAGONIGLE

Ms. Magonigle stated there are 4 vacancies and psychological assessments are being conducted today. One of the biggest shortages is with the civilian, specifically the dispatchers. A memorandum was signed for a \$60,000 retention program which will allot \$165 per month beginning July 1 to retain and hire more dispatchers.

Commissioner Hiraga requested all reports, such as the Financial Report, Personnel Report and Internal Actions/Investigations Report be in their regular packets, not handed out on the day of the meeting. Deputy Rickard acknowledged her request and stated it will be included in their regular packet from this point forward.

Deputy Rickard, referring to the Internal Actions/Investigations, explained the complexities and parameters of investigations and the final resolution. Some investigations may be as short as 30 days or as long as a year and a half to two years, depending on the circumstances.

OLD BUSINESS

a. Molokai November 15, 2017

Chair Tanaka advised an email will go out requesting a head count for the November 15th meeting on Molokai.

b. Annual Evaluation of the Chief

Commissioner Kawasaki acknowledged Vice Chair Hanzawa and Commissioner Hiraga for their work on this committee and gave the summary report. A discussion revealed the draft evaluation to be more simplified and easier to understand than the previous evaluation. It is self-explanatory, straight forward, to the point, and more related to the needs of what the commissioners are looking for. No official action to adopt this evaluation will be taken at this time to allow for further comments and recommendations at future meetings.

c. Commission Budget Review Process

Commissioner Tsai acknowledged Commissioner Hiraga for taking the lead on this committee. The subcommittee's meeting with the Chief revealed the Commission will have from now until October to review and approve the Department's budget in order for the Chief to submit to the Mayor in October. The proposed timeline, starting in August and going all the way pretty much to September, is coming up very shortly. We have those two months to go through the budget to make any recommendations, changes, approve, review, whatever we need to do. We want the budget to reflect the correct titles of the positions and consider retaining a court reporter for the preparation of the committee meetings as it is our fiduciary responsibility to approve the budget. The Commission would like a copy of the budget that is submitted to the Mayor, a copy of the

budget that the Mayor submits to Council which is public record, and a copy of the final budget approved by Council and the Mayor.

Commissioner Hiraga stated during their meeting with the Chief, he approved their request to hire a court reporter to have verbatim minutes of both the Regular and Executive Session. She stated a commission with a much smaller budget than Police retains the services of a court reporter. The transcripts would still be subject to review by the Commission.

d. Review of Commission Rules and Handbook

Chair Tanaka stated he and Commissioner Tsai will have something in the coming months.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Member Orientation/Sunshine Law Presentation

Jeffrey Ueoka, Deputy Corporation Counselor, briefed the new Commissioners on the New Board and Commission Member Orientation and the Sunshine Law.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Commissioner Kawasaki to move into Executive Session. With reference to the agenda items(s) listed above, one or more executive meetings are anticipated, pursuant to Section 92-5(a) (2) (4), Hawaii Revised Statutes, to consider the hire, evaluation, dismissal, or discipline of an officer or employee or of charges brought against the officer or employee, where consideration of matters affecting privacy will be involved; and to consult with the board's attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities. Commissioner Santiago seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RECESS: 11:39 a.m.
RECONVENE: 11:50 a.m.

REGULAR: A motion to return to Regular Session at 12:41 p.m. was made by
SESSION Commissioner Santiago and seconded by Commissioner Kawasaki.
The motion carried unanimously.

RATIFY: A motion was made by Commissioner Santiago to ratify the actions
taken in Executive Session. The motion was seconded by
Commissioner Kawasaki and it carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION OF FUTURE MAUI POLICE COMMISSION AGENDAS

In an attempt to ratify at the next meeting, Commissioner Tsai would like everyone to bring their questions to the next meeting regarding the committees we talked about.

Chair Tanaka stated that he feels everyone is in agreement with the budget process. The only outstanding item is with regards to our recordation of minutes. Anybody who has any comments, questions, deletions or additions to the Chief's Evaluation Form will be discussed and added to be finalized at our next meeting.

AGENDA SETTING

The next meeting of the Maui Police Commission is scheduled for August 16, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the University Hawaii Maui College.

ADJOURN (12:43 p.m.) The meeting adjourned.

SUBMITTED BY

Amy Lau, Police Commission Secretary

APPROVED

Kevin Tanaka, Chair