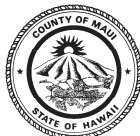


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October 20, 2023

Mr. John Pelletier, Chief  
Department of Police  
County of Maui  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Chief Pelletier:

SUBJECT: **UPDATES ON RECOVERY EFFORTS IN RESPONSE  
TO THE AUGUST 2023 WILDFIRES ON MAUI ISLAND**  
(DRIP-2(12))

At its meeting of October 19, 2023, the Disaster, Resilience, International Affairs, and Planning Committee received updates on recovery efforts in response to the August 2023 wildfires on Maui Island, including specific information related to debris removal, recovery phases, and right-of-entry applications and permits.

May I please request your response to the following:

1. Please describe the methods used to identify and recover distinguishable and indistinguishable human remains.
2. Have all human remains, whether distinguishable or indistinguishable, been recovered?
3. After indistinguishable human remains are identified and recovered, are they returned to the deceased individual's 'ohana? If so, please describe the timeline between when remains are discovered and when they are returned.

May I please request a written response by **November 2, 2023**. To ensure efficient processing, please transmit your response to [drip.committee@mauicounty.us](mailto:drip.committee@mauicounty.us) and include the relevant Committee item number in the subject line of your response.

Chief John Pelletier  
October 20, 2023  
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Should you have any questions, please contact me or the Committee staff (Paige Greco at ext. 7660, or Maria Leon at ext. 7866).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tamara M. Paltin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

TAMARA PALTIN, Chair  
Disaster, Resilience, International  
Affairs, and Planning Committee

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cc: Mayor Richard T. Bissen, Jr.  
Wade Maeda, Deputy Police Chief