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STATE OF MICHIGAN  
DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING

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Taken at 1301 Third Street, Media Room  
Detroit Public Safety Headquarters  
Detroit, Michigan  
Commencing at 3:02 p.m.,  
Thursday, August 23, 2018  
Before Sheila D. Rice, CSR-4163, RPR, RMR  
Notary Public, County of Wayne

1 APPEARANCES:

2 CHAIRPERSON WILLIE BELL, District 4

3 COMMISSIONER LISA CARTER, District 6

4 COMMISSIONER ELIZABETH W. BROOKS, At-Large

5 COMMISSIONER WILLIE BURTON, District 5

6 COMMISSIONER SHIRLEY A. BURCH, District 3

7 COMMISSIONER WILLIAM M. DAVIS, District 7

8 COMMISSIONER EVA GARZA DEWAELESCHE, At-Large

9 COMMISSIONER JIM HOLLEY, At-Large

10 DEPUTY CHIEF ELVIN BARREN

11 SECRETARY GREGORY HICKS

12 ROBERT BROWN

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1 Detroit, Michigan

2 Thursday, August 23, 2018

3 3:02 p.m.

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5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Good afternoon.

6 AUDIENCE: Good afternoon.

7 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I'm going to try that  
8 again. I guess the mike --

9 Can you hear me?

10 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Yes.

11 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Good afternoon.

12 AUDIENCE: Good afternoon.

13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. I am Police  
14 Commissioner Willie Bell. I represent District 4. I  
15 serve as Chair of the board, and I'll be conducting our  
16 meeting today.

17 On behalf of the board for those in  
18 attendance, thank you for joining us. For people  
19 viewing this meeting on your government cable channel,  
20 thank you for viewing our meeting.

21 As you know, earlier this morning we  
22 funeralized Wayne County Deputy Sheriff Sergeant Lee  
23 Smith. Sergeant Smith was a 25-year veteran of law  
24 enforcement and was slated to retire on October the  
25 1st, 2018. Deputy Sheriff Lee Smith, Detroit Police

1 Officer Fadi Shukur and Police Officer James Hearn are  
2 among the recent list of law enforcement officials that  
3 have responded to the call of duty who have paid the  
4 ultimate price. Please keep them in your prayers and  
5 their families close to our hearts.

6 On the agenda today is a resolution to honor  
7 the work and life of Wayne County Deputy Sheriff Lee  
8 Smith. At an appropriate time, we'll take up the  
9 resolution for Sergeant Lee Smith.

10 I'm going to ask is Police Chaplain Walker  
11 here? I can't see behind the ...

12 Okay. Invocation. I'm going to ask  
13 Commissioner Holley.

14 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: May we bow our heads.

15 Internal Father, we're so grateful and so  
16 thankful for this day that you've given us that we  
17 never experienced before. We ask, Lord, that indeed  
18 that you just cover over us with your precious  
19 blessings and your grace. We ask, Lord, that indeed  
20 you comfort the families that we have lost in our force  
21 and visit those who are sick and shut in. We thank you  
22 so much for just being over the city of Detroit and  
23 ask, Lord, that indeed you guide our feet, guide our  
24 footsteps as we move through this situation that's  
25 going on throughout the community and throughout this

1 world. Right now we just thank you so much for being  
2 with us on this day. In the precious name we pray.  
3 Amen.

4 AUDIENCE: Amen.

5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Commissioner.

6 I'm going to ask the commissioners to  
7 introduce themselves starting to my far right.

8 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Good afternoon. William  
9 Davis, District 7.

10 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Good afternoon. Shirley  
11 Burch, District 3.

12 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Good afternoon.  
13 Elizabeth Brooks, At-Large.

14 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Good afternoon. Lisa  
15 Carter, District 6.

16 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Jim Holley, At-Large.

17 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: Good afternoon.  
18 Eva Garza Dewaelsche, At-Large.

19 MR. HICKS: Mr. Chair, you have a quorum.

20 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Mr. Hicks.

21 At this time the Chair would entertain a  
22 motion to approve the agenda for this afternoon's  
23 meeting.

24 COMMISSIONER CARTER: So moved.

25 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Support.

1 CHAIRPERSON BELL: It's been properly moved  
2 and second.

3 Discussion?

4 Those in favor, aye?

5 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Those opposed?

7 Motion carries.

8 The next item will be approval of the minutes  
9 from August the 16th, 2018.

10 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: So moved.

11 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Support.

12 CHAIRPERSON BELL: It's been properly moved  
13 and supported.

14 Discussion?

15 Those in favor, aye?

16 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Those opposed?

18 Motion carries.

19 (At 3:07 p.m., Commissioner Burton entered  
20 the meeting room.)

21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Mr. Hicks, would you  
22 introduce the board staff, please.

23 MR. HICKS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Just  
24 before getting to the introductions of our staff, I do  
25 want to indicate that Sergeant Quinn is taping the

1 session, Media Services is doing the audiovisual work  
2 and Sheila Rice is the court reporter.

3 And as to our staff, to my immediate right is  
4 Robert Brown. And, if we go to the front row on the  
5 left side, we have Interim Personnel Director Bridget  
6 Lamar. And then back to the right side we have  
7 Mr. Wyrick who's Legal, Ms. Blossom who's Media  
8 Outreach and Ms. White who is, of course, our policy  
9 manager. And then we'll go to Dr. Polly McCalister who  
10 will not only introduce herself, but the balance of the  
11 OCI staff.

12 MS. McCALISTER: Good afternoon, board.

13 COMMISSIONERS: Good afternoon.

14 MS. McCALISTER: I'm Polly McCalister, Chief  
15 Investigator. And attending today's meeting with me is  
16 Senior Investigator Charlotte Jones, Investigator  
17 Roslyn Banks, Investigator Daniel Calloway and  
18 Investigator Stanton.

19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: And we have to my far left  
20 sitting in for Chief James Craig our Deputy Chief,  
21 power-charging Deputy Chief Barren. Could you give us  
22 your full name, please, for the record.

23 DEPUTY CHIEF BARREN: Yes. For the record,  
24 Deputy Chief Elvin Barren filling in for Chief Craig,  
25 as I and the Chief attended the funeral services for

1 deceased sergeant of Wayne County, Sergeant Lee Smith,  
2 and then he had to rearrange his schedule to  
3 accommodate some other meetings.

4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: If you will pause for one  
5 second before you introduce any DPD, I want to  
6 recognize Commissioner Willie Burton from District 5.

7 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Thank you, Mr.  
8 Chairman.

9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you for your  
10 attendance.

11 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Thank you, sir.

12 CHAIRPERSON BELL: And now, Deputy Chief, you  
13 can introduce ...

14 DEPUTY CHIEF BARREN: And so we'll start with  
15 a sergeant here, introduce yourself, and then we'll go  
16 around the room.

17 SERGEANT BROWN: I'm Sergeant Clarity Brown  
18 (ph), Planning and Deployment.

19 LIEUTENANT LEWIS: Lieutenant Brandon Lewis,  
20 Support Operations.

21 SERGEANT HEWITT: Sergeant Gerald Hewitt,  
22 Chief's Office.

23 LIEUTENANT SIMS: William Sims, Lieutenant,  
24 Chief's Office.

25 LIEUTENANT POTTS: Lashanna Potts,



1 Lieutenant, Chief's Neighborhood Liaison.

2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: And it's my pleasure to  
3 introduce the young man from Wayne State University,  
4 head of Public Safety.

5 MR. HOLT: Tony Holt, Chief of Police at  
6 Wayne State University.

7 CHAIRPERSON BELL: And thank you for your  
8 attendance, your presence, this afternoon. As you well  
9 know, we have a longstanding partnership with Wayne  
10 State Public Safety and Wayne State. And I appreciate  
11 you and all your endeavors and all your support you  
12 have given over the years that I'm familiar with as a  
13 board member for the fifth year. So thank you for your  
14 ongoing support. Thanks for something out this  
15 afternoon.

16 Do we have any elected officials or any  
17 representative of officials? Would you stand and  
18 introduce yourself, please.

19 MR. MARTIN: Good afternoon. Albert Martin  
20 representing City Council Member Roy McCalister.

21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: And thank you.

22 Any others?

23 It appears that I see staff. I don't see any  
24 other person here. Any first-time attendees of a board  
25 meeting that might be in attendance here?

1           So we're all family. Thank you as we move  
2 forward.

3           My report is the next item. On behalf of the  
4 board, I want to express our concern and support for  
5 fallen and injured officers. Our concerns for officer  
6 safety and citizen protection is continuous. Our board  
7 receives a weekly report from the department listing  
8 injured officers. I would ask Deputy Chief Barren to  
9 during his remarks to provide us with any additional  
10 information related to injured and fallen officers.

11           The Board of Commissioners meets every week  
12 except for Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. We  
13 meet at Police Headquarters weekly on a Thursday except  
14 for the second Thursday of the month we meet in the  
15 community at 6:30 p.m. Normally our meeting is -- this  
16 meeting is at 3 p.m.

17           Under the Detroit City Charter, Article 7,  
18 Chapter 8, the Board of Police Commissioners is  
19 empowered to provide civilian oversight and supervisory  
20 control of the police department. Our citizens are  
21 justified in asking how does the civilian oversight of  
22 law enforcement help you as a citizen in our community.

23           Our answer is we protect the civil rights of  
24 citizens. Oversight organizations like the BOPC are in  
25 the forefront investigating, reviewing and auditing

1 individual cases of citizen complaints and patterns of  
2 operations by police agencies to eliminate misconduct,  
3 discriminatory police practices, unnecessary use of  
4 force by police. Our work is based on developing and  
5 supporting effective policing. Mutual trust and  
6 respect between the police and the community is  
7 critical towards increasing the quality of life for  
8 residents and visitors to Detroit. Alternatively,  
9 distrust impedes police effectiveness and contributes  
10 to the lack of cooperation between the police and the  
11 community.

12 The Board of Police Commissioners exists to  
13 provide civilian oversight for the work of the Detroit  
14 Police Department. As a board, we receive and  
15 investigate noncriminal citizens' complaints -- and I  
16 want to say noncriminal citizens' complaints -- monitor  
17 the operations of the department and work with the  
18 Mayor and the Chief of Police to make or modify police  
19 policy.

20 Our objective is the same as the city of  
21 Detroit, to provide for the best use of your tax  
22 dollars to improve on the quality of life within the  
23 city of Detroit. As a board, we bring a unique  
24 perspective to policing, the eye and the viewpoint of  
25 civilians. The principle of civilian oversight is as

1 old and important as all the founding principles in our  
2 democracy. Separation of power between and within  
3 government allows for accountability, transparency,  
4 rights to appeal and citizen control. These principles  
5 are important nationally as well as locally.

6 Before outlining the order of the meeting, we  
7 would like to remind the board and the community that  
8 the Board of Police Commissioners will not meet  
9 Thursday, August the 30th. That's next week. We're  
10 not meeting Thursday, August the 30th. We hope that  
11 each of you will enjoy the Labor Day break.

12 Detroit is often referred to as the  
13 automobile capital of the world. A second and equally  
14 deserving title might be that Detroit is also one of  
15 the labor movement hubs within our nation. For many of  
16 us, the standard of living that we enjoy is largely  
17 attributed to the gains won by unions as they engage in  
18 management and protect the interest of working people.  
19 There are many labor stories. Some involve automobile  
20 workers, others involve farm workers, still others  
21 municipal and government workers. And within each of  
22 these stories are people black and white, young and  
23 old, male and female who want one thing, for their  
24 children to have a better life. The labor period is a  
25 salute to working men and women everywhere.

1 Today we have one informational presentation  
2 to the board, the presentation about police policy.  
3 Each member of the department is required to follow  
4 rules, procedures and practices that are designed to  
5 protect the public interest, ensure officer safety and  
6 encourage an orderly process of human interactions  
7 between people.

8 These rules, procedures and practices are  
9 rolled together and becomes what we refer to as the  
10 Police Manual. The Police Manual is amended, changed  
11 and replaced as we identify best police practices or  
12 experience a change in law. Some of the changes are  
13 small and others are major and can impact the entire  
14 department. For major changes in the departmental  
15 rules, procedures and practices, it require a review  
16 and approval by the Board of Police Commissioners.

17 Board authority to establish and approval  
18 department policies, rules and regulations are found in  
19 the Detroit City Charter, Section 7-803. Duties of the  
20 Board of Police Commissioners, which states, "The board  
21 shall, in consultation with the Chief of Police, and  
22 with the approval of the Mayor establish policies,  
23 rules and regulations." And Section 806, duties of the  
24 Chief of Police, reads in part, "The Chief of Police is  
25 the Chief Executive Officer of the police department

1 and shall administer the department consistent with the  
2 policies, rules and regulations established by the  
3 board." The City Charter, Section 806, reads, "The  
4 Chief of Police shall organize the department with the  
5 approval of the board."

6 The presentation today outlines the  
7 interactive process of policy making within the  
8 department, the board and with the Mayor. Our  
9 executive manager of policy, Ms. Melanie White, drafted  
10 several questions to guide the presentation today. I  
11 hope the department found them helpful as they outline  
12 areas of interest to the board. I would also hope that  
13 the presentation also contain a projection on the  
14 return of several policy recommendations developed by  
15 the board's subcommittee. At the end of the day, the  
16 board input into police is critical as we represent at  
17 the policy table the interests of the people who are  
18 expected to live under the procedures, rules and  
19 practice of reasonable civic interactions.

20 Towards the end of the meeting we will have  
21 oral communications from the audience. Please take a  
22 card. Make your name known on the speaker card. Cards  
23 are located in back of the room, or you can see  
24 Mr. Brown to my right. He needs your card before the  
25 beginning for public comment.

1 Thank you. That's the end of my report. Now  
2 I'm going to go to Commissioner Lisa Carter for the  
3 resolution for Sergeant Lee Smith.

4 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

5 "Board Resolution Honoring Sergeant Lee  
6 Smith, posthumously.

7 "Whereas Lee Smith was hired in as a police  
8 officer to the Wayne County Sheriff's Department on  
9 July 6, 1992 after graduating from Samuel C. Mumford  
10 High School. Upon graduating from the Wayne County  
11 Sheriff's Department Academy, Officer Smith began his  
12 career at Jail Division 1; and

13 "Whereas Officer Smith dutifully served Jail  
14 Division 1, Division 2 and Division 3. On May 18, 2009  
15 Officer Smith was promoted to the rank of sergeant.  
16 His assignments as a sergeant included the Special  
17 Response Team, SRT, Road Patrol, FTO, field training  
18 officer, Mounted Unit and Park Patrol. As a sergeant,  
19 he held several instructing titles, pistol, shotgun,  
20 motorcycle, pressure point control tactics, less than  
21 lethal, mp-5 colt and patrol rifle. On Tuesday, August  
22 15, 2018, after 26 years of loyal and devoted service,  
23 Sergeant Lee Smith, badge 382, passed away, and

24 "Whereas during his law enforcement career  
25 Sergeant Smith was the deserving recipient of the Life

1 Saving Citation, Unit Citation, 25-year Veteran Medal,  
2 Sheriff's Distinguished Award, Leadership Award,  
3 Department Top Shooter Award, Certificate of Merit from  
4 the Westland Police Department for heroically  
5 evacuating senior citizens from an apartment complex  
6 fire, seven Perfect Attendance Awards, several  
7 Motorcycle Competition Awards and an Associate's Degree  
8 from Wayne County Community College, and

9 "Whereas Sergeant Smith tirelessly served the  
10 Wayne County Sheriff's Department, the citizens of  
11 Wayne County and its neighboring communities. His  
12 professionalism, commitment to public service and  
13 integrity and dedication were a credit to the Wayne  
14 County Sheriff's Department. He was highly regarded as  
15 a consummate professional throughout the law  
16 enforcement community.

17 "Now, therefore, be it resolved that the  
18 Board of Police Commissioners speaking for the citizens  
19 of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department award this  
20 resolution posthumously in recognition of Sergeant Lee  
21 Smith's 26 years of dedicated public service. His  
22 professionalism, integrity and standard of commitment  
23 to the County of Wayne and its citizens merit our  
24 highest regards.

25 "We salute and thank you Sergeant Lee Smith



1 for a job well done."

2 I move for the adoption of this resolution  
3 honoring Sergeant Lee Smith.

4 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Second.

5 COMMISSIONER BURCH: So moved.

6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: It's been properly moved  
7 and second.

8 Those in favor?

9 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Those opposed?

11 Motion carries. Thank you.

12 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Thank you. Mr. Chair,  
13 if I might add, I personally worked with, I personally  
14 knew Sergeant Smith, worked with him for ten years  
15 while I was the command officer of the Training Unit.  
16 Sergeant Smith was the best instructor that Wayne  
17 County had. He never -- he never said no to me when I  
18 needed things created.

19 For example, if I needed him to create a cell  
20 extraction training he created it. If I needed him to  
21 go out and do a mounted unit training, he created it.  
22 He went to all instructor schools. He was just one of  
23 the best officers that I came in contact with during my  
24 career at the Sheriff's Department, and he's going to  
25 be surely missed. Thank you.

1 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Commissioner  
2 Carter. It appears that he was a trainer's trainer.

3 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Yes, he was.

4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: And he was truly an  
5 extraordinary person from reading this and hearing  
6 others talk about his background and life that he led.  
7 So that reflects all the goodness that ones have in law  
8 enforcement that when we lose heros like that we must  
9 pause to give honor and appreciate their service.

10 The next item would be Deputy Chief Barren  
11 reporting out.

12 DEPUTY CHIEF BARREN: Yes, and through the  
13 Chair, I would like to continue to speak on Sergeant  
14 Smith, with your permission.

15 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.

16 DEPUTY CHIEF BARREN: So I did have an  
17 opportunity to go to the funeral, and then to your  
18 point, Commissioner, great attendance, representatives  
19 across the country. Great speakers spoke on his behalf  
20 regarding training.

21 So it came to a point where the speaker had  
22 everyone in the room who had been trained or learned  
23 something from Sergeant Smith to stand up, and the room  
24 really erupted.

25 As far as DPD, he worked with us very

1 closely. As you look at his career, dignitary escorts  
2 through his motorcycle training, Special Response Team  
3 and also his mounted training. Every year at fireworks  
4 he's down there on the frontline with us. So again,  
5 he's going to be missed, a well loved and honored man.

6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, sir.

7 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Thank you.

8 DEPUTY CHIEF BARREN: Moving to DPD, our  
9 injured officers to provide an update, Officer Waldis  
10 Johnson, of course, suffered a gunshot wound. He's  
11 still in a long-term care facility. Officer Anthony  
12 Brown, run over by a vehicle, he's recuperating at  
13 home. Officer James Kisselburg, gunshot wound,  
14 recuperating at home. Officer Eric Smith, gunshot  
15 wound, recuperating at home. Sergeant Eric Bussey, a  
16 broken ankle, recuperating at home. Officer Justin  
17 Morquin (ph), head trauma, recuperating at home.  
18 Officer Christopher Brush, stitches to the right hand,  
19 he's still recuperating at home. Officer Christopher  
20 Thursden (ph), motorcycle accident, he's at a long-term  
21 rehab facility.

22 Also, as we reflect on our public safety  
23 partners, we did lose a firefighter tragically this  
24 week, Firefighter Jack Wiley, Jr. For the update on  
25 the status of his case, we do have a person of interest

1 and, in fact, that person is being questioned as we  
2 speak and in custody. So we'll see what the  
3 investigation brings, but we have made some progress on  
4 that case.

5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: And then by all means we  
6 extend our condolence and support for the firefighter's  
7 family. My understanding his father is a retired  
8 ranking officer with the fire department, and he  
9 recently moved into the city. The young man had a  
10 bright future. So we definitely lift up the family,  
11 and thank you for sharing that with us.

12 DEPUTY CHIEF BARREN: And for the board's  
13 knowledge, we are in close communication with the fire  
14 department and letting them know where we stand on the  
15 investigation so that they feel that we are actively  
16 working.

17 So moving to our statistics for the  
18 department, we'll start with homicide and I'll do the  
19 numbers as the commission likes.

20 2017, 175 homicides. Our present date, 157,  
21 for a ten-percent decrease.

22 Sexual assaults, of course, this is the topic  
23 of the department, has opened up our avenue of how we  
24 collect sexual assault information by way of third  
25 party. And us doing that we do have a 53-percent

1 increase, whereas 373 in 2017, 569 for 2018.

2 Robberies. Again, we're down 11 percent.

3 2017, 1,670; 2018, 1,482.

4 Carjackings we have a slight increase. In

5 2017, 192, present date 202, a 5-percent increase.

6 Aggravated assaults we're down 6 percent

7 opposed to last year of 5,629 and present day 5,313.

8 Nonfatal shootings we're down 15 percent.

9 2017 it was 547, present date 467 for a 15-percent  
10 decrease. And for total violent offenses we're down 4  
11 percent.

12 And with that I'll open up for any questions  
13 for the police department.

14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioners, any  
15 questions or comments for the Deputy Chief?

16 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Of course.

17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.

18 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Question. Home  
19 invasions. Do you have any information on that, in  
20 particular District 7, precinct 6, all that area?

21 DEPUTY CHIEF BARREN: I don't have a  
22 particular breakdown on the particular precinct. I can  
23 get that for you, but I don't have that now in front of  
24 me.

25 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: I would like it for

1 precinct 6, the Second and the Tenth.

2 DEPUTY CHIEF BARREN: Yes, sir. We'll  
3 provide that.

4 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay.

5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Holley.

6 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Deputy Chief, I don't  
7 know if you can -- for example, if someone asks me --  
8 the Chairman -- through the Chairman -- asked last week  
9 about the lady that was -- the lady that was arrested  
10 without handcuffs and no clothes. Can you help us, if  
11 not today? In other words, the Chairman talked about  
12 the factors if someone in my district asked me what are  
13 we going to do, what happened, what are we going to do  
14 about it, what's the -- can you address it, if not now,  
15 sometime is what the policy's going to be so something  
16 like that won't happen again? It may not be in the  
17 rules now or it can be amended, whatever, but just so  
18 that we basically can respond to our constituents if  
19 there's something like that, you know what I mean.

20 DEPUTY CHIEF BARREN: Yes, sir.

21 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: It may never ever  
22 happen again, but the point is that we still owe our --  
23 the citizens some response.

24 DEPUTY CHIEF BARREN: Absolutely.

25 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Okay. The other

1 thing --

2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes.

3 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Not to him, but to you.

4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.

5 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: I'm sorry. But, for  
6 example, can the secretary, for example, if -- like the  
7 funeral. I know we do the resolutions here.

8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.

9 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Is it possible -- I  
10 mean, like Miss Lisa did a beautiful job in reading it  
11 and her experience with the officer. Should we not  
12 have this at the funeral rather than just in -- so that  
13 people know that we, the board, have some value to  
14 this?

15 And then also could the secretary or someone  
16 in the office -- say if there was a -- if there is a  
17 funeral of a police officer that we will -- somebody  
18 from us -- our board will attend, you know, in other  
19 words, give us a call so we'll have representation  
20 there, and also at graduations. I know you do a lot of  
21 them, and I really appreciate that and others, but I  
22 like to feel like -- you know, I may be busy doing  
23 other things, but if I could just be buzzed and say,  
24 Reverend, you know, this is going on, would you like to  
25 be there, would you like to have a word. So I just

1 feel like that we ought to have a representation.

2 Am I making sense to you?

3 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir. Definite, yes.

4 If Commissioner Carter could respond --

5 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Sure.

6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: -- to this effort, about  
7 her effort and also by the staff. If you could  
8 elaborate on that first part.

9 COMMISSIONER CARTER: We -- through the  
10 Chair. We started off last week trying to get  
11 information regarding Sergeant Smith so that we could  
12 present the resolution to the family, and we were  
13 unsuccessful at doing that until yesterday at 4:30. I  
14 think commissioner -- I mean Mr. Hicks brought the  
15 resolution to me yesterday.

16 I had all intents to attend the funeral  
17 today, but I attended the family -- the viewing  
18 yesterday.

19 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Right.

20 COMMISSIONER CARTER: I had all intent to  
21 attend the funeral today, but was not able to do so.

22 And the resolution was presented to the  
23 family. We were not on the program, but the resolution  
24 was presented to the family.

25 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: I think my concern is



1 that we are police officers -- we're at least part of  
2 the department.

3 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Yes.

4 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: And if the secretary  
5 can help to us to basically be on the program that we  
6 can do the -- these resolutions are very important, and  
7 I think they're done very well. And I would like to  
8 think that the family would like to have that. And I'd  
9 like for the people in the audience to know that we  
10 have some value.

11 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Absolutely.

12 CHAIRPERSON BELL: And, Commissioner Holley,  
13 you're right on point. And we had representation at  
14 the last two or three funerals.

15 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Sure.

16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Dewaelsche,  
17 myself, Commissioner Brooks and others who might have  
18 attended.

19 But we are concerned and we hope to meet with  
20 the department. There are some areas that we are  
21 concerned about the protocol that we are part of DPD,  
22 law enforcement. But I feel sometimes that they have a  
23 tendency under this new format to forget that we are  
24 the Board of Commissioners, part of the DPD since 1974,  
25 as you well know being a former commissioner. And we

1 have to have that dialogue at the highest level.

2           There's a protocol for the commissioners to  
3 be seated properly, recognized properly and not part of  
4 the general -- Commissioner Brooks raised that issue at  
5 the last activity and said why are we sitting here, we  
6 should be there. And I think we have to have some  
7 serious dialogue about that protocol.

8           As you well know, I'm from that school of  
9 tradition, you're from that school of tradition,  
10 recognizing that we have a role to play. I looked at  
11 the City Charter again to make sure. I'm on a sound  
12 basis that it lists the Mayor, the council, then the  
13 police commissioners, city clerk, all elected officials  
14 who are appointed, you know, in that sense.

15           So there's got to be protocol that we are not  
16 separated from the department in crucial times like  
17 that, because we have a role to play. And, if officers  
18 do not see that, they think that we just take a  
19 different approach to being part of the family.

20           And I'm glad you raised that issue. And I'm  
21 glad you raised the issue about -- the issue that we  
22 raised last week. We need some feedback on it, you  
23 know, so hopefully -- but that issue has got to be  
24 resolved as far as protocol. And I respect  
25 traditionally that some things we need to really -- and

1 we need to make sure that I'm getting notice of any  
2 formality that we give initial, then do a follow-up to  
3 all the commissioners. What we try to do is  
4 coordinating. And Mr. Brown picked this up,  
5 Commissioner Brooks, Dewaelsche came along, you know,  
6 and that type of thing. But we're making sure that we  
7 communicate with you directly. All commissioners be  
8 aware of your schedule. And, if not, we will try to at  
9 least have one or two. But like Commissioner Carter --  
10 you know, with the emotion that she could just not, you  
11 know, attend. But basically I think that we have to  
12 make sure that we're involved in the whole process.

13 Thank you for sharing that with us.

14 Any other question or comments?

15 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: I would just like  
16 to make a comment if I may, Commissioner.

17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am.

18 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: And that is  
19 initially three and a half years ago when I first got  
20 on this term on the board we were not a part of very  
21 much the graduation ceremonies. And I think that,  
22 Commissioner Bell, you really made a push to, you know,  
23 ensure that the Board of Police Commissioners were  
24 recognized, that we were a part of the -- actually a  
25 part of the program to the point where, you know,

1 your -- the Chair is usually invited to give a  
2 presentation. So -- and I've been very fortunate to be  
3 able to do a few of those for --

4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am.

5 COMMISSIONER DEWAELESCHE: -- the graduation  
6 ceremonies. But I think that that protocol that we use  
7 at the graduation should be now that we've got that  
8 down pat and it's very clear -- and the Chief is great  
9 at acknowledging the board and all the members that do  
10 attend. And, in fact, we're even seated on the dais  
11 along with all the other dignitaries of the police  
12 department in the city.

13 So, you know, maybe that protocol is a model  
14 for what should be utilized at every event that  
15 involves the police department. And, you know, I want  
16 to thank Commissioner Bell for really pushing for that.  
17 And it really is educating new officers who come on  
18 board about our role as police commissioners, and I  
19 thank you for that push, Commissioner Bell.

20 CHAIRPERSON BELL: And thank you. I think  
21 that we just have to do some follow-up. I think DPD  
22 understands that sometimes you need to revisit certain  
23 protocol and procedures to making sure that we are  
24 properly in our place and not out of place, as the  
25 church would say. There's a place for all concerned

1 parties that has a role to play, and we have a  
2 meaningful role, because we all volunteers. We're all  
3 volunteers. And I really appreciate the commissioners  
4 who take the time to attend meetings and, you know,  
5 formalities and all that, not just sit at this table,  
6 but active in the community. So I can't say enough  
7 that as we go forward, but we really need to bridge  
8 that gap somewhat. It's not that wide that we can't  
9 really bridge it. So we just have to have some meaning  
10 dialogue.

11 Any other comments from the commissioners?

12 Yes, ma'am.

13 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Yes. Thank you, Mr.  
14 Chair. I just wanted to say regarding the fireman that  
15 lost his life, maybe Mrs. Blossom could also send some  
16 acknowledgment from the Board of Police Commissioners  
17 to the fire department, because we're all out there --

18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am.

19 COMMISSIONER BURCH: -- and help one another.  
20 So why not put that on the agenda whenever anybody  
21 passes, no matter what rank or what department, the  
22 Board of Police Commissioners should be acknowledged  
23 and send condolences to the family especially.

24 And then, Mr. Chair, I want to ask you just  
25 to see if you remember what I'm saying or any of the

1 other commissioners. When you spoke about the lady  
2 that was arrested naked, I think one of the officers, I  
3 don't know who it was, but they said it would be some  
4 kind of garment they would keep in the trunk of their  
5 car. Any of you all remember that, that they would  
6 keep something in the car if this ever happened?

7 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yeah. I think it was  
8 something that we had discussion on that might be one  
9 of the recommendations. So we're looking forward to  
10 some type of feedback. I'm glad Commissioner Holley  
11 brought that up, because we are really concerned and  
12 the public is concerned about that issue. And so  
13 hopefully we can just enlighten everybody in terms of  
14 how we're going to approach that in the near, near  
15 future, because we don't want that to happen again, you  
16 know. We understand emergency and all that.

17 I just want to take one -- I want to commend  
18 the Chief of Police for the young man that was tasered  
19 with the baby. I can't think of the name of the  
20 department.

21 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Westland.

22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Westland. And the Chief  
23 has responded by the officer has been suspended for 30  
24 days and they have -- after their investigation went  
25 forward and that was his recommendation. So I want to

1 commend that type of review and that type of  
2 investigation. We all can make judgments, but you have  
3 to wait until whatever transpires. And after that he  
4 took the steps that I thought was appropriate based on  
5 his investigation in Westland, because it was a lot of  
6 public outcry. And I think there's some demonstration  
7 coming up in front. So you can see the public is  
8 concerned when you see incidents like that. Now with  
9 camera's video it comes forward overnight.

10 Any other comments?

11 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Also I'd like to point  
12 out the fact that I was pleased to see at the Mayor's  
13 most recent meeting, and like the most important  
14 District 7, that there was actually some police  
15 recruiting going on and there was a police recruiting  
16 table out. And I would love to see that in every one  
17 of the Mayor's meetings.

18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes. Contact the Mayor's  
19 staff. I think there's no problem, because he's one of  
20 our biggest recruiters because he controls the budget  
21 and hiring. So he's very encouraging.

22 Any other comments?

23 I just want to say, Deputy Chief, conveyed to  
24 the department, these have been difficult times as the  
25 Chief indicated. We realize that and you're in our

1 prayers, you have our support, and we just want to  
2 continue to be involved in anything we can do. And I  
3 know your chaplain corps has been busy and your  
4 executive team has been busy. I pray for the commander  
5 of the Eighth Precinct. And then we extend that to our  
6 firefighters and EMS, because they are the first  
7 responders.

8 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Right.

9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: And we're all in this  
10 together. So we know it's a 24/7 job, 24 hours, seven  
11 days a week. There is no lag time. There's no holiday  
12 time. Somebody is working. So we really appreciate.  
13 I can't say enough that we want to convey that. We  
14 might have discussion, but we all are your supporters.  
15 I can't say that enough.

16 DEPUTY CHIEF BARREN: And we thank you for  
17 that as well. And I have taken some notes and we'll  
18 get the follow-up information back.

19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: And thank you, sir.

20 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Mr. Chair, can I also  
21 ask a question, too?

22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am.

23 COMMISSIONER BURCH. I wanted to commend the  
24 911 last night. There was a bad accident on Dequindre  
25 and Lance. Again, we just heard from inside of our



1 home just like a big boom. So the car could have blown  
2 up, but it did a flip. It flipped over on its back,  
3 and then the other car was like going into it. The  
4 police were there like in less than five minutes. Then  
5 the EMS came. Thank God there were no fatalities.

6 But my question and concern, D.C., if you  
7 would take it back to Chief Craig, I think this is an  
8 issue all over the city of Detroit as far as speeding  
9 through the neighborhoods. And we get it often just  
10 too many times cars going like they're on a Grand Prix  
11 on Dequindre and they -- I mean, they get in a line  
12 like and get ready and they just go.

13 So I'm about finding solutions. What is it  
14 we can do to stop these people to recognize this is a  
15 residential area in any part of this city? You have  
16 got to make a solution about people speeding, because,  
17 sir, I see the criminals are really ignoring you, not  
18 thinking -- they don't have any respect for police,  
19 because they don't do that in other suburbs. They  
20 don't zoom like they do.

21 Do you see where I'm coming from?

22 DEPUTY CHIEF BARREN: Yes, ma'am.

23 COMMISSIONER BURCH: I'm speaking from a  
24 citizen's perspective that we get these complaints all  
25 the time about people speeding. So would you address

1 that at a time you can?

2 DEPUTY CHIEF BARREN: Yes, ma'am.

3 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Through the Chair.

4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am.

5 COMMISSIONER CARTER: The other thing is not  
6 only speeding cars, but the -- what do they call them  
7 motorcycle --

8 AUDIENCE MEMBER: ATVs.

9 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Mopeds.

10 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Yeah, ATVs doing two  
11 wheels on Fort Street, which is a very busy street due  
12 to the shutdown of I-75. And we have hundreds of bikes  
13 going down Fort Street. They do it really a takeover,  
14 darting in and out of traffic, and there's just only  
15 matter of time before something happens.

16 So thank you, Mr. Chair.

17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay. The next item would  
18 be Police Manual. I don't know who the designated --  
19 that must be A.C. James White.

20 ASSISTANT CHIEF WHITE: Good afternoon,  
21 esteemed board, Chairman.

22 COMMISSIONERS: Good afternoon.

23 ASSISTANT CHIEF WHITE: I'm here for the  
24 introduction and of the team that will be presenting to  
25 you, Planning and Deployment. But before I do that

1 there was a few things that I caught when I came in  
2 that I'd like to respond to if that would be  
3 appropriate.

4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.

5 ASSISTANT CHIEF WHITE: The first issue was  
6 the -- I think it was said a blanket or something for  
7 citizens, you know, if we encounter a citizen who --

8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.

9 ASSISTANT CHIEF WHITE: -- needs clothing or  
10 whatever. We have PEB kits in each scout car, or have  
11 been issued to each scout car. And inside of that PEB  
12 kit is a coverall or some type of cover for the  
13 citizens should they need to use it. And we have  
14 reflashed that information to the officers. So there's  
15 something available should we encounter that.

16 The other issue that I heard as I walked in  
17 from the board was a concern with connectivity with the  
18 board on various issues, if I understood the matter  
19 correctly.

20 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.

21 ASSISTANT CHIEF WHITE: As was indicated, we  
22 enjoy a great working relationship with the board.  
23 Chairman Bell has done a tremendous amount of work in  
24 the community with the police department as relates to  
25 our graduations. Others have attended. And we

1 certainly welcome that relationship and want to  
2 strengthen the relationship. I think it's outstanding  
3 and it's really second to none. So there is no space  
4 there in terms of bridging that bridge or bridging that  
5 gap.

6 And, to that end, Commander -- I am so sorry,  
7 Deputy Chief. Deputy Chief Bettison has been assigned  
8 as a liaison. So if there's any additional  
9 connectivity the board needs that's the point of  
10 contact to ensure that those issues are addressed.

11 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Will do. We appreciate  
12 that. We have a great relationship with the D.C., and  
13 I think it's just materialized, but we will have some  
14 meaningful dialogue after holiday break.

15 ASSISTANT CHIEF WHITE: All right. Very  
16 good.

17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.

18 ASSISTANT CHIEF WHITE: So my introduction is  
19 about Planning and Deployment, which reports up through  
20 my chain on the support side. Planning and Deployment  
21 works on a number of issues with the police department.  
22 Primarily their role is to monitor trending crime -- or  
23 trending issues in policing, best practices in  
24 policing, to work with other agencies to adopt best  
25 policies.

1           Our most recent, I will call it success, is  
2   our policy development on our body cameras where we  
3   looked at model policy around the country and our  
4   policy on our TASER deployment.

5           We have a great resource in Ms. Melanie White  
6   on your staff who worked with us on policy development,  
7   bringing the concerns of the board to us. The response  
8   has been phenomenal. The cooperation has been great.  
9   And again, we want to continue to bolster that  
10   relationship and that cooperation as we develop more  
11   policy.

12           We have a new member to the team, Sergeant  
13   Clarity Brown, who replaces John Watkins who's gone  
14   back to patrol in the Tenth Precinct. Commander Bliss  
15   will deliver the presentation to the board. Sergeant  
16   Clarity Brown, being new to the unit, we didn't think  
17   it would be fair for her to take the lead on this, but  
18   she'll be here to any questions that the board may  
19   have. So with that I'll introduce Commander Mark  
20   Bliss.

21           COMMANDER BLISS: Good afternoon, board.

22           COMMISSIONERS: Good afternoon.

23           COMMANDER BLISS: Commander Mark Bliss,  
24   Office of Support Operations.

25           I don't want to date myself, but I will.

1 Several years ago I was a lieutenant over -- well, it  
2 was called Planning and Accreditation. As things have  
3 changed, it is now Planning and Deployment. So without  
4 further ado I will begin this presentation for you.

5 First, the overall general responsibilities  
6 of Planning and Deployment, as Assistant Chief White so  
7 indicated, Planning conducts studies and makes  
8 recommendations to improve operating and administrative  
9 procedures. It could be something as simple as a minor  
10 directive change up until maybe a new form or a new  
11 process is put in place.

12 We constantly monitor trends and best  
13 practices for improvement in policing such as social  
14 media policies and the body camera usage. When those  
15 policies, those directives, were originally put  
16 together, what we did is we looked at policies across  
17 the nation, what were other departments doing, what  
18 were the best practices.

19 Also we looked at model policies, one being  
20 from the IACP. That's the International Association of  
21 Chiefs of Police. And what they do is they put out  
22 these model policies and they say this is what we deem  
23 is the best practice in order to implement this at  
24 other police departments. So we take all this  
25 information and we put it together when we go to

1 develop ours.

2 We also plan in coordinating and monitoring  
3 the implementation of organizational changes in the  
4 department. If there is going to be a change, if we're  
5 going to move a unit under another command, we go  
6 through that. We look at those organizational changes,  
7 how it affects not just policy, but the procedures and  
8 getting what we need from those units and being able to  
9 disseminate that information to the other unit since  
10 there's been that organizational change.

11 Of course, we prepare, publish and maintain  
12 the Detroit Police Manual, which I'm sure that everyone  
13 here is well aware of. And then we develop department  
14 policy in conjunction with the Chief of Police and the  
15 Board of Police Commissioners.

16 Review. The final DPD policy review process  
17 before submitting to the Board of Police Commissioners  
18 is as follows. At first if there's going to be some  
19 changes, there's going to be any type of revision to  
20 that policy, the involved command review that's where  
21 it starts. So some of our directives involve more than  
22 one command. So it is imperative that when we're  
23 looking at the processes that are in those directives  
24 that we go and we send it to those commands that it  
25 directly impacts, or if they're subject matter experts

1 they can look at that, give us their recommendations to  
2 those processes, and then we put them back and then we  
3 review them, make changes, make adjustments, maybe ask  
4 further questions. So it's constantly being done.

5           Next is the executive review. A lot of our  
6 commands have a executive officer, be that a captain, a  
7 commander, it could be a Deputy Chief. They get to  
8 review that policy, look at those changes, look at the  
9 reasons why, ask further questions. And then it goes  
10 back and forth to make sure that it's constantly being  
11 flushed out on why we're changing this, under what  
12 parameters are we changing it, and overall is this good  
13 for the department.

14           And then finally once we've been through  
15 those processes it goes to senior management. That  
16 could be the assistant chiefs, the deputy chiefs, our  
17 legal advisor, of course on the Board of Police  
18 Commissioners side looking at your policy review. And  
19 then finally it does go to the Board of Police  
20 Commissioners.

21           Planning our schedule and cycle for reviewing  
22 and amending department manual directives. These  
23 reviews are conducted between one to three years or as  
24 needed. So some of our policies will be reviewed once  
25 a year, possibly three times a year, but the most



1 important one is or as needed. There have been times  
2 when due to a change in federal law, a change in state  
3 law or a simple organizational change where that comes  
4 up and it falls outside of our review process. When  
5 that happens, those directives are taken and they're  
6 reviewed outside of the proposed schedule. And that is  
7 so that when members get these changes in the directive  
8 it's the most up to date. So as needed if there is a  
9 change we automatically shift gears and we jump on  
10 those to make sure that we roll out that the most  
11 current policy, the most current laws that are there.  
12 And we get those to the members.

13 Processing for updating the MAS system with  
14 changes to department manual directives. Approved  
15 policies, once they're approved through the Board of  
16 Police Commissioner, they're updated by the MAS  
17 administrator. MAS, per policy, department members are  
18 to access MAS and are supposed to review policies. And  
19 what they do is there's an indication in MAS that says  
20 you have a policy to review. It's posted. You read  
21 through the policy. At the end you indicate that you  
22 have read it, you understand that policy, and it's  
23 submitted. And we track that and we database that so  
24 we know exactly who has reviewed policy and who has  
25 not.

1           And then policies are forwarded to MAS upon  
2 final update approval. This is it a takeoff of the  
3 first one. Once we have the final we make sure that  
4 the most up-to-date policy is given to MAS so all  
5 members are aware of that. And that coincides with us  
6 posting it online for members through the department  
7 intranet if they want to maybe print it out or post it  
8 in a different fashion.

9           For instance, it's in PDF format, and what I  
10 have currently done and used to do since back in the  
11 day is I would always have a folder on every single  
12 topic in the Detroit Police Manual and have the most  
13 current policy there with the effective date.

14           Planning the schedule and cycle for  
15 submitting department policy for BOPC's review and  
16 approval, there is no schedule for submitting policy to  
17 the BOPC. However, when a new policy is presented, it  
18 is submitted through the established channels, as I  
19 indicated, by Planning.

20           By the time it gets to the board to having  
21 the initial presentation in front of you, that policy  
22 is also sent out to all the precincts. It's sent out  
23 to the major city websites, posted, and we make sure  
24 that we get feedback. And we check that approximately  
25 30 days, but it also coincides with the board. There

1 might not be a quorum. They may ask for additional  
2 time to review the policy and to make recommendations  
3 for their approval. So what we do is we'll monitor  
4 that. If we do get feedback, when we do our second  
5 presentation we will present to the board indicating  
6 this is what we found, this is what the community has  
7 said. And they could submit that through, of course --  
8 you know, you can submit through the BOPC website.  
9 There's also a fax number or an E-mail that's at every  
10 precinct where it's posted. And it's posted right at  
11 the front lobby of each of the precincts indicating  
12 that this is a proposed policy. And we have copies in  
13 a binder for people to review.

14           So we're very transparent in making sure that  
15 everybody understands what's out there. And, you know,  
16 if there's any further questions there has been times  
17 where we -- you know, we can sit down, we can talk it  
18 through, and we'll explain how we got to this process.

19           Onward, DPD's process for submitting  
20 substantive changes versus minor changes made to the  
21 department manual directive and transmitting to the  
22 BOPC for its review and approval. Substantive changes  
23 to the manual directives follow the same channels as  
24 policy changes. And that goes back to my first line  
25 indicating that you have the first -- you had the

1 review by the command, the involved commands. It goes  
2 to the executive review, and then finally it goes  
3 senior management and then it goes to the BOPC.

4 So those type of changes are actually changes  
5 that it changes the core of the policy. It's not going  
6 to be the same. Therefore, it's not a minor change at  
7 all. A minor and nonpolicy changes such as name and  
8 terminology-related changes are processed through  
9 internal channels and approved by department senior  
10 management.

11 A perfect example of this is the CrisNet to  
12 Sungard to Superion example. Throughout the department  
13 manual and the directives, we always talk about the  
14 type of reporting system, the RMS system. We used to  
15 have CrisNet. We moved to Sungard. The company,  
16 Sungard, changed to Superion. So we had to change the  
17 manual three different times, and it's just that.

18 If you make a section a unit or you decide to  
19 change something from, for example, Planning and  
20 Accreditation to Planning and Deployment, it's a minor  
21 change. That unit is going to be there, but it's  
22 something that we make internally. And we don't push  
23 it up, because it doesn't change the duties,  
24 responsibilities or any of the policy in the manual.  
25 It's just very simple. And it's just to expedite so

1 members who are looking at this policy, who are looking  
2 for direction, they have the most current information  
3 in our manual. I mean, it's very important that  
4 members can access that manual through the intranet and  
5 get the most current information.

6 Status of policies previously submitted by  
7 the board. There have been a number of policies that  
8 we have submitted to the board. We have gotten  
9 recommendations back from the board on some  
10 modifications to those policies. Currently they're  
11 being reviewed by our legal advisor. Unfortunately,  
12 the legal advisor is on medical leave right now, but  
13 the person is supposed to be coming back shortly and we  
14 will continue processing these policies.

15 Any questions?

16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioners, do you have  
17 any questions for Commander?

18 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Through the Chair. I'm  
19 sorry. That was me.

20 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes. I'm sorry.

21 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Through the Chair.  
22 Thank you. Commander Bliss, thank you for the report.  
23 I just have a question with regards to when the  
24 policies are posted onto the website for review or  
25 feedback, how are residents notified that it's there,

1 or are they notified?

2           COMMANDER BLISS: Well, first there's two  
3 different -- let me go back. When we present the  
4 policy to the board, we indicate at that time -- as a  
5 matter of fact, the process is during that day that's  
6 when they're posted and put out on the website, sent to  
7 all the precincts. So by the time a member of Planning  
8 steps in front of the board that is already out there.  
9 It's already out there being made available to the  
10 public.

11           Also, the public is notified via when they  
12 walk into the precincts and they see the policy that's  
13 there and that's posted. So that's a couple of them  
14 there, being able to -- giving it through the BOPC and  
15 notifying the BOPC. And then when they go into the  
16 police precincts it's right there talking about  
17 proposed policies. So anyone that goes into the  
18 precincts gets a chance to look at it, but also if they  
19 access the City of Detroit website it also indicates  
20 the proposed policies.

21           COMMISSIONER CARTER: So -- through the  
22 Chair. So a person would not know unless they went to  
23 the website that a policy is up and available for  
24 review? You don't send out E-mails or anything like  
25 that?

1           COMMANDER BLISS: No, no. We don't send out  
2 a -- to send out an E-mail to every single person --

3           COMMISSIONER CARTER: But there's a City of  
4 Detroit E-mail that goes out to everybody regarding  
5 announcements and things like that. So is that  
6 something that can be considered?

7           COMMANDER BLISS: Absolutely. That's  
8 something we can implement, yes. I know that  
9 previously we did have -- we used to use Planning's  
10 E-mail address. Anything that was posted out there we  
11 put Planning's E-mail address and also their phone  
12 number, but we can actually incorporate that. That  
13 would be actually a better option for us.

14           COMMISSIONER CARTER: Okay. Thank you.

15           CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Holley.

16           COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Through the Chair. I  
17 appreciate the clarity of the presentation. It's  
18 excellent.

19           COMMANDER BLISS: Thank you.

20           COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: And I followed you very  
21 carefully.

22           And to the Chair, you know, when I look at --  
23 when I listen to this and read this, you made me feel  
24 so good. And then when we had a conversation 20  
25 minutes ago about protocol where we get on the stage

1 and where we do this and that. And so I don't  
2 understand why there is -- I mean, on here you say that  
3 we are -- you report to us, you do this, you do that as  
4 a manual would say. So I'm really talking to you, but  
5 I'm trying to talk to these wonderful deputy chiefs  
6 that are here, and we're so proud to have them here.

7 Do you understand what I'm saying? What I'm  
8 saying, there seems to -- it should not even be the  
9 disconnect, you know, the conversation we had 20  
10 minutes ago in terms of protocol. Because when you  
11 talk to me like this you give me what the charter says  
12 you give me, which is respect.

13 If I go to an event, then I'm on the end of  
14 the podium -- end of the line or not acknowledged, then  
15 I don't have respect. And I think that's what --

16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes.

17 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: -- the culture that  
18 we're working with here. And I appreciate you guys so  
19 much and -- I appreciate you so much. I really learn a  
20 lot. And I feel when I see these deputy chiefs'  
21 comments and making reports I really feel Detroit is in  
22 good hands.

23 But I do feel this culture that I wrestle  
24 with, and perhaps other commissioners do as well, that  
25 you talk to me like this on this paper in terms of how



1 you report and how you -- we get the final signoff.  
2 And then I go to -- and then I have to -- for lack of a  
3 better word, I'm not talking to you. I'm just talking  
4 around you. Then I have to beg to have respect on a  
5 stage or in a particular place.

6 And that may be a strong word. I don't mean  
7 to use it like that. I'm just trying to make a point,  
8 and sometimes I have a problem because I do more  
9 emotional talk than I do rational. And so I'll ask the  
10 Chief, the Chairman maybe, to do the rational piece for  
11 me in terms of what I'm trying to do. It's a culture.

12 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes.

13 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Because I think this is  
14 beautiful. It really says to me what we really are,  
15 together. But then when I -- basically we talked about  
16 20 minutes ago, Deputy Chief Bettison, that  
17 conversation we had there. And that's what I really  
18 want us to work on, if I'm making sense to you, on how  
19 can we work this where we basically feel like that if  
20 we have a graduation my chairman is going -- he's there  
21 and he's on the program. If I go to a police officer's  
22 funeral or a police officer's accolade or program, that  
23 one of our people are on there, because we're a part  
24 of -- we're a part of the police department, not a  
25 dangling participle. And so help me --

1 CHAIRPERSON BELL: You said it all. I think  
2 you're on point, sir.

3 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Just help me with that.  
4 Am I making sense to you, though, Deputy  
5 Chief?

6 ASSISTANT CHIEF WHITE: Yes, sir. Assistant  
7 Chief White, for the record. Absolutely. I'm going to  
8 bring Deputy Chief Bettison up to just comment on your  
9 concerns. As we've all said, the Chief is constantly  
10 mindful to acknowledge and give the board the  
11 appropriate respect.

12 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: He does. He does.

13 ASSISTANT CHIEF WHITE: But oftentimes there  
14 are a number of variables that impact seating and  
15 things like that that I would like D.C. Bettison to  
16 speak on.

17 DEPUTY CHIEF BETTISON: Good afternoon,  
18 board.

19 COMMISSIONERS: Good afternoon.

20 DEPUTY CHIEF BETTISON: And definitely pardon  
21 my tardiness to the event. I wasn't a part of the  
22 conversation 20 minutes earlier. I attended the Wayne  
23 County deputy's funeral, his home-going. And one of  
24 the things that I did note was that Sheriff Napoleon  
25 didn't even speak. He wasn't on the program to speak

1 at the deputy's home-going. And the reason is it's up  
2 to the family, and we definitely follow the protocol.  
3 So no elected officials spoke. And with our peer  
4 support we're consoling and meeting with the family.  
5 We definitely want to respect their wishes. So it  
6 depends on what the family --

7 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Is that right?

8 DEPUTY CHIEF BETTISON: And Chief Craig he  
9 only speaks and the Mayor will only speak if the family  
10 requests that they do.

11 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: So if we're a military,  
12 we're a military operation, so we don't have --

13 DEPUTY CHIEF BETTISON: We're paramilitary.

14 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Okay.

15 DEPUTY CHIEF BETTISON: And when it comes to  
16 a home-going service we're going to put the family  
17 above that.

18 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: That makes sense. That  
19 makes sense. I thought that we are in charge with the  
20 family --

21 DEPUTY CHIEF BETTISON: No.

22 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: -- because he's a  
23 police officer.

24 And are we not paying for the venue? Are we  
25 paying for the -- where the hall or where --

1 DEPUTY CHIEF BETTISON: That -- that --  
2 sometimes. We just started that. So that --

3 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Police will not pay for  
4 police support? Do I not pay for -- do I have police  
5 officers escorting -- do you see what I'm saying? I  
6 hear you. It makes a lot of sense now what you're  
7 saying.

8 DEPUTY CHIEF BETTISON: Yes, sir.

9 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: But I do feel this  
10 culture that we're basically -- we look one way and  
11 we're acting another way, and perhaps that needs to be  
12 revisited, because we spend a lot of money on all these  
13 various --

14 DEPUTY CHIEF BETTISON: And I definitely hear  
15 you.

16 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: I understand that. I  
17 feel much better now.

18 DEPUTY CHIEF BETTISON: And we try to -- with  
19 that family that made the ultimate sacrifice --

20 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: I gotchu.

21 DEPUTY CHIEF BETTISON: -- supplying their  
22 loved ones to this department.

23 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: I gotchu.

24 DEPUTY CHIEF BETTISON: Yes, sir. But we can  
25 definitely continue conversation and we can meet on

1 this.

2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I think what Commissioner  
3 Holley is saying it's not just -- you know, we all feel  
4 that way sometimes in terms of the department  
5 functions. And, if we understand funerals, we've all  
6 had experienced protocols. Commissioner Holley has  
7 probably got more experience in handling funerals than  
8 anybody in the room in terms of protocols, how certain  
9 things happen, the Catholic church versus the Baptist  
10 church, AME and all that. But we just need to know how  
11 that should flow, have that dialogue and then we all  
12 would be comfortable.

13 But even in that setting there has to be a  
14 recognition or format in terms of -- even at one time  
15 the department had if you're going to stand in a  
16 parade, standing up, there was a role for the board to  
17 have a place in that under the old manual. You follow  
18 what I'm saying?

19 So those things that we can revisit in life  
20 and we can come all on one page, but he's correct.  
21 Even with that, there's a protocol, there's a process,  
22 you know. You know how that goes. There's a person  
23 killed in the line of duty, that's a protocol. If a  
24 person's killed off duty, that's another protocol.

25 DEPUTY CHIEF BETTISON: Absolutely.

1 CHAIRPERSON BELL: So all that -- I  
2 understand. I have witnessed all of that on my short  
3 term on this earth, and I respect that. So we just  
4 have to have that type of dialogue in making sure that  
5 we're all on the same page. But it might be something  
6 minor, a press conference, you know, like, okay, are we  
7 included, are we not included. We understand all of  
8 that. We all adults. We all highly educated. Some  
9 are educated more. But sometimes you miss the common  
10 sense. And that's the issue that you picked on right  
11 quick, being a former commissioner. Even Commissioner  
12 Dewaelsche picked it up right quick, what is happening  
13 here.

14 And I think the emergency manager created a  
15 void, and now we're trying to mend that, you know.  
16 Just like if I come to your house am I a guest or  
17 uninvited guest. Or you might invite me because I'm  
18 your cousin and you really don't want me there, you  
19 know. But those things -- we don't want to continue  
20 that debate, but we'll get to that point, that type of  
21 discussion.

22 DEPUTY CHIEF BETTISON: And what I would say  
23 is that I would take responsibility as your liaison. I  
24 will make sure I work more efficiently and effective as  
25 far as getting you information on events, protocol, so

1 that we're right there.

2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.

3 DEPUTY CHIEF BETTISON: Yes, sir. Thank you.

4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: It's good to have the  
5 conversation.

6 DEPUTY CHIEF BETTISON: Yes, it is.

7 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Burton.

8 COMMISSIONER BURTON: You know, through the  
9 Chair. No disrespect or anything, but I think that the  
10 relationship with DPD and the board has been good in a  
11 lot of ways. I mean, I, you know, get notifications  
12 and, you know, about the graduations. And I'm able to  
13 attend a number of them and then there's others that I  
14 can't make because of my schedule. But, you know,  
15 River Days and National Night Out and, you know, great  
16 strong participation from the community as well as many  
17 of the board members that attend those events. I think  
18 the relationship is good in a lot of ways. And I think  
19 it's only strengthening each and every day and  
20 throughout the years. So I love the relationship, you  
21 know, overall. I think that, you know --

22 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: But you're not --  
23 you're not -- I want to make sure we understand this,  
24 because this is not -- I'm not battering anybody. I  
25 want you to understand, Commissioner, I really take

1 offense if you're talking, because I feel like I'm not  
2 really badgering this police department. I just wanted  
3 to ask a question and that I feel like the other --  
4 I've been hearing for the last three or four months  
5 that I've been here. But I'm not -- I want you to  
6 know, Commissioner, I appreciate you letting me  
7 interrupt you, but I don't want to make sure people  
8 walk out here thinking that I really don't have this  
9 relationship. I really love this relationship, but I  
10 do feel like as a board member I've got a right to feel  
11 the way I feel for the citizens of this community.  
12 That's all.

13 And I apologize if I interrupted you, and I  
14 apologize to the Chair for not recognizing you. It's  
15 just a little emotional, because I never want to ever  
16 be thought that I'm doing anything to hurt anyone,  
17 especially the police department. And I feel like  
18 you're doing that to me and I don't like that.

19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.

20 You can finish.

21 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Thank you. You know, I  
22 think that, you know, even with Greektown becoming a  
23 Green Light corridor, you know, I remember getting -- I  
24 remember all of us actually got notifications about  
25 that where we were able to attend. And the department



1 did a great job of, you know, acknowledging those that  
2 would attend -- you know, that was in attendance. I  
3 think it was Commissioner Brown and myself, and it may  
4 have been a couple other commissioners.

5 But I just think that in the community, you  
6 know, and that whole visibility, you know, different  
7 community meetings, I think, you know, we all have our  
8 role in the community. I think we're all doing a great  
9 job on that. And I do get notifications from the  
10 board. I also get notifications from the department.  
11 I think the relationship is strong, and it's getting  
12 stronger even in our police community relations  
13 meetings, like at number 7, number 3 and number 5. I  
14 see those growing. But I think that we overcame a lot  
15 these past five years, and it shows me how much we have  
16 grown.

17 I mean, I remember when I first came -- and I  
18 want to leave everybody with this, and I don't mean to  
19 keep going on. But I remember how they said that how  
20 the commissioners were when they had the old police  
21 headquarters, which was 1300 Beaubien. So looking at  
22 how we've grown from the commissioners having meetings  
23 at 1300 Beaubien to having meetings here, you know.  
24 I'm looking at how we -- you know, I just think that  
25 it's a great relationship overall. I really do. And I

1 see the difference in the community. I see the  
2 difference even when I hear different numbers being  
3 shared. You know, before I guess we weren't getting  
4 information. Now we are getting information. I just  
5 think it's a great relationship.

6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. I think we're  
7 okay.

8 Commander -- any other comments or questions  
9 for the commander?

10 I want to thank you as always doing an  
11 outstanding job. I'm pleased to hear how the manual's  
12 open not just to DPD, but to the public. I know Ms.  
13 Butler and others who might have a concern and Ms.  
14 Pannell, others who engage in the police/community  
15 relationship will probably have a strong desire to look  
16 at that. And I appreciate Commissioner Carter's  
17 suggestion in terms of that process.

18 And I know at one time on the department that  
19 when it come down to promotion exams for those of us  
20 working the precinct we had to scramble to get intact  
21 manuals. So that's no longer the case, and I think you  
22 know what I'm talking about.

23 COMMANDER BLISS: Yes, sir.

24 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Just getting intact  
25 manuals to making sure we was all on the same page, and

1 clearly that's not the case.

2 And I want to close by mentioning our policy  
3 director, Ms. White, in terms of the great job that  
4 you're working through the policy committee and through  
5 the DPD process. So we have come a long way in a short  
6 period of time with your leadership in that particular  
7 area. So I just see that's continuing to grow. And  
8 thank you. As always, you do a good job, you know, and  
9 we really appreciate that type of interaction.

10 COMMANDER BLISS: Thank you, sir. Thank you,  
11 board.

12 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.

13 Next item would be any standing ad hoc  
14 committee reports?

15 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: I don't have a report.  
16 However, we are working diligently. We are getting a  
17 schedule everywhere in the community that the Mayor  
18 will speak. Hopefully we will have a recruiting table.

19 My thing was police are human beings. They  
20 have hours. So we've got to do something to help have  
21 those recruiting tables there. So I will admit, I only  
22 talked to Sergeant Stockensall (ph) about this. I will  
23 be talking to Lieutenant Cole and the rest.

24 What about volunteers? I meet wonderful  
25 people, young and a little older, who are looking for

1 work to do. If a table is set up, they could work  
2 those tables.

3 So we're working on that. So other than  
4 that, that's all I have today. Thank you.

5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Commissioner  
6 Brooks.

7 The next item would be our board secretary,  
8 but I want to prep our Wayne State director to come in  
9 to the mike and share some brief remarks after  
10 Mr. Hicks speaks. I want to take advantage of him  
11 attending and give him the mike at that particular  
12 time. If he would be so kind to share some remarks.  
13 Wayne State Public Safety is very important to DPD and  
14 to this community. So he's here so I want to have him  
15 share some remarks.

16 So, Mr. Hicks ...

17 MR. HICKS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. With that  
18 remark, I'm going to be very brief as well.

19 I do want to indicate to the board and assure  
20 the board that any communication that comes to the  
21 department, be they notifications of graduations or  
22 funeral arrangements or any other item is immediately  
23 transmitted to the board. And in some cases we've been  
24 a little concerned whether or not we're transmitting  
25 too many things to you.

1           Our typical transmission is that if it is  
2 police business it goes to your BOPC E-mail. If it's a  
3 situation that requires a kind of immediate response,  
4 we transmit both to BOPC E-mail and to your private  
5 E-mails. Especially we pay attention to that if it's  
6 like after hours where you may not engage your BOPC  
7 E-mail. So I do want to assure the board that that  
8 takes place.

9           Secondly, I do want to indicate that one of  
10 the revisions that we made and strengthening the  
11 subcommittee structure inside the board specifically  
12 relates, for example, to the policy work that Ms. White  
13 has been part of. And one of the things that we do  
14 when we receive a directive we begin immediately with a  
15 staff review. And we likewise take a look across the  
16 country for best practices and look for changes in the  
17 law and things of that sort.

18           We also then put this on the BOPC website for  
19 a 30-day -- what we call a 30-day citizens review. And  
20 then we monitor the BOPC website for citizens who  
21 respond to that invitation to get involved. And we  
22 have received some input in that regard.

23           And typically speaking, on the more complex  
24 policy directives or changes to the manual, the BOPC  
25 staff has been responsible on average for about 15 to

1 maybe even 20 policy recommendations in which we send  
2 back to the Chief's office. And that is as a result of  
3 sitting down with the policy subcommittee and  
4 discussing those things.

5 Then after those things get transmitted the  
6 Chief's office has an opportunity then to come back  
7 into the policy review committee, and we then discuss,  
8 if you will, what is reasonable based upon your  
9 recommendations and what is not. Then it is scheduled  
10 to come to the full board.

11 So there is a tremendous amount of  
12 interaction in the process that involves the members of  
13 the policy subcommittee, the staff. And I think what  
14 joins us, even the department together on this, is that  
15 all of us are looking for best practices and the most  
16 efficient way to do that.

17 But I would note that our particular input  
18 relates to the eye of the citizens, the way a citizen  
19 would look at this, which we find oftentimes differs  
20 from the way in which professional police officers may  
21 approach things. So we think that as the charter  
22 allows for that that kind of interactive element is  
23 really important inside the process.

24 And there are times given our limited staff  
25 we find that dependent upon the topic we might ship the

1 topic out collectively to all of our staff, or to many  
2 of our staff. So you will find not only Ms. White, but  
3 you'll find Mr. Wyrick, you'll find -- actually, I  
4 can't think of a person who you may not find in one day  
5 assisting in lifting some of the heavy load and some of  
6 the reviews of these policies.

7 I would indicate, however, that one of the  
8 policies that has been a considerable concern to us and  
9 I think a considerable concern to you has been the rank  
10 in structure policy. And that policy was transmitted  
11 back I believe in December and we are concerned. We  
12 did get a response from the department. We found the  
13 department had a substantially different view of that  
14 policy than we had. And we do look to coming back to  
15 that discussion in order to kind of close the gap on  
16 that one.

17 So that one is not due -- the delay in that  
18 one is not due to a member of the department being off  
19 on medical leave, or whatever the case may be. That  
20 one is a substantial difference in terms of the way in  
21 which we see ourselves operating inside the department  
22 and the way the department sees how we operate in the  
23 department. And I did want to call that to your  
24 attention.

25 And with that, Mr. Chair, that will conclude

1 my remarks. And, if there's any questions that you  
2 have, I'll be more than happy to entertain them.

3 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Any questions or concerns  
4 to Mr. Hicks?

5 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Yes, Mr. Hicks. And I  
6 appreciate your report. I'm always intrigued by the  
7 fact that we put things on the website. I'm really  
8 intrigued about that. We got 53 percent of our  
9 population is illiterate, and 77 percent -- a good 60,  
10 70 percent have no computers. And always -- you know,  
11 so the question is what do we do about the other people  
12 that don't -- and many of these policies are going to  
13 affect those people basically on that scale.

14 For example, is it possible that we could --  
15 when we go out in the community, can we have a policy  
16 read and basically have the community notified in that  
17 area with the district managers that we are basically  
18 having a review and put it up on the screen and have a  
19 fresh -- in other words, I just feel like, you know, we  
20 just -- I'm just intrigued by the fact people talk  
21 about a website. I'm 104 years old and I'm still eight  
22 track mentality.

23 And so I'm just saying I just feel like the  
24 staff ought to do a little bit more. And I'm not --  
25 I'm almost scared to say anything, but I just feel like



1 we ought to do a little bit more at times of getting  
2 the message to the people who really it affects the  
3 most.

4 MR. HICKS: Mr. Chair, if I can just add.  
5 And there's no difference in your opinion and our  
6 opinion relative to that. I mean, we agree.

7 I would also remind you that one of the other  
8 ways in which the board operates. If you recall when  
9 we were approaching the discussion of TASERS and  
10 body-worn cameras, the board actually organized public  
11 meetings around those topics. And we held those  
12 meetings in the community in the evening that created  
13 the greatest possibility for citizens to attend.

14 You would also notice that we have -- and  
15 it's not possible to give all the details in a meeting  
16 like this, but we also have a policy newsletter, which  
17 discusses a number of these particular items that is  
18 broadly distributed through the city by electronic  
19 mail. And where the -- I think the -- Media Services,  
20 for example, I think it's Media Services, that has a  
21 list where they communicate across the city on all  
22 events related to the city. Well, we likewise tag --  
23 or tie into that with the policy newsletters and things  
24 of that and so fourth. So we're trying to encourage  
25 people.

1           COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: All I'm asking is that  
2 -- and again, you know, I'm here -- I just -- when I  
3 take two hours out a week, I just feel like I ought to  
4 have something useful. I'm just saying to you, my  
5 friend, that we've still got 53 percent illiteracy. I  
6 don't care what you send out there. And people don't  
7 read nothing that basically don't affect -- really  
8 affect them. If the water's not -- I got a water bill  
9 I got to worry about, I got a light bill to worry  
10 about, my son has just got arrested, my daughter just  
11 got pregnant.

12           I'm just saying to you there's a lot of  
13 issues, but I'm asking you and begging you if it's  
14 possible through the Chair can we through our district  
15 people to help us to get the word a little bit closer  
16 to these citizens. That's all I'm asking.

17           I'm not questioning your effort. I think  
18 you're wonderful. I just feel like I have a obligation  
19 for the least-to-bes to look out for them, and that's  
20 all I'm asking, Mr. Chairman, and I'm sorry.

21           CHAIRPERSON BELL: We can entertain in  
22 working with the seven district managers and deputy  
23 managers and et cetera. And we can do more, perhaps  
24 take an ongoing issue, if not monthly, if not every  
25 month at our community meeting to focus in -- like

1 people might have a interest in police chase. We can  
2 take a segment of that to talk about it in terms of  
3 policies in other departments, enlighten -- TASER, you  
4 know. We can do some ongoing things.

5           And one of the things I would like to do is  
6 every month is for this board not just come together on  
7 this setting here, that maybe on the third or the first  
8 of the month if we spent some time on a training  
9 session making sure that I express your viewpoint and  
10 your concerns, just not Willie Bell, just not the  
11 leadership, and making sure you can share some of those  
12 concerns, and then as we go forward we're all on the  
13 same page. I don't want to be out front and you -- we  
14 might have addressed it, but you don't really know  
15 about it. So we want -- he mentioned a issue about  
16 there's some conflict. You need to understand the  
17 rationale why we have that conflict. And, therefore,  
18 you can have that type of input as we try to resolve  
19 that in making sure we express your viewpoint.

20           So we can start that in September. Hopefully  
21 on the third Thursday of the month after our community  
22 meeting. I think that would be a good -- take 30  
23 minutes just to have that type of dialogue in terms of  
24 the training session, making sure we're in compliance  
25 with the Open Meeting Act, with just in training act,

1 in terms of how we can approach that.

2 Commissioner Burton.

3 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair.

4 Thank you. You know, I want to thank Commissioner Jim  
5 Holley, you know, for addressing poverty and addressing  
6 the Detroit literacy rate. But another thing he was  
7 also looking into, Reverend Jim Holley, Commissioner  
8 Holley, right away is that the Police Department is  
9 very active on social media. And, you know, Detroit  
10 Police Board of Commissioners also have a social media  
11 page.

12 He likes to see, and I think that we all like  
13 to see, that we utilize our social media page for the  
14 BOPC and also reach the community, because a lot of our  
15 -- a lot of Detroit residents are not watching the news  
16 or the -- not coming to a lot of the meetings, but we  
17 can reach a whole different demographics on social  
18 media. And we can also utilize some of those paid  
19 sponsor ads to get our message out there and really  
20 build a solid platform. So I'm really in support of  
21 Commissioner Jim Holley as far as that recommendation  
22 as something that he's been talking about.

23 But also we need to have some additional  
24 forums or meetings in the community other than the once  
25 a month community meeting. We should have some

1 additional meetings throughout the seven districts in  
2 the city to create that visibility, but also work  
3 closely in conjunction with DPD, because, you know,  
4 when the community sees the media or they hear  
5 something on social media it's usually after the fact.

6 And it's our job to build bridges, build that  
7 community trust. And I think we've been doing a great  
8 job as far as with that. I think, like Commissioner  
9 Jim Holley said, there's more that we can do. We all  
10 want to do something, because we all signed up to  
11 serve. Even those in the audience, you all want to do  
12 something, because you all took the time out of your  
13 schedules to be at the BOPC meeting where you can be  
14 anywhere.

15 But I think that -- I think what Reverend Jim  
16 Holley, Commissioner Holley, is addressing I think he's  
17 right on board.

18 And talking about policies just for a second,  
19 I also want to think --

20 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Could you wrap it up?

21 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Yes, absolutely,  
22 absolutely. Thank you. I want to thank board  
23 Secretary Hicks and also the board attorney, because I  
24 had a meeting in the community and they had some  
25 concerns about noise ordinance. And I didn't know

1 what, you know, the language were or the policies were  
2 on that. So I want to thank both of them for providing  
3 that information so I can be able to put it in the  
4 hands of the community.

5 But, you know, I think we're all doing what  
6 we can and I think we all really working hard to get  
7 the message out there. But I think social media, the  
8 digital whole platform, I think that's the way to go  
9 according to Reverend Jim Holley.

10 These are his words. I support him, we  
11 support him, the community loves him. And, like he  
12 say, you know, is it anything that we can do. And I  
13 think that he's right on the money. He's the one  
14 that's addressing poverty. He's the first commissioner  
15 that I've seen to really address poverty and Detroit's  
16 literacy rate.

17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Thank you,  
18 appreciate it.

19 We're going to move the agenda and ask  
20 Mr. Holt from the Wayne County Public Safety office to  
21 come to the mike.

22 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Wayne State.

23 COMMISSIONER CARTER: It's Wayne State.

24 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Wayne State Public  
25 Safety.

1 COMMISSIONER CARTER: You said Wayne County.

2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Wayne State. Go Warriors.

3 MR. HOLT: Thank you for allowing me to come  
4 to the meeting. It's a pleasure to be here. I don't  
5 want to take away from your stated agenda. Just to  
6 state that we're on the same page with Detroit Police,  
7 Deputy Chief Barren that keeps me informed. We run  
8 into trouble, he gets us out of trouble. Commissioner  
9 Carter's at our CompStat meeting, and I always turn  
10 around to look at her to see if I'm going in the right  
11 direction. All our officers are commissioned as  
12 Detroit police officers. So we're right on the same  
13 page here.

14 I would like in the future to host a Board of  
15 Police Commissioner meeting as we've done in the past.  
16 The only difference is that we feed you very well. So  
17 keep us on the schedule.

18 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: So moved.

19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: And thank you, sir. We  
20 appreciate Wayne State.

21 Old business?

22 Any new business?

23 Announcements. August 30, 2018 3 p.m.  
24 meeting has been cancelled, as you all know. The next  
25 meeting would be on Thursday, September the 6th at

1 3 p.m. at Public Safety Headquarters. Our next  
2 community meeting will be on September the 13th,  
3 6:30 p.m. and the Fourth Precinct at the Marathon  
4 Petroleum Michigan Headquarters at 1001 South Oakwood,  
5 Detroit, Michigan. So that's September 13th, our  
6 community meeting.

7 So we move on to a very important part of the  
8 meeting, oral communication from the public. You have  
9 two minutes. Please give your name, and Mr. Brown is  
10 going to call you.

11 MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair, I currently have one  
12 card, Ms. Susie Mann (ph).

13 MS. MANN: Good afternoon.

14 COMMISSIONERS: Good afternoon.

15 MS. MANN: This would be like my second  
16 meeting to where I got information to find out -- my  
17 daughter was murdered three weeks and eight days ago.  
18 I've been promised a whole lot of updates, information.  
19 Seven weeks ago I was promised to be able to get her  
20 things, which has not been released. There has been  
21 like no updates.

22 It's a whole lot of murders going on in the  
23 city of Detroit. I think the police need a little bit  
24 more help than what they do have, including the people  
25 who is doing the murders and homicide. They need some



1 help, because the caseload as far as I'm concerned  
2 apparently has to be too much overloaded to where we  
3 can't get the information that we need.

4           There's leakage in the police department in  
5 the Second Precinct. I'm not telling you something I'm  
6 guessing. I'm telling you facts. I'm standing here  
7 stating facts. I'm not stating to you any fiction. I  
8 have a problem with going to certain people because of  
9 my safety as well as, you know, the police department.  
10 Things that I'm finding out about my daughter's murder  
11 is being leaked out from the police department.

12           Check your people, for real. That's all I  
13 can say. As a citizen, I am very disappointed. I  
14 expect more from the people who -- and this is not all  
15 police. I can't say all police. Let me say those that  
16 is -- you know, took a oath to serve and not doing  
17 their job. But the ones that is doing their job I  
18 commend you for that. So I'm not here to just bash  
19 them. I just want some answers at this particular  
20 point and my daughter's belongings.

21           You know, my life changed three months and  
22 eight days ago. I'm not the same person I used to be,  
23 you know. And then not having closure with her  
24 murderer still loose, that's not good. You know, I  
25 watch TV and hear the news lately. There was three

1 other young ladies off of Fenkell that was -- jumped  
2 out of a car attempted to be murdered.

3 Come on, people. We got to come together and  
4 do better than what we doing. That's all I have to  
5 say.

6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, ma'am. And you  
7 have our deference, concern and condolence. And I'm  
8 going to ask the deputy chief to probably designate --  
9 he will talk to you after the meeting or, you know, as  
10 we -- to voice your concern. And thank you for  
11 bringing it to our attention.

12 Yes, sir. Go ahead.

13 DEPUTY CHIEF BARREN: And, ma'am, and again  
14 sorry for your loss, and we'll take immediate action.  
15 And so I'm going to have the captain and/or commander  
16 of Homicide come down and we'll meet out in the lobby.  
17 So --

18 Could you make that call for me?

19 COMMANDER BLISS: Yes.

20 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Deputy Chief.

21 MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair, that was your last ...

22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: If there's no other  
23 business before this body that's here, I would  
24 entertain a motion for adjournment.

25 COMMISSIONER CARTER: So moved.

1 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Support.

2 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHÉ: Support.

3 CHAIRPERSON BELL: It's been properly moved  
4 and supported.

5 Those in favor, aye?

6 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

7 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Opposed?

8 Motion carries.

9 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Meeting adjourned.

10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Meeting adjourned.

11 (The meeting was adjourned at 4:34 p.m.)

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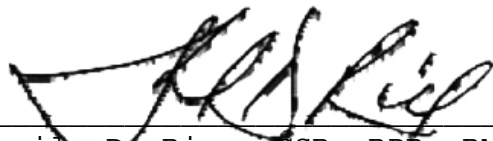
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