

**Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners**

**Date of Meeting: May 4, 2017 – 3:00 PM**

Location: Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third Ave., 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room, Detroit MI 48226

**Chairman Willie Bell called the BOPC meeting to order at 3:00 PM (May 4, 2017)**

Detroit Police Commission Membership / Attendance	Attend	Not-Attend
Willie E. Bell, Chair	Yes	
Vacant, Vice Chair	N/A	
Elizabeth Brooks	Yes	
Willie E. Burton (3:17 PM)	Yes	
Lisa Carter	Yes	
Reginald Crawford	Yes	
Eva Dewaelsche	Yes	
Conrad Mallett	Excused	
Derrick Sanders	Excused	
Richard Shelby	Yes	
Bishop Edgar Vann	Yes	
Quorum (Yes)	8	

**The Board acted in accordance with its rules**, approve the Agenda for May 4, 2017.

**The Board acted in accordance with its rules**, approve the following Board Minutes:

**Thursday, April 20, 2017**

**Thursday, April 27, 2017**

**BOPC Officers Report(s):** After welcome and opening remarks **Chairman Bell** also provided the invocation. **Chairman Bell** asked the Commissioners in attendance to introduce themselves and add any comments to the record. Other elected officials, representatives and VIP's were also asked to identify themselves or their organizational affiliations. BOPC staff in attendance were also introduced. Bell also welcomed Chief Craig to the meeting and invited him to introduce his staff. Also introduced to the Board was the new Assistant Chief Arnold Williams.

**Chairman Bell** also discussed the following items as part of his Chairman's Report. On Sunday, April 30, 2017, two Detroit Police Officers received a police run resulting in injuries to one officer. It is our understanding, this officer is still fighting for his life and our support and blessings go out to him and his family. Our City, our community – we are all hoping for a complete recovery for him.

Just yesterday morning, our Board joined with the Department in the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Interfaith Memorial Service with the Mayor, the Chief of Police, the Chaplin Corps and a wide range of community, police officers and law enforcement family to memorialize officers who are taken from us over the course of their duty. Please keep these officers and their families in your thoughts.

In today's meeting under presentations to the Board we will take up the policy question of the use of Electronic Control Weapons (ECW). The policy represents a joint conversation within the Department between the Chief's staff and the Board. As many of you may recall, the BOPC made 13 recommended enhancements to the draft policy on ECW submitted by the Chief. As you can see in your Board package, all of the recommendations have been accepted and added to the final policy. This effort, again represents the spirit of the Detroit City Charter as it contemplated a joint effort is setting the rules and regulations for the Department. We hope to continue this joint effort into the future.

At our next community meeting, May 11, 2017 at 6:30 PM, we will have two presentations. The first is from Homicide. The second will involve the Building, Safety Engineering and Environmental Department who will update us on Medical Marijuana.

BSEED has a new website on medical marijuana. Their presentation will take us from start to finish in the steps to open a clinic. The public will receive answers to the number of legal shops in business and the efforts to force compliance with local laws and ordinances.

Again, please mark your calendars for Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup> starting 12:00 Noon and Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 AM, for the Board's Training Program. Our Training will take place at the Atheneum Suite Hotel, downtown. Within the next week, each member will receive a detailed package of the activities. We will have guest from the LA-PD, who will share some of their experience on police oversight. The sessions are closed as part of our training program. This session is designed to discuss and set goals for BOPC.

**Addendum to 3<sup>rd</sup> Round Promotions from the Chief of Police (Item is a carryover from the April 27, 2017 BOPC Meeting)**

The Chief of Police verified in a April 21, 2017 letter to the BOPC (received April 25, 2017) Sergeant Devin Dunbeck, a candidate for promotion to the rank of Lieutenant was declared "unfit for duty", and therefore Sergeant Shelly Eggers, the next candidate on the active promotional list is recommended for promotion.

**Motion:** Motion to approve the Chief of Police Addendum, 3<sup>rd</sup> Round Promotions of Lieutenant's List (**Dewaelsche**),

**Second:** (Crawford)

**Vote:** Yes = 8                      No = 0    Abst = 0 (Excused = 2)                      (Vacant = 1)                      **Action: Approved**

**Chief of Police Report: Chief of Police James Craig** reported on the 9<sup>th</sup> installation of the DPD-TV program, DPD CompStat data for April 30, 2017. Craig discussed the Year to Date Comps for Homicide (8% increase), Non-Fatal Shootings (-5% decrease), Sexual Assault (-7% decrease), Carjacking (-4% decrease). The Chief also updated the Board on the condition Officer Johnson. Chief Craig also discussed the recent 44<sup>th</sup> Memorial Interfaith Service for fallen officers and his invitation to speak in Washington DC. **Commissioner Dewaelsche** inquired about the health and emotional state of Officers William's partners. **Commissioner Brooks** inquired about the legality of citizens leaving their automobile running unattended.

**Commissioner Vann** inquired about the situation behind the decision to transport police personnel to one hospital location verse other hospital locations. **Commissioner Crawford** request that Fire Commissioner Eric Jones provide the Board with information about the transporting officer Williams to a non-Level #1 hospital facility. **Commissioners Dewaelsche and Crawford** asked for the BOPC staff and Department to research existing policy around transporting injured officers and advise the Board in modernizing our policy and practices in this area.

**Presentation to the Board:** (A) Electronic Control Weapons (ECWs) (B) HR Monthly Report

(A) Electronic Control Weapons. **AC James White and Lt. Michael Parish** addressed the Board on Police Directive 304.02 – Electronic Control Weapons. The Directive detailed the purpose, policy and the utilization of ECWs. Lt. Parish indicated in his presentation the Department was solving for modernization of the Department equipment, insofar as 15,000 police agencies and other authorities have adopted ECW policies and the selection of a less lethal weapon to deploy against aggressive and non-compliant citizens. Parish indicated the model directive used in development the Detroit Directive was the work of the Cincinnati Police Department. The BOPC was informed that the Policy Committee of the BOPC had reviewed a draft directive on the same subject and had made 13 recommendations to the policy draft. Said recommendation are included in the final draft directive. The Chair asked for a motion to approve DPD Directive 304.02 – Electronic Control Weapons, as submitted.

**Motion:** Motion to approve DPD Directive 304.02 – Electronic Control Weapons (**Dewaelsche**),

**Second:** (Crawford)

**Vote:** Yes = 8                      No = 0    Abst = 0 (Excused = 2)                      (Vacant = 1)                      **Action: Approved.**

**(B) Human Resources Report for the Month ending April 30, 2017.** HR Director **Gail Oxendine** highlighted the personnel associated with DPD as 3123 total position, 2412 sworn positions filled, and 519 civilian positions. She also indicated last month the Department has made 32 hires (POs) Director Oxendine also gave demographic statistics descriptive of the force as of April 30, 2017.

**BOPC Standing and Ad hoc Committee Reports:** None.

**Report from the Board Secretary: Mr. Hicks** reported on four communications from various sources which are placed on our agenda as incoming correspondence, not as action items. Mr. Hicks also noted a late transmission from the Chief of Police not included on the incoming list was related to the Chief recommendation to promote a person to the rank of Deputy Chief. The promotional request is scheduled to be taken up at the May 11, 2017 Agenda.

**New Business.** No new business.

**Announcements:**

Next Meeting, Thursday, May 11, 2017 @ 6:30 PM, 8<sup>th</sup> Precinct, Harvest Christian Church 24400 W. 7 Mile Rd. 48219.  
Next Community Meeting, Thursday, June 8, 2017 in the 4<sup>th</sup> Police Precinct.

**Oral Communications:** None.

**Chairman Bell.** 4:45 PM. Adjourned.