

Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners

Date of Meeting: September 21, 2017 – 6:30 PM

Location: Operating Engineers Local #324, 1550 Howard Street, Detroit, MI 48216

Chairperson Lisa Carter called the BOPC meeting to order at 6:30 PM (September 21, 2017)

Detroit Police Commission Membership / Attendance	Attend	Not-Attend
Lisa Carter, Chairperson	Yes	
Eva Dewaelsche, Vice Chairperson	Yes	
Willie Bell	Yes	
Elizabeth Brooks	Yes	
Willie E. Burton	Excused	
Reginald Crawford	Yes	
Conrad Mallett	Excused	
Derrick Sanders	Yes	
Richard Shelby	Yes	
Bishop Edgar Vann	Excused	
Vacant	N/A	
Quorum (Yes)	7	

The Board acted in accordance with its rules approved the Agenda for September 21, 2017.

The Board acted in accordance with its rules approved the following Board Minutes:
Thursday, September 7, 2017

BOPC Officers Report(s): After welcome and opening remarks **Chairperson Lisa Carter** asked Commissioner Bell to provide the invocation. **Chairperson Carter** asked the Commissioners in attendance to introduce themselves and add any comments to the record. Other elected officials, representatives and VIPs were also asked to identify themselves or their organizational affiliations. BOPC staff in attendance were also introduced. Carter also welcomed Chief of Police James E. Craig to the meeting and invited him to introduce his staff.

Chair Report: **Carter** said, "On behalf of the Board, thank you to the Operating Engineers Local 324, for the use of their Union Hall. Commissioner Sanders, I invite you to welcome the Board and citizens of Detroit to your home. Our Commissioner District hosts for this community will be Commissioner Burton of District #5 and myself from District #6. On behalf of the Board we continue to express our support and concerns for Fallen Officers and their Families. On behalf of the Board, I would like to extend our condolences to the families of former DPD, Deputy Chief William Dwight Hudson. DC Hudson is the father-in law OCI Investigator Gianna Coulter. A detailed notice with information about the family hour and service has already been shared with the Board and Department. Also, I would like to extend our condolences to the family of Commissioner Conrad Mallett, jr., for the passing of his father Conrad Mallett, Sr. Mr. Mallett had an outstanding history of public service as a police officer, Director of the Detroit Department of Transportation, Vice President for Academic Affairs, at Wayne County Community College just to name a few of his many outstanding accomplishments. In your package is a copy of a tribute to Conrad Mallet Sr., given by the Honorable John Conyers, Jr. in 1998. But by far, the most important accomplishment was that of father and family man to the Mallett family. Commissioner Mallett our condolences and prayers. I understand that a Memorial Service is planned for in October.

Last week, AC Arnold Williams reported on the Chief's project to assist first responders in the south due to the series of tropical storms that had devastated several regions of the country. I would also like to add that our Board and staff recently made a sizable contribution in the name of the Board of Police Commissioners to the American Red Cross. Our internal campaign to support the Red Cross relief effort was headed up by Investigators Elgin Murphy and LiSonya Sloan. Thank you to the Board,

staff and to Investigators Murphy and Sloan. Again, we express our condolences to the families whose lives have been changed by these traumatic storms.

Welcome all back from the NACOLE conference. We will have a general summary of the conference for the Board and community within the next few meetings. The conference overall, was good and had several interesting workshops that we will take advantage of in the months ahead.

I want to end my report today by letting Detroiters with families in regions affected by Harvey, Irma, and Jose, Katia, Lee and Maria – know that we stand with you and to all those impacted, we are praying for you and hope you stay safe and experience the best possible outcomes.”

Certificates and Resolutions:

Certificate presented by **Commissioner Bell** to the **NorthEnd Radio Patrol**, accepted by **Ms. Phyllis Jenkins**.

Certificate presented by **Commissioner Bell** to the **Woodbridge Radio Patrol**.

Resolution honoring Mr. Fred Bouyer read into the record by **Commissioner Eva Dewaelsche**.

RESOLUTION HONORING MR. FRED BOUYER

WHEREAS Mr. Fred Bouyer attended Detroit Northwestern High School in 1970, and obtained his GED while honorably serving in the United States Army, 82nd Airborne from 1971-1973; and

WHEREAS Mr. Bouyer is founder and an active member of United Communities Block Club Association on Loraine Street over the last three years. He has always been interested in police community services and has always contributed in efforts to improve neighborhood safety and quality of life. His participation in community organizations goes back to the 1970's, when he was an active member of various community Block Clubs as a teenager; and

WHEREAS Mr. Bouyer conducts several neighborhood cleanups during the spring and summer months. In 2016, he began rehabbing an abandoned house, he acquired, at 5725 Loraine. The house will be used as a community resource center that will offer educational and employment services. This community center will also have a community garden that will teach residents of the community about healthy eating and starting their own gardens; and

WHEREAS Mr. Bouyer graduated from the Detroit Police Citizen Academy in 2015. He has a Class A CDL and has been a truck driver, transporting United States Mail throughout the country over the last 13 years. He is an active participant of the Motor City Makeover events and is a participant in Anti-Crime Walks, which takes place during the summer throughout various neighborhoods within the Third Precinct. Mr. Bouyer continues to receive training and promote crime prevention initiatives in his community. He believes that strong ties with the Third Precinct has help reduced crime in his neighborhood.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners speaking for the citizens of the city of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department, acknowledge the dedicated, hardworking, committed support of M r. Fred Bouyer. His public service and devotion to improving the quality of life for all citizens in his community and throughout the city of Detroit, merits our highest regards.

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Motion: Commissioner Dewaelsche moved to honor Mr. Fred Bouyer, Second Commissioner Bell.

Yes = 7 No = 0 Abst. = 0 Motion approved

COP Police Report: Chief of Police James Craig reported on the downward trend in crime and discussed several factors associated with the downward trend including CEASEFIRE and the Department Greenlight program. **COP Craig** reported on CompStat data for the reporting period ending September 17, 2017. Craig reported Homicides percentage change between 2015 and 2016 of -5% decrease, Sexual Assaults -9% decrease, Robbery -14% decrease, Carjacking -13% decrease, Aggravated Assaults, -6% decrease, Non-fatal shooting, -10% decrease for an overall total of -8% decrease, and overall violent crime of -8% and property offenses -7%. Craig acknowledged the recent death of MSP Patrolman Timothy O'Neal assigned to the motor division of MSP. Chief Craig congratulated Commander Tiffany Stewart for her promotion and reported on the 11 DPD officers who traveled south to deliver supplies to “first responders”. Chief Craig also announced a Department sponsored road race to take place on Saturday, September 23 at The Coleman A. Young International Airport (City Airport). **Commissioner Brooks** shared information about a break-in on W. 7 Mile Rd. and suggested that this store owner be added to the Greenlight initiative.

Commissioner Bell asked about former DC Rene Hall and her command in Dallas Texas. Bell also inquired about the impact of State Police withdraw from patrolling the 9th Police Precinct. Chief Craig indicated the greater share of police work in the 9th is and has been done by DPD and that the withdrawal of MSP would not have any consequences.

Presentations to the Board: (A) BOPC Media and Community Relations Coordinator, Teresa Blossom (B) Third Police Precinct.

(A) BOPC Media and Community Relations Coordinator, **Teresa Blossom**. Ms. Blossom presented to the Board an overall communication strategy centering on upgrades to the Board of Police Commissioners website. The new improvements are intended to increase the friendly interface between the general public and the BOPC. Ms. Blossom showed a series of screen shots of the new and old website. She stated the revisions to the website make common items that citizens expect to see and use more accessible. Ms. Blossom also indicated that updates and new profiles of Commissioners along with an interactive map are along with other enhancements that package BOPC materials in one primary location; that easily provide information about filing complaints against DPD and accessing the on-line form; and that allow visitors to review BOPC news, publications, and videos and provide feedback.

(B) Third Police Precinct. **Commander Nicholas Giaquinto and Captain Rodney Cox** presented information on the 3th Police Precinct and various efforts to combat crime in the precinct. Giaquinto reported that crime in the 3th was down as compared to the balance of the city. Giaquinto indicated that sexual assaults were down by 2%, overall robberies down by 26%, aggravated assaults down by 8%, burglaries down by 5%, larceny down by 12%, auto theft down by 1% resulting in 9% overall reduction in crime. Giaquinto also indicated that the precinct sought and obtained a 16 count continuing criminal enterprise warrant (Reco style) aimed at combating B & E's. Giaquinto summarized the precinct's efforts in using the theory of the crime triangle to fight crime. He added the major focus of the efforts was to separate a motivated offender from a potential encounter with a victim resulting in no actual criminal contact and therefore the alleviation of the criminal opportunity. Giaquinto added using crime intelligence, focusing on "place" (potential crime locations) and working with potential victims through partnerships have resulted in positive outcomes. Cox also discussed the many partnerships within the 3rd Precinct including relationships with Wayne State University and Americorp/Center for Urban Studies, the United State Postal Service, DTE in association with the bait-bike project which has resulted in 70 prosecutions, Help Eliminate Auto Theft (HEAT) MSP and areas hospitals in connection with security in the lots and parking structures.

BOPC Standing and Ad hoc Committee Reports: None.

Report from the Board Secretary: Mr. Hicks reported on eight (8) communications received by the Board.

Old Business. Recommendation for 4th Round Promotions. Based on actions by the Board at its last meeting three officers' promotions remain on the table, (**Det**), **Jarmiare McEntire, PO Rhonda Sherman and PO Myron Watkins.**

Motion by Commissioner Sanders, approve the promotional recommendation for **Det. Jarmiare McEntire, Second Bell.**
Yes = 7 No = 0 Abst. = 0 Motion approved

Motion by Commissioner Sanders, approve the promotional recommendation for **PO Rhonda Sherman, Second Bell.**
Yes = 7 No = 0 Abst. = 0 Motion approved

New Business: Appointment to the Rank of Commander Tiffany Stewart and recommendation by the Chief to promote Sergeant Robert Torres to the rank of Lieutenant.

Motion to approve the recommendation by COP for Stewart and Torres by Bell, Second Sanders.
Yes = 7 No = 0 Abst. = 0 Motion approved

Announcements:

Next Regular Meeting: Thursday, September 28, 2017 @ 3:00 PM , Detroit Public Safety headquarters, 1301 Third Street.

Next Community Meeting: Thursday, October 12, 2017 @ Sacred Heart Activities Building, 3451 Rivard Street (East of I-75, south of Mack Ave.)

Oral Communications from the Audience / Public Comments:

Ms. Faith indicated her appreciation for information about the department and the work of the Department. **William Davis** reported on the results of a demonstration in the front of Little Caesars Arena in association with Kid Rock and his support for the confederate flag. **Stephaine Hale** complained about the DPD unnecessarily shooting her dog on September 6, 2017 and the bad service she received from the Department in seeking a redress to her complaint. **Joseph Haskin** indicated he was sorry to see Commander Tosqui leave the precinct, but welcomed the new commander. **Bernice Smith** applauded the protest of Kid Rock's restaurant opening and noted her support of DC Barren. **Athena Moore** applauded the work in the 3rd precinct including the work of Mr. Bouyer and his efforts to fight drug trafficking, blight and crime. She also complained about poor lighting. **Mary McGhee** inquired if the Department had training to allow officers to better react to special needs citizens (mental health or autism related special needs). She also question if the 8th Precinct was fully open for business inasmuch as she observed boarded windows in the community building annex. **Shayne Sisco** voiced her support for Commander Tosqui. **Sarah Jones** requested more police coverage on a two block radius in her neighborhood, follow-up was referred to the Precinct for special attention.

Commissioner Dewaelsche inquired about the current situation involving medical marijuana and the state of Michigan. Mr. Hicks indicated the next community forum was devoted to this topic. Dewaelsche notified the Board that she would be away from the city on business and would not be able to make the next community meeting. She also indicated because of her extreme interest in this topic, she requested that we look at an alternative date for the medical marijuana forum.

Motion to adjourn.