

Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners
Date of Meeting: September 28, 2017 – 6:30 PM
 Location: Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 32d Floor, Detroit, MI 48226

Chairperson Lisa Carter called the BOPC meeting to order at 3:00 PM (September 28, 2017)

Detroit Police Commission Membership / Attendance	Attend	Not-Attend
Lisa Carter, Chairperson	Yes	
Eva Dewaelsche, Vice Chairperson	Excused	
Willie Bell	Yes	
Elizabeth Brooks	Yes	
Willie E. Burton (3:23 PM)	Yes	
Reginald Crawford	Yes	
Conrad Mallett	Yes	
Derrick Sanders	Yes	
Richard Shelby	Yes	
Bishop Edgar Vann	Excused	
Vacant	N/A	
Quorum (Yes)	8	

The Board acted in accordance with its rules approved the Agenda for September 28, 2017.

The Board acted in accordance with its rules approved the following Board Minutes:
Thursday, September 21, 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 to the meeting, Assistant Chief Arnold Williams representing Chief of Police James E. Craig. AC Williams introduced staff of DPD.

Chair Report: **Carter** said, "On behalf of the Board we continue to express our support and concerns for Fallen Officers and their Families and the many families impacted by tropical storm Maria. Carter also acknowledged the service of OI **Supervising Investigator LiSonya Sloan** and **Investigator Elgin Murphy** for their assistance in collecting funds from BOPC which were donated to the American Red Cross for hurricane relief efforts.

Commissioner Sanders motioned that the Board accept the recommendation of DPD Chief James Craig to promote **PO Myron Watkins**, to the rank of Sergeant. Second **Bell**.

Yes = 8 No = 0 Abst. = 0 Motion approved

COP Police Report: Assistant **Chief of Police Arnold Williams** reported on the downward trend in crime. He reported on CompStat data for the reporting period ending September 24, 2017. AC Williams reported Homicides percentage change between 2015 and 2016 of -3% decrease, Sexual Assaults -7% decrease, Robbery -14% decrease, Carjacking -12% decrease, Aggravated Assaults, -5% decrease, Non-fatal shooting, -10% decrease for an overall total of -7% decrease, and overall violent crime of -7% and property offenses -7%. AC Williams also reported on the current differences between the recent release of FBI crime statistics and DPD crime data. AC Williams indicated that the federal government is pulling directly from an old database that has several reporting problems (CrisNet). He indicated that CrisNet was coming to an end and that transitioning to the new system would resolve the data issues. AC Williams also indicated that the federal and state government have corrected data on Detroit's crime. **Commission Mallett** suggested that a corrected copy of the crime data be formally reported to the appropriate organizations state, federal and local, as revised data. **Chair Carter** requested that a wider distribution of the corrected data be

made available to all ranges of government and the public. **Commissioner Bell** inquired as to the reporting protocol for homicides. Bell raised a past discussion about reporting homicide data and the practice of separating those homicides ruled as justified from the total count. AC Williams indicated that CompStat also tracked all homicide data, but the Department transmitted to the FBI only data that had a criminal motivated connection. Bell also asked if other cities backed out their homicides in a similar fashion. **Elaine Bryant** of Homicide indicated her division tracked both types of homicides and would share the report with the BOPC.

Presentations to the Board: (A) Communications and 911 Dispatchers.

(A) Communications and 911 Dispatchers, **Director Flemings, Lt Jamar Rickett, Crystal Watkins** (911 Administrator), **Sgt. Shelly Holderbaum** (TCRU), presented operating sections of the Communications Bureau which included 911 Call Center, Police Dispatch, Notifications & Control, Telephone Crime Reporting, Keeper of the Records and the Message Center. They indicated that the unit had processed 1,255,318 calls. 911Administrator added that in 2016 the Department processed 199,465 calls for service. In current year to date 1,987,731 calls for services were processed. The 2015 figures were 197,000 calls for service. The Bureau over the recent period had undergone a process of civilization and has the following personnel attached to various sections; 911 Emergency had 12 Senior Emergency Service Deployment Operator's, 94 Emergency Service Deployment Operators; Police Dispatch, 3 Police Corporals, 14 Police Officers and 54 Emergency Service Deployment Operators; Telephone Crime Reporting, 6 Senior Telecommunications Operators and 41 Telecommunications Operators. Each section described their areas of responsibility (Powerpoint presentation on file). **Commissioner Mallett** and **Crawford** asked about Department response time. **Commissioner Shelby** asked if DPD was still dispatching for the city of Highland Park. DPD also indicated that all of the data generated for Highland Park is separate from DPD data. **Commissioner Bell** asked for precinct comparison data for various commissioner districts.

BOPC Standing and Ad hoc Committee Reports: None.

Report from the Board Secretary: Mr. Hicks reported on ten (10) communications received by the Board.

Old Business. None.

New Business. Carter indicated that we had three issues involving recommendations from the Chief to suspend officers without pay. Carter indicated we would take up these matters after public comments.

Oral Communications from the Audience / Public Comments:

Peter Rhoades discussed the need to charge the sports and entertainment industry for personnel costs to protect and patrol their events. **Edna Murray-Scott** complained about an incident that occurred on July 9 on Fullerton and Wyoming and how the Department's accident reporting system complicated her ability to seek claims from her insurance company. **Williams Davis** suggested a stronger push-back on the FBI crime fighting data issue. **Scotty Bowman** complained about contributions from the towing industry. **Bernice Smith** discussed the FBI crime statistics and an issue on Roselawn street in northwest Detroit. Ms. Smith was encouraged to provide the details of her concerns directly to the officers in the meeting.

Chairperson Carter entertained a motion to move into closed session on the request of the DPOA represent **Officers Latasha Williams, Badge #72, Michael Merritt, Badge # 4391 and Nico Hurd, Badge # 238816. Motion approved.**

The Board recessed for the Closed Session.

The Board Reconvened to regular order at 4:55 PM

Motion by Commissioner Mallett to support the recommendation of the Chief of Police to Suspend without Pay Police Officer Latasha Williams, Badge #72.

Second, Shelby.

Yes = 8

No = 0

Abst. = 0

Motion approved

Motion by Commissioner Mallett to support the recommendation of the Chief of Police to Suspend without Pay Police Officer Michael Merritt, Badge # 4391

Second, Crawford.

Yes = 8 No = 0 Abst. = 0 Motion approved

Motion by Commissioner Mallett to support the recommendation of the Chief of Police to Suspend without Pay Police Officer Nico Hurd, Badge # 238816.

Second, Bell.

Yes = 8 No = 0 Abst. = 0 Motion approved

Motion to Adjourn.

Adjourned at 5:12 PM