

**Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners**

**Date of Meeting: October 27, 2016 – 3:00 PM**

Location: Detroit Public Safety Headquarters 1301 Third Ave., Detroit Michigan

**Chairman Willie Bell called the BOPC meeting to order at 3:00 PM (October 27, 2016)**

Detroit Police Commission Membership / Attendance	Attend	Not-Attend
Willie E. Bell, Chair	Yes	
Ricardo R. Moore, Vice Chair	Yes	
Elizabeth Brooks	Yes	
Willie E. Burton	Excused	
Lisa Carter	Excused	
Reginald Crawford	Yes	
Eva Dewaelsche	Yes	
Conrad Mallett	Yes	
Derrick Sanders	Yes	
Richard Shelby	Yes	
Bishop Edgar Vann	Yes	
Quorum (Yes)	9	

**The Board acted in accordance with its rules approved the Agenda for October 27, 2016.**

**The Board acted in accordance with its rules approved the following Board Minutes:  
Thursday, October 20, 2016**

**BOPC Officers Reports(s):** After welcome and opening remarks **Chairman Bell** asked Commissioner Shelby to do the invocation. Chairman Bell asked the Commissioners in attendance to introduce themselves and add any comments to the record. **Sanders** reported on his positive experience with Command officers in his area, 7<sup>th</sup> Precinct Commander Williams, Captain Hope and Sgt. Pellerito. **Brooks** commented to the great work of the NPO's. **Dewaelsche** commented on the strong turnout at SERMetro Luncheon and the recruitment efforts underway at that function. **Mallett** asked a question about the appropriate authorities to contract to report student truancy concerns. He added that the DMC had recently sponsored a breakfast wherein several students of school age sought breakfast who should have been in school at the time. The breakfast was part of a DMC outreach efforts in connection with the Affordable Care Act. Bell also had BOPC staff introduced and recognized, neighborhood leaders as well as elected officials and representatives of elected officials in attendance.

**Chief of Police Report:** Representing Chief James Craig was **DC Charles Fitzgerald**. **Fitzgerald** highlighted DPD's monthly Compstat 2016 data reporting crimes through October 23, 2016. **Fitzgerald** also commented on the current graduating class in the academy and the start of a new class on October 31, 2016. **Fitzgerald** in addition to introducing Department staff in attendance also introduced Captain Rodney Cox, Major Crimes. **Cox** presented a report on the Domestic Violence Unit. The presentation started with a reading of the mission statement and purpose of the Domestic Violence Unit, outlined the personnel attached to the unit and discussed the network of individuals and groups who are providing resources to support the work of the unit. **Cox** also discussed the work of the Victim Advocates and social workers. He also discussed the dedicated docket in 36<sup>th</sup> District Court charged with handling domestic violence cases with trained prosecutors, investigators and other staff knowledgeable of the various cycles and realities associated with domestic violence. **Cox** also discussed the Department's collaboration with Wayne State University Center for Urban Studies and the 3 phases of operations (system alert for high risk cases, lethality assessment for first responders, Domestic Violence (DV) Community Compstat data collection and reporting. **Cox** also introduced **Sgt. Kyla Williams**, Domestic Violence Unit, **Sarah Thornton**, WSU Center for Urban Studies, **Joann Cooper-Reid**, Domestic Violence Center and **Sherry Ware** from *Still Standing*, a coalition of women dedicated to reducing domestic violence. Each of the other partners within the collaboration also addressed the Commission.

Several Commissioners asked questions in connection with the presentation including **Vann** who asked how do we define success in the case of DV? **Bell** who inquired about training provided through the Police Academy on issues related to Domestic Violence. **Mallett** who inquired about the issue of repeat offenders and the sufficiency of wrap-around services for victims of domestic violence. **Shelby** who inquired about hospital referrals in the event that a victim will not cooperate with authorities. **Dewaelsche** who inquired about language barriers in cases of contact with non-English speaking citizens. **Moore** also asked about services for men who are the victims of domestic violence. Moore also asked for a telephone number for the record to allow for citizens to contact the Department and/or resources network for assistance (1-800-799-SAFE (7233) and 313 833-1660. **Crawford** who asked about lessons learned and evaluations of the work of the DV profession and DPD unit. Crawford also shared with the Commission and public his experience in arresting his brother during his terms as a Detroit police officer for domestic violence.

**BOPC Standing and Ad hoc Committee Reports:** No Reports.

**Board Secretary Report:** No Report.

**New Business:** None.

**Old Business:** None.

**Oral Communications:** **Bill Wellborn**, indicated that the presentation on DV was packed with information and that efforts should be made to bring these type of presentation and discussion to the precinct. **Dr. C. Jones** who indicated that her daughter was a victim of a homicide (October 30, 2013) and she was dissatisfied with the updates and communications from the Department. **Tracy Nichols** complained about officers when she attempted to file a complaint (October 7, 2016). **Bernice Smith** reported on a meeting of downriver Mayor's and Police Chief's to be held at her church.

**Announcements:**

**Adjournment. 4:35 PM**

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 3, 2016 @ 3:00 PM, Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third Street, Detroit, MI 48226