



## Board of Police Commissioners

*The Detroit Board of Police Commissioners (BOPC) continues to serve the vital function of providing community-led oversight of the Police Department and its operations to ensure transparency, accountability and responsiveness.*

*The **new 2018 Board members** were sworn in during the **city's ceremony for elected officials** in January. These are just a few BOPC highlights as the year draws to a close:*

**Reviewed and approved** the 2018-2019 budget for the Police Department and transmitted it to the Mayor for submission to the City Council

Moved its investigative arm – the Office of the Chief Investigator, or OCI – to a **community location at 900 Merrill Plaisance**, near Woodward and Six Mile

**Received and investigated** more than 1,800 citizen complaints against DPD officers or other employees through July 31st. The BOPC's OCI handles all non-criminal complaints

**Helped recruit new officers** and led **instruction of civilian oversight** principles and impact as part of the **Police Academy** education and training for cadets and officers promoted to ranks of sergeant and lieutenant

**Acted to suspend officers** without pay based on serious violations of department policy and/or procedures. Suspension cases ranged from officers involved in encounters that violated use of force standards to those who faced criminal charges

Oversaw **the deployment of electronic control weapons**, commonly known as tasers, after a comprehensive review of best practices and the BOPC approval of a policy directive

Held a community **forum on Immigration** amid shifts in federal policies

**Approved resolutions** that supported better law enforcement standards with:

- Effort **to stop bad officers from moving from city to city**
- Call that BOPC at the forefront of national policy to ban military-style assault weapons and ammunition from the consumer market as one way to stop mass shootings and murders. The BOPC's action came **before** Dicks Sporting Goods, Walmart and other stores stopped selling such weapons and ammunition.

**Issued publications that kept the public informed** about the rollout and impact of **body-worn cameras** in Detroit and about **several policy changes** related to law enforcement, including BOPC supported bills for adding new training on police stops in driver education and for tracking use of force by all police officers in Michigan.

- **Mandatory training for protocols in police stops** became **state law in September** as part of driver education classes.
- The FBI announced in December the launch of the **National Use of Force Data Collection** as an addition to information submitted annually by police agencies to the FBI's uniform crime reporting system.

2018 Highlights of the Year in Review

**Required special presentations** from key police divisions to ensure opportunities for the public to better understand all the operations, such as fleet management, HR sexual harassment complaints, AND.

**Hosted the Lansing Police Commission** for a background and educational session on civilian oversight of law enforcement.

**Held community meetings in each precinct**, including one at Northeast Guidance Center, a major community mental health services provider and operator of **Community and Police Partnership Advocacy (CAPPA)**. With an increasing number of encounters between law enforcement and persons in an emotional or mental crisis, Northeast Guidance Center provided information about general services and CAPPA, its program that provides police liaison services, outreach, police education and consultation to law enforcement in situations involving persons struggling with mental health and with homelessness.

Redesigned BOPC **web site for easier navigation and increased content**, including publications and new multi-lingual **brochures for public complaints** in English, Spanish and Arabic

Went from 0 to over **1,900 digital media subscribers** on govdelivery.com

Held a community meeting on Immigration amid federal policy changes

Spearheaded a **joint BOPC-DPD national workshop** on effective police-community relations at National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE) 2018 Annual Conference, where BOPC also promoted Detroit as the host site for 2019 and where Police Commissioner **Willie Bell-District 2 won election to the NACOLE Board** of Directors

**Started a dialog with the MCOLES** [Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards] to **ensure equitable opportunity** for applicants who had minor legal trouble as juveniles.

**Welcomed U.S. Rep. Brenda Lawrence** for a special congressional update to the BOPC and **new Corp. Counsel Lawrence Garcia**, who committed to provide the BOPC with essential lawsuit information requested by the board to ensure public accountability and transparency

**Filled vacancies for Chief Investigator and DPD HR Director.**

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