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DETROIT, MICHIGAN

1 COMMISSIONERS:

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3 GEORGE ANTHONY, Secretary

4 JEROME L. WARFIELD, Chairperson

5 JESSICA TAYLOR, Commissioner

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9 DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMAND STAFF:

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11 DEPUTY CHIEF MORRIS WELLS.

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1 Detroit, Michigan
2 Thursday, August 9, 2012
3 About 6:39 p.m.

4 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Good evening,
5 ladies and gentlemen and welcome to the Board of
6 Police Commissioners meeting. My name is Jerome
7 Warfield, Chairperson for the Board of Police
8 Commissioners.

9 It is such a delight and pleasure to be
10 here tonight and have you here and I am serving
11 tonight with our Vice-Chairperson, Commissioner
12 Jessica Taylor.

13 We also have our General Secretary,
14 Mr. George Anthony. I'm going to ask if
15 Mr. Anthony could introduce the rest of our
16 staff.

17 SECRETARY ANTHONY: Thank you,
18 Mr. Chair. For the record, George Anthony,
19 Secretary to the Board. We have present our new
20 chief investigator Ms. Pamela Davis-Drake. We
21 also have our director of Police Personnel,
22 Ms. Dalph Watson present.

23 Mr. Robert Brown is recording our
24 proceedings, he's our office manager seated to my
25 right. Sgt. Alan Quinn is videotaping our

1 proceedings and Mr. Dale Rose from Hanson Court
2 Reporting Service is taking a transcript.

3 That completes the introduction, sir.

4 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Thank you,
5 Secretary Anthony. A couple of years ago when I
6 first became Chair I asked if it was okay and
7 Robert Brown, our able-bodied office person, said
8 yes, if we could start having invocation at our
9 meetings because I felt prayer was important as
10 we moved forward.

11 And tonight it gives me a great deal of
12 pleasure to present a friend, a colleague, a
13 co-worker in the ministry, a friend to Detroit
14 and a friend to Detroit Police Department
15 Councilman Pastor Andre Spivey who will come and
16 deliver for us the invocation tonight.

17 Councilman Spivey, you can come right
18 here to the center mic. Thank you.

19 COUNCILMAN SPIVEY: Good evening, let
20 us pray.

21 (INVOCATION WAS GIVEN).

22 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Thank you,
23 Councilman. I am just pleased and tickled pink
24 to be here tonight. I actually watched this
25 building be constructed several years ago and the

1 most amazing thing to me about this building is
2 that the church prior to them building this
3 edifice was a little small church that sat just
4 on the parking lot area just off of Outer Drive
5 and Chalmers.

6 And we would drive past, me and my
7 family, often as they would have, you know,
8 various fellowships. They had a wonderful and
9 powerful tent service out there in the parking
10 lot and just always wanted to get in here, and
11 this is my first time in here tonight and so
12 happy to be here. It's just a beautiful edifice.

13 I don't know if Bishop David Philly is
14 here tonight, but if he's -- could you come to
15 the mic, sir. Man, you are my hero. Hopefully
16 we can talk after this, but I just admire the
17 outstanding work you and your ministry have done
18 in this community. God bless you.

19 BISHOP PHILLY: God bless you. It's a
20 pleasure to have the Detroit Police Commission in
21 our humble abode here and let me just give
22 everyone an invitation if this is your first time
23 here, you are welcome to come back and join us in
24 our services on Sunday at 11 o'clock.

25 Just happy to be able to serve and

1 we've had a vision to impact this community and
2 to transform the lives of the people in the
3 community and God has just been graciously
4 helping us to be able to do that.

5 Have some other things on the plate and
6 I'm sure we'll share a little bit more and we'll
7 talk after the service.

8 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Thank you, sir.
9 We certainly appreciate that. For those of you
10 who may be your first time at the Police
11 Commissioners meeting, again we welcome you.

12 The Board of Police Commissioners was
13 created by the Detroit City Charter July 1, 1974.
14 We are a five-member appointed Commission. We
15 are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the
16 Detroit City Council.

17 We serve five-year terms and we may not
18 serve more than five years consecutively. We
19 meet once a week 52 weeks out of the year and all
20 of our meetings are open to the public.

21 Our duties are to establish policy,
22 rules and regulations in consultation with the
23 Chief of Police and the Mayor of the city of
24 Detroit. We review and approve the department's
25 budget, review and approve the department's

1 promotions. We receive and resolve complaints
2 concerning the operation of the Detroit Police
3 Department. We are the final authority to impose
4 and/or to review discipline of the Detroit Police
5 Department employees.

6 We do appoint a civilian Personnel
7 director. We also prepare an annual report of
8 the department activities for the public and for
9 the Mayor and for the City Council to review.

10 We are staffed by an Executive
11 Secretary. You heard him tonight, Mr. George
12 Anthony. As well as chief investigator and
13 additional investigators as well. We're also
14 able to have other staff as necessary as provided
15 -- to provide support to the Board.

16 We consider ourselves to be a liaison
17 between the citizens of the city of Detroit and
18 the Detroit Police Department. Tonight we are
19 meeting as a committee of the whole and so we
20 will not vote because we do not have a quorum so
21 we will not be taking any voting actions.

22 But I will move through the agenda
23 tonight. As our agenda calls for the Chair's
24 report, I want to thank -- first of all thank all
25 of you who supported and showed up to help us as

1 we try to speak out on the fact that we wanted to
2 do something significant as relates to the crime
3 in our city.

4 And certainly as most of you have heard
5 on various news reports yesterday -- I think it
6 was yesterday -- my days are running together.
7 On Tuesday that the Detroit City Council voted
8 not to place on the ballot the public safety
9 millage. We do want to say that that does not
10 stop our efforts. We will continue to seek ways,
11 we will continue to seek opportunities of how we
12 can make our neighborhoods and our lives safer.

13 But I do want to thank you, I want you
14 all to remain vigilant because I think at the end
15 of the day we got to care for one another and we
16 got to look out for each other. And there are
17 some things that we can do that does not call for
18 City Council, for the state legislature or
19 anybody else to do, and that is to look out for
20 our own neighborhoods and our own area.

21 We will certainly do that, but
22 Commissioner Taylor, myself and the other
23 commissioners have not given up on seeing that we
24 do everything possible to make sure that we have
25 the proper resources for our Detroit Police

1 Department and we have a city that is safe where
2 we can live, thrive, grow and play together.

3 So we ask that you continue to join us
4 as we will do that.

5 At this time -- and I forgot to
6 introduce Deputy Chief Wells who's sitting in for
7 Chief of Police tonight.

8 I'm so sorry, sir.

9 DEPUTY CHIEF WELLS: Thank you, sir.

10 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: At this time
11 I'm going to ask if you can have your report,
12 sir, a report coming from the Eastern District.

13 DEPUTY CHIEF WELLS: Through the Chair,
14 Deputy Chief Morris Wells. Commander Steve
15 Dolunt is going to provide us with a presentation
16 of the Eastern District. Commander.

17 COMMANDER DOLUNT: Okay, first of all
18 I want to welcome the Board to the Eastern
19 District. This is a beautiful facility. I
20 watched it being built myself and it really is
21 impressive.

22 We've done several things here. We had
23 a Crime Walk here. Lt. Gardner who is now in the
24 Central District actually came here and addressed
25 the congregation and I've been here once myself.

1 So it's really correct, it's a beautiful
2 facility.

3 Eastern District, a couple of things
4 you need to know about the Eastern District.
5 Today was a banner day for the Eastern District
6 and the city.

7 Representatives from President Obama's
8 administration came in and they've given us a
9 \$1.5 million grant for Operation Cease Fire in
10 the Eastern District, Osborn High School, I
11 believe portions of the Denby area. It's going
12 to help our youth violence initiative.

13 In fact, a little later on in the
14 presentation I believe that one of the officers
15 who is very instrumental in the Youth Violence
16 Initiative is getting an award.

17 So that's really good, so it's a very
18 good day in the Eastern District and we're happy
19 about that.

20 Now, as far as the Eastern District
21 everyone kind of knows we go from Eight Mile to
22 the Grosse Pointes to the airport. Those are our
23 boundaries. We have three high schools right
24 now, Southeastern, Denby and Osborn and we're
25 getting East English Village school will be

1 opening shortly down in the Morningside area of
2 the city just out of Warren and Cadieux.

3 A couple of things we have going, we've
4 got National Night Out, that was Tuesday. Now, I
5 want to show you what happened National Night
6 Out. I have some pictures for you guys, look at
7 these, pass those out.

8 The young lady standing next to me is
9 Lt. Williams. She's acting inspector now. Insp.
10 Fitzgerald couldn't be here this evening. And
11 that pathetic person in the dunk tank is myself.
12 The kids had a really good time with that and
13 they dunked me for two hours straight.

14 However, that appeared to be their
15 highlight. We had -- the Army was out there,
16 they put up a rock wall, a climbing wall out
17 there. We had a pirate ship for the kids, like a
18 -- one of those air -- moonwalk, thanks,
19 jump-jump -- okay, I'm a little old, a jump-jump
20 and we had a good time.

21 The person I'm going to give an award
22 to from the precinct tonight, the Kaykos Brothers
23 donated water and hot dogs and that was great.
24 Councilman Spivey just stepped away from here
25 just donated -- let me get this right -- was

1 instrumental in getting us books, bags, supplies
2 and white shirts for kids going to school. That
3 was a big thing. It was a really nice event,
4 went from 4 to 8. It was a nice way to end the
5 day there, so that was good.

6 We also had -- we've done Police Week
7 and we -- it's my understanding talking to Sgt.
8 Stevens that we're the only district that was
9 able to supply all three shifts of officers five
10 days meals which usually you get like one meal.
11 The officers were very pleased by that. The way
12 things are going, they were really happy about
13 that, really happy.

14 Our Community Relations led by Sgt.
15 Gross, also had Officer Hawkins and Officer
16 Curtis. Officer Burt is here as well. She's
17 been helping us out quite a bit with that.

18 We did a clean-up at the M&M Pet Shop
19 down on Warren. A lot of neighbors came out and
20 helped us with that and it was a house that
21 people were dumping in illegally, also found
22 there was a business that was right across the
23 street that was dumping there illegally. They're
24 not doing it any more. We cleaned it up. We did
25 a couple of things in Morningside and cleaned up

1 the area there.

2 I'm in constant contact with East
3 English Village and their president, Bill Barwich
4 and Councilman Spivey can attest to this and I
5 think it's happening in the Northwest District
6 and Rosedale Park and here.

7 Our biggest problem other than the
8 regular crime that we have in this area, our
9 biggest problem -- don't mean to be callus -- is
10 that people -- some of the homeless people are
11 moving into our vacant dwellings and an
12 organization is out there giving them false
13 paperwork and the uneducated officer that might
14 not know it it looks real to them.

15 Councilman Spivey and I have talked
16 several times on the phone and we just got some
17 paperwork the other day and we're going to try to
18 get through that.

19 I understand -- again, no one should be
20 homeless, but at the same time you can't just
21 take over people's property. So that seems to be
22 -- East English Village like in Rosedale Park and
23 several neighborhoods that are really really --
24 we're having a tough time with that.

25 Overall the Eastern District -- I'll

1 tell you what, we get a bad rap with the crime
2 and stuff, but for the most part the citizens are
3 great here, they really are. They really -- they
4 help us and they are very receptive to our help
5 and we're doing the best we can with what we've
6 got.

7 I think it's going to work for us. So
8 that's my report from the Eastern District.

9 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Thank you,
10 Commander. It's always good to see you.
11 Commissioner, do you have any questions?

12 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: No, I don't have
13 any.

14 COMMANDER DOLUNT: I just want to do an
15 award here. Sgt. Gross? We're going to give
16 this award.

17 This is from the Eastern District to
18 Larry Kaykos and Joseph Kaykos.

19 (AWARD WAS READ.).

20 (APPLAUSE.)

21 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Deputy Chief
22 Wells, anything else?

23 DEPUTY CHIEF WELLS: Through the Chair,
24 sir. I don't think we have anything further
25 unless the Commander wanted to introduce the rest

1 of his staff. I believe there are some officers
2 in the back. You mentioned their names, but we
3 need to have them stand up.

4 COMMANDER DOLUNT: Oh, I'm sorry, Sgt.
5 Doug Gross, you are standing. Officer Ivan
6 Curtis.

7 DEPUTY CHIEF WELLS: Commander, can you
8 speak into the microphone?

9 COMMANDER DOLUNT: Sorry. Sgt. Gross,
10 Officer Hawkins, Officer Robins and Officer
11 Curtis is missing; that's our staff. Thank you.

12 DEPUTY CHIEF WELLS: Through the Chair,
13 sir, that concludes our report.

14 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Thank you,
15 Deputy Chief, we appreciate that. A couple more
16 presentations we would like to make tonight.

17 I'm going to ask if Commissioner Taylor
18 would go to the mic and we want to recognize
19 Matrix Human Services here in the community.

20 Is the representative from Matrix Human
21 Services here tonight? Would you come on up to
22 the -- Sandra Ramocan, could you please come up
23 to the mic and make your way to the front.

24 I have known of Matrix Human Services
25 for quite some time. They do just an outstanding

1 job in this community. I know the COO,
2 Dr. Marcella Wilson, and she is just outstanding
3 in her effort for this community and if you all
4 could just face that way, that would be great.
5 Thank you. Commissioner Taylor.

6 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Board
7 of Police Commissioners, resolution to Matrix
8 Human Services.

9 WHEREAS Matrix Human Services located
10 in Detroit, Michigan is a private non-profit,
11 tax-exempt 501(c)(3) social service organization
12 offering a wide range of programs devoted to
13 fighting poverty and maintaining and supporting
14 the family unit and improving the quality of life
15 for individuals of all ages and

16 WHEREAS Matrix Human Services has
17 served the Detroit community and surrounding
18 areas for 106 years - it currently administers 15
19 programs at 26 locations serving more than 25,000
20 individuals and families each year and

21 WHEREAS all Matrix programs are rooted
22 in the Transition to Success Model developed by
23 Matrix President a CEO, Dr. Marcella Wilson. The
24 TTS Model helps transition individuals and
25 families out of poverty to a life of economic

1 self-sufficiency by offering positive life
2 experiences, assistance with basic needs,
3 education and supportive services and other
4 offerings that help treat individual and family
5 problems, prevent abuse, neglect and criminal
6 activity, and

7 WHEREAS, Matrix Human Services is
8 making a difference in Detroit and the
9 surrounding community, for example.

10 The Matrix Off the Streets program
11 serves young runaways and homeless youth. This
12 probe offered 2,200 nights of shelter over the
13 last year and 94 percent of the youth involved in
14 the program had no further involvement with the
15 juvenile justice system.

16 And approximately 79 percent of the
17 children in the Matrix Vistas Nuevas Headstart
18 early childhood education program achieved above
19 normal gains in math, science, literacy, language
20 and more.

21 And 97 percent of the clients enrolled
22 in the Matrix Partnerships for Housing have
23 remained in their homes for over one year and 100
24 percent enjoy an income level to support their
25 monthly housing costs.

1 And in 2011 the Matrix Reuther Older
2 Adult and Wellness Services provided 259 seniors
3 more than 12,700 hours of in home service to
4 assist with their ability to remain independent
5 and

6 WHEREAS, the TTS Model is positioned to
7 become a national model and through the generous
8 support of the W. K. Kellogg Foundation and the
9 community Matrix Human Services is developing a
10 curriculum to teach "how to" of TTS throughout
11 the country and

12 WHEREAS the TTS Model is living proof
13 that when you give someone a dream, when you give
14 them a vision and tools to accomplish that vision
15 it changes people's lives.

16 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the
17 Board of Police Commissioners speaking on behalf
18 of the citizens of the City of Detroit and the
19 Detroit Police Department acknowledge and applaud
20 Matrix Human Services for performing this
21 important and valuable work in our community.

22 Through its efforts, Matrix moves
23 individuals and families from dependence to
24 independence and help eradicate poverty in the
25 mind, body and spirit.

1 We thank and congratulate Matrix Human
2 Services.

3 (APPLAUSE.)

4 MS. RAMOCAN: I want to say thank you
5 so much. We just really appreciate this. I want
6 to apologize first really for my attire. I spent
7 my day with 200 campers and 95 youth workers so I
8 came dressed this morning to handle that, but I
9 got the call about 3:30 that I need to show up
10 here, so I thought I'd rather come here this way
11 than miss this wonderful opportunity to express
12 our gratitude.

13 We are just so appreciative that
14 someone notices what we're doing. We're working
15 hard in the community and you heard some of what
16 we're doing. Here on the east side we're at
17 McNichols and Gratiot at the Matrix Center where
18 we see over 3,000 people a week coming in for
19 programs and services.

20 We have services for kids that haven't
21 been born yet and for the oldest person that you
22 may know, we're serving that. We run over 145
23 programs out of this center at Six Mile and
24 Gratiot. I am so proud to work alongside a team
25 that, as I told Commissioner Taylor, we don't get

1 rewarded on the paycheck, we get rewarded knowing
2 that we can make a difference in somebody's life.

3 We get rewarded knowing that somebody's
4 life is changed. We're changing generations and
5 so we believe that education, education,
6 education is what is going to break this cycle of
7 poverty that we find ourselves in.

8 And so everything that we do revolves
9 around providing education and we are meeting the
10 needs -- I have an after-school program. We're
11 launching a new program now called Dinnertime
12 where we will have families come in at the center
13 each evening and we're going to provide them a
14 hot meal. We believe that children can't
15 properly live if their bellies are empty and so
16 we want to provide that for them.

17 We also are going to have drop-in
18 centers. Again, we're working, we're working
19 hard to make sure that we do our part in stopping
20 or curtailing the violence that's happening in
21 our community and across our city if I may say
22 so.

23 We are operational the 48205, you know
24 the state of 48205. I heard someone say on TV
25 the other day we don't have a crime problem, we

1 have a relationship problem. And so we are
2 providing caring adults. We have a safe
3 community where families can send their children,
4 they can come and get the help that they need.

5 We are doing a lot there to help the
6 community and so, you know, we want to continue
7 to let our light shine and you will know us by
8 the good fruit that we bear.

9 We don't usually go out tooting the
10 horn. We should, but so many lives are being
11 affected and impacted because of the work that
12 Matrix is doing and has done over the years.

13 We have worked closely with the 9th
14 Precinct I must say and we did a Harvest Festival
15 last year where we partnered together with the
16 9th Precinct in lieu of Halloween and we want to
17 continue that work.

18 The 9th Precinct has been really
19 supportive of the work that we do at the Matrix
20 Center and when we call on them, they have been
21 there. So on behalf of Dr. Wilson and the
22 executive leadership at Matrix Human Services and
23 the hard workers, the staff and the many many
24 volunteers that we have, again we want to say
25 thank you, thank you, thank you. We appreciate

1 it, thank you very much.

2 (APPLAUSE.)

3 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Thank you. At
4 this time we're going to ask if Mr. Berlinski of
5 VFW could come forth and we right now want to
6 honor Police Officer Monica Evans.

7 (APPLAUSE.)

8 MR. BERLINSKI: Good evening, I'm here
9 as a representative from the Department of
10 Michigan Veterans of Foreign Wars, the safety
11 officer for the Department of Michigan.

12 With me tonight is past department
13 commander, James VanHouden. We're here to honor
14 Monica Evans and she was sponsored nominated by
15 VFW Post 4553 from the Detroit area.

16 Officer Evans has been a Detroit police
17 officer since 2004 and worked Narcotics, Vice and
18 with the ATF Team Number 1. She was later
19 assigned and certified to work the Gang
20 Resistance and Education Training. This program
21 replaced the old DARE program.

22 During that time Officer Evans has
23 excelled in the development of youth programs
24 that deter truancy, gang resistance, juvenile
25 delinquency. She has developed and applied

1 several best practices to the initiatives offered
2 by the Task Force for the Operation Safe Passage
3 Alternative to Exclusionary Discipline, and she
4 certainly serves as a prime coordinator.

5 Additionally, in the Detroit middle
6 schools she presents to the students the
7 ramifications of gun and gang violence, bullying,
8 teacher conflicts, thereby working to eliminate
9 the flow of firearms to the gang offenders and
10 juveniles. The success with this will lead to a
11 safer Detroit.

12 Officer Evans' dedication to the
13 community is to improve the lives of young
14 people. She teaches several hundred students a
15 year in the Detroit Public School System the
16 value of education, anger management, problem
17 solving and gang resistance. Her commitment is
18 genuine, her purpose is true and her
19 professionalism is evident to those who come in
20 contact with her.

21 Officer Evans is truly an asset as an
22 example of true patriotism and dignity to our
23 nation.

24 It is with great pleasure that we are
25 proud to announce Officer Monica Evans as the

1 Veterans of Foreign Wars 2012 Officer of the
2 Year.

3 (APPLAUSE.)

4 MR. VANHOUDEN: Monica, I'm here to
5 present on behalf of the National Commander the
6 national award that you've won here. Before I do
7 that, I'd like to thank the Commission for giving
8 us a few minutes to do this.

9 We're very very proud of her and she's
10 done a wonderful job. Before I go too far, I
11 just want to make a couple of announcements if I
12 could. We have in our presence today we're very
13 proud to have our district commander John
14 Kowalcheck, our district president Bev Burton,
15 our district senior vice auxiliary president
16 Sandi Borreo and our commander, our auxiliary
17 president and auxiliary MENSA president Joe Suan,
18 Jan Suan and Jerry Suan. Thank you.

19 (APPLAUSE.)

20 MR. VANHOUDEN: This is the VFW
21 national law enforcement award presented to the
22 police officer Monica Evans in recognition and
23 sincere appreciation for her courage, devotion
24 and selfless service to the City of Detroit
25 Police Department.

1 During Monica Evans' outstanding career
2 she has maintained a career of highly
3 professional and exemplary service to the
4 community and the nation. The degree of
5 extraordinary commitment clearly illustrates the
6 proud core values and traditions of law
7 enforcement professions further highlighted by
8 the degree of the admiration and respect from
9 both her peers and the local public she serves.

10 Monica Evans is truly an exceptional
11 example of all who wear the badge and this honor
12 truly reflects the proud ideals and high
13 standards of the Veterans of Foreign Wars United
14 States, signed by Richard Denaro, Allen Kent, our
15 adjutant general.

16 (APPLAUSE).

17 OFFICER EVANS: I just really
18 appreciate the VFW. They really need to be
19 getting an award because I got involved by
20 putting my kids in Patriots and the Boys of
21 Democracy and they provide so much to our youth
22 as far as scholarships and stuff like that.

23 That's how I even come to know and be a
24 participant of the VFW, but without the support
25 of my leadership and my family and just allowing

1 me -- especially first DC Tolbert, I would not
2 even be here if he had not said, "Monica, do it
3 and have it done." It just began with just a
4 meeting and an idea and he trusted me that I was
5 going to do as the leadership does and that's
6 what a leader does as opposed to a boss.

7 They tell you, okay, this is my
8 expectation and he didn't micromanage, nothing.
9 He just said to do it and he trusted and believed
10 that I was going to do what was asked of me.

11 And just having an opportunity is such
12 an awesome blessing, but, you know, just being a
13 good steward of everything that God has blessed
14 me with, and, you know, to whom much is given,
15 much is required and the support of my husband,
16 my children. My mom always says I brought home
17 stray animals so like my kids let me bring home
18 stray other kids and, you know.

19 So I just want to thank everybody for
20 the support in allowing me to serve you guys in
21 the capacity and understanding that it is a
22 service and that the City of Detroit the top of
23 my check says to the citizens of the city of
24 Detroit, and so not forgetting that and just
25 understanding of what God has called me to do and

1 doing that to the best of my ability. Thank you.

2 (APPLAUSE.)

3 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: We certainly
4 want to say congratulations once again to Police
5 Officer Monica Evans for an outstanding job. We
6 have an awesome group of citizens and work that
7 we do here in the community and we thank God for
8 all of you and the hard work that you do.

9 Give yourselves a hand.

10 (APPLAUSE.)

11 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: At this time
12 I'm going to ask if Lt. Bliss could come and give
13 us an update of Policy Directive 201.11.

14 LT. BLISS: Commissioners, Deputy
15 Chief, Lt. Bliss from Planning and Accreditation.
16 Directive 201.11 Use of Force and Detainee Injury
17 Reporting/Investigation, it's been out in the
18 community for about four weeks now.

19 We have not gotten any feedback, but so
20 far everything is positive for it. If reviewed
21 and approved, the only changes we'll make to this
22 directive is there's been some organizational
23 changes through the department that we will
24 reflect in this directive, it's a very minor
25 change, but everything else -- the core

1 information in the directive will stay the same.

2 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Any questions?
3 Commissioner Taylor?

4 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Just one. Can
5 you explain what that change is? You said it
6 would be a minor change.

7 LT. BLISS: Yes, the minor change is on
8 one of the pages it speaks of the investigation
9 function on what should be in your main report.
10 In the directive we refer to the department's
11 Internet website as a Use of Force Investigation
12 Guide.

13 In this policy it states it's put out
14 by the Civil Rights Integrity Bureau. This past,
15 I believe, week it's been changed or there's been
16 a organizational change and now that would be
17 changed to Administrative Services Bureau, but
18 everything else stays the same.

19 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Thank you.

20 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Deputy Chief
21 Wells, is there anything you wanted to add to
22 that?

23 DEPUTY CHIEF WELLS: Through the Chair,
24 no, sir.

25 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: So when we have

1 a quorum again, we will take up the issue
2 hopefully next week.

3 LT. BLISS: Thank you so much.

4 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Thank you,
5 lieutenant. The next meeting of the board of
6 Detroit Police Commissioners will be Thursday,
7 August 16, 2001, 3 o'clock PM at police
8 headquarters, 1300 Beaubien.

9 Certainly we invite all of you to come
10 out and share with us in that meeting. At this
11 time our agenda calls for us to open the floor
12 for oral communications.

13 If you wish to address the Board of
14 Police Commissioners, we ask that you come to the
15 podium and mic right here in the center of the
16 room and give us your name, spell it for us for
17 our recordkeepers and we ask that you limit your
18 comments to two minutes so that we can hear from
19 everybody and our timekeeper, Mr. Robert Brown,
20 will let you know when you're approaching your
21 time.

22 So if you wish to come and address the
23 Board of Police Commissioners, you may come at
24 this time.

25 MR. ALLEN: My name is Robert Allen.

1 I'm here to express my concern about how I'm
2 treated when I call the Eastern District
3 Community Relations Department.

4 Situation wherein there are individuals
5 that don't obey the various ordinances in
6 Detroit. Okay, there's a neighbor that lives
7 across the street from me. I've called the
8 Community Relations numerous times. Normally
9 Community Relations don't even respond, so
10 therefore I called the desk, but only to be --
11 make me feel like, "What are you calling us for?"

12 And I talked to -- first I called the
13 Community Relations and left a message about an
14 individual that put out bulk trash the 3rd of
15 August.

16 Okay, leaving a message on the
17 answering service. When I called the desk and
18 talked with an officer -- I'll spell his name for
19 you, D-i-c-l-a-u-e-i-o. That was at 3:07 PM. I
20 waited on the phone for 25 minutes and that
21 officer never came back.

22 So I called again and talked with
23 another officer. There's a situation wherein
24 again I feel very bad that I'm ill treated just
25 because I'm making a complaint.

1 And the thing is is that finally Monday
2 I did see an officer go over to that house and
3 talk to the individual. Okay, I'm coming out of
4 my home and the individual called, a house across
5 the street, "Why are you calling the police on
6 me?"

7 I'm saying to myself what in the world
8 is this -- you mean to tell me the police
9 officers actually tell who is doing the
10 complaining? All I can say is that if anything
11 happens to me because this young man is out of
12 order, I will call -- I have told my relatives to
13 call Geoffrey Fieger because, again, you're
14 putting my life in danger.

15 You're putting my life in danger and,
16 again, another thing, it was a white officer that
17 went over to that house and he's black, I'm black
18 and so oh, a way to get rid of two more blacks.

19 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Mr. Allen, we
20 certainly want to thank you for coming and
21 sharing your unfortunate contact with the police.
22 Don't want you to go anywhere. Certainly Deputy
23 Chief Wells may have some information for you.

24 The lady right here is the chief
25 investigator for our Office of the Chief

1 Investigator, Mrs. Pamela Davis-Drake. If she
2 would get your information and she will direct
3 you further in what we can do on our side, but
4 Deputy Chief Wells, do you have anything you may
5 want to share with him?

6 DEPUTY CHIEF WELLS: Yes, sir. Through
7 the Chair, Deputy Chief Morris Wells. Mr. Allen,
8 I want to thank you for bringing this matter to
9 our attention and after this meeting you can meet
10 with Commander Dolunt. He's in charge of the
11 Eastern District and he will address your
12 concerns.

13 COMMANDER DOLUNT: Commander Dolunt
14 through the Chair. I spoke to Mr. Allen on
15 Monday and Sgt. Gross is the white officer that
16 went out there. He did take a picture of this
17 alleged mess. It was neatly stacked. I seen the
18 picture.

19 The intent was not sending a white
20 officer out there, had no racial connotation at
21 all. I'm sorry he feels that way about it. He
22 did call on Friday he said at 3 o'clock.

23 As we all know, because of budget
24 constraints we have cut down on the Community
25 Relations. We have one sergeant and two

1 officers. With leave days and furlough we don't
2 always get to it as soon as possible. We try.

3 And so I talked to him, he was not
4 pleased. He called me back. He was insulted
5 that I sent a white officer out there. You know
6 what, I don't base it on race or gender. I base
7 it on who can go out there and address it
8 immediately, and that's what we did.

9 He was not satisfied. I'm sorry. I
10 can't satisfy everyone although we try and we did
11 talk to the neighbor and there was no ill intent
12 on Sgt. Gross' part or mine to offend Mr. Allen.
13 I'm sorry he feels that way.

14 MR. ALLEN: How did he know that I was
15 the one that called?

16 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: I'm sorry,
17 Mr. Allen.

18 DEPUTY CHIEF WELLS: Through the Chair,
19 Deputy Chief Morris Wells. Obviously Mr. Allen
20 just by virtue of the fact that you're appearing
21 here today there is -- it's obvious there's no
22 resolution to your concern, so again, after this
23 meeting feel free to meet with the command staff
24 of the Eastern District. I will be present
25 during that conversation and hopefully we can

1 bring some resolution to you.

2 MR. ALLEN: I'm a 70-year-old man.

3 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Mr. Allen, I'm
4 sorry.

5 MR. ALLEN: I don't need to deal with a
6 youngster about 30 years old, plus he had an
7 individual with him about 6 foot 4, 240 pounds.
8 I can take care of myself, but 70 years old, I'm
9 a veteran. And again, I'm just tired of being
10 disrespected like, "You ain't s-h-i-t,
11 Mr. Allen."

12 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Mr. Allen, I
13 guarantee you our staff will definitely get with
14 you and try to resolve the issue hopefully as
15 close as we can, as best as we can to your
16 satisfaction, but we do appreciate you coming in.
17 Are there others?

18 MS. JACKSON: Kim Jackson, president of
19 Northeastern District Police Community Relations,
20 and also on August 7 we had our National Night
21 Out as well. I want to say that all the men and
22 women, all of our volunteers did a fabulous job.
23 We have book bags that were filled with school
24 supplies that were given to the kids.

25 We did jazz tickets to Norman Brown and

1 Gerald Albright. We had Tigers towels,
2 bracelets, we had basketballs, we had Home Depot
3 that did crafts with the kids.

4 We had a bounce house, we had trains,
5 they had carnival rides, we did snow cones,
6 cotton candy, popcorn. I know I cooked 350 to
7 400 hot dogs, so I know they ate good.

8 And we also had a live jazz band here.
9 We also had a deejay and we had various
10 restaurants within our district that provided
11 food and we did like a little taste fest as well.

12 So that turned out really good and I
13 just want to say thank you to all the men and
14 women, Number 1, for National Night Out and then,
15 Number 2, for Northeastern District, they did a
16 fabulous job. I think they really but their foot
17 in it this year.

18 My next complaint is who can I talk to
19 about parking lots downtown?

20 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: When you say
21 parking lots downtown --

22 MS. JACKSON: As far as these
23 individual vendors, people, whatever you want to
24 call them because how -- I found out today is
25 usually -- they call me for jury duty. Well, I

1 went down there and it's a mess, so we need to
2 have a conversation.

3 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Typically --
4 and I'll turn it over to Deputy Chief Wells --
5 there's some ordinances that control it. Deputy
6 Chief?

7 DEPUTY CHIEF WELLS: Through the Chair,
8 Deputy Chief Morris Wells. I think maybe I
9 should meet with Ms. Jackson following the
10 meeting to specifically understand exactly what
11 your concerns are and if it's a Detroit Police
12 problem or if it's a parking lot problem, which
13 most of the time it's owned by a private
14 enterprise.

15 But after the meeting if you want to
16 meet with me, we can talk about it and hopefully
17 we can --

18 MS. JACKSON: Even if it's private, is
19 there some kind of -- I mean, is there rules they
20 have to follow? I guess that's the concern,
21 especially if you are a juror that you're giving
22 your time and then they treat you the way they
23 do. I wasn't happy with that today at all.

24 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Yes, ma'am. I
25 think certainly the Deputy Chief can address your

1 concerns. Are there others wishing to make
2 comments tonight? Are there others wishing to
3 make comments tonight?

4 Again, others wishing to make comments?
5 Hearing and seeing none, we will close this
6 portion of our meeting and again I want to thank
7 you all so very much for coming out.

8 At this time we will adjourn the
9 meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners, but
10 again as we said earlier, let's just watch out
11 for one another.

12 God bless you and have a good night.
13 Thank you.

14 (Proceedings concluded at
15 7:28 p.m.)

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