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COMMISSIONERS:

- GEORGE ANTHONY, Secretary
- JEROME L. WARFIELD, SR., Commissioner
- JESSICA TAYLOR, Commissioner

DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMAND STAFF:

- DEPUTY CHIEF BENJAMIN LEE

1 Detroit, Michigan  
2 Thursday, December 13, 2012  
3 About 6:40 p.m.

4 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Good afternoon  
5 -- good evening I should say. Welcome to the  
6 Board of Police Commissioners meeting. My name  
7 is Jerome Warfield, the Chairman of the Board of  
8 Police Commissioners.

9 Serving with me tonight is our  
10 Vice-Chairperson Commissioner Jessica Taylor.  
11 Commissioner Donnell White unfortunately or  
12 fortunately for him is on vacation and will not  
13 be with us tonight and Commissioner Toney Stewart  
14 as most of you know is head of the carpenter's  
15 union and he's working on right to work language  
16 to counter what happened this week in Lansing, so  
17 unfortunately he will not be with us as well  
18 tonight.

19 Sitting in for the Interim Chief of  
20 Police is Deputy Chief Benjamin Lee. Sir, good  
21 to have you.

22 DEPUTY CHIEF LEE: Thank you.

23 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: We also have  
24 sitting at the table with us our Board Secretary  
25 Mr. George Anthony and I'm going to ask if he

1 will introduce the rest of our staff for us  
2 tonight.

3 SECRETARY ANTHONY: Thank you,  
4 Mr. Chair. For the record, George Anthony,  
5 Secretary to the Board. We have present  
6 Ms. Pamela Davis-Drake who is our chief  
7 investigator seated in front and Ms. Loletha  
8 Porter-Coleman who is our personnel director.

9 We also have Mr. Robert Brown who is  
10 our office manager seated to my left, Officer  
11 Kent Cooper is here, Sgt. Alan Quinn who's  
12 recording our proceeding and Mr. Dale Rose from  
13 Hanson Court Reporting Service.

14 That completes the introductions.

15 CHAIRMAN WARFIELD: Thank you, sir, we  
16 certainly appreciate it. I don't have the sheet  
17 in front of me, Mr. Brown, but do we have someone  
18 for the invocation tonight?

19 I'm going to ask if we could all just  
20 bow our heads briefly for a moment of prayer for  
21 our invocation.

22 (INVOCATION WAS GIVEN.)

23 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: We are so happy  
24 to be here in the new 2nd Precinct. I want to  
25 thank Inspector Brother Darryl Brown for his

1 gracious hospitality.

2 (APPLAUSE.)

3 CHAIRMAN WARFIELD: Certainly we will  
4 be hearing from him later, and just let me say  
5 this. He doesn't know this, but I have watched  
6 him for the last at least four years now from  
7 when he was downtown working and he has always  
8 been the consummate professional.

9 He's always been one who was there to  
10 meet with citizens and to press flesh and to get  
11 things done in a spirit of excellence, and so I  
12 am so happy and so pleased that we are here in  
13 his precinct tonight and we thank God for his  
14 hospitality.

15 (APPLAUSE.)

16 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: We're going to  
17 just move forward with our agenda. There will be  
18 no voting items tonight since we do not have a  
19 quorum, but we will move forward with our agenda  
20 items as listed in your agenda.

21 The Chairman's report, certainly we  
22 again want to wish everyone a happy holiday  
23 season and we want to make sure that you all are  
24 safe.

25 We want to give you a few updates as I

1 know them. Last week I think I reported out --  
2 or maybe I didn't report out -- that we were  
3 promised, once again, by the City that we had the  
4 money to do the search for the Chief of Police.

5 However, we have not seen the money  
6 yet. We were supposed to be on the agenda  
7 yesterday at the last City Council meeting as a  
8 walk-on, but somehow or another that plan got  
9 changed.

10 This Board, just so that you know, we  
11 are still looking to raise the money because we  
12 know what you have voted for us to do and that is  
13 to hire and come up with a list of new candidates  
14 for Chiefs of Police is very important to you,  
15 and so we have not stopped our efforts.

16 As a matter of fact, we have another  
17 really great lead that we're following up on and  
18 we believe something will happen extremely  
19 quickly, and so I want to give that to you.

20 As relates to the matters of promotions  
21 with individuals in the department, let me say  
22 this and I'll say this as non-controversial as I  
23 can. We love our Chief of Police. We know  
24 Chester Logan as an honest man, a man of  
25 integrity, that he leads this department very

1 well. We have full confidence in his ability to  
2 lead and to guide us.

3 As you all know, those of you who have  
4 attended our meetings and some of you who've read  
5 the papers, we've been asked to promote a number  
6 of individuals. We have to look at the overall  
7 picture. We have to look at what's going on in  
8 the department, what's going on in the city.

9 And so when we deliberate and when we  
10 make our decisions, it is not to be in conflict  
11 with the Chief of Police or the Chief's Office,  
12 it is not to -- it is not for us to be combative  
13 one with another, but sometimes we'll have a  
14 difference of opinion as relates to how we should  
15 move forward.

16 Here's what we know and here's what the  
17 Board looks at. We look at the fact that our men  
18 and women in blue this year took a 10 percent pay  
19 cut. In addition to taking a 10 percent pay cut,  
20 they also was assessed 20 percent more that they  
21 would have to pay in their benefits.

22 In addition to that, they were also --  
23 the money that they were making in court, that  
24 was pretty much reduced significantly. In  
25 addition to that, they were all put on 12-hour

1 shifts which was a major change.

2 Now we're talking about the possibility  
3 of laying off police officers depending on what  
4 this new financial deal is going to be worked out  
5 to be. And so we are concerned about the morale,  
6 we're concerned about the disposition of our men  
7 and women in blue and we want to do -- this Board  
8 wants to do everything to make sure that we  
9 maintain a high level of morale and commitment  
10 under these present situations.

11 We're in a very significant period of  
12 transition. We understand this, we know this,  
13 but I think we've got to move cautiously as we  
14 move forward. We've got to make sure that we  
15 maintain the gains in our Consent Decree. We  
16 thank God for the leadership of Deputy Chief  
17 Tolbert and others who have made sure that we've  
18 stayed on track with our Consent Decree numbers.

19 And so we do know that we'll have to do  
20 a few promotions. However, we don't believe --  
21 and I'll say this on the record -- that right now  
22 today is the time for us to do wholesale  
23 promotions considering everything that's at  
24 stake.

25 We still need to hear from the

1 arbitrator as relates to the issues that he will  
2 render a decision on as relates to the 10 percent  
3 pay, as relates to the court fees, so what we  
4 don't want to do, we don't want to get ahead of  
5 the wagon, but we do want to make sure that our  
6 Chief of Police has everything that he needs to  
7 be effective from a structural and organizational  
8 standpoint, that we don't lose the gains under  
9 the Consent Decree. And that will be our focus  
10 as we move forward and I just wanted to let you  
11 all know that.

12 Also, we received some information --  
13 this is a follow-up -- on something that we did  
14 last week. Last week the Board passed a  
15 resolution basically supporting the current laws,  
16 the current ordinances, the current rules as  
17 relates to towing, police authorized towing, that  
18 are currently on the books.

19 We didn't create anything new. We just  
20 highlighted the laws that are already on the  
21 books that direct that in an effort that our  
22 towers may understand that we are bound by those  
23 obligations. And so we do understand that the  
24 City is moving forward with a plan to open up  
25 what was known as the Number 1 impound to tow

1 abandoned vehicles there.

2 Well, the permits and the applications  
3 that went out to the towers about two years ago  
4 asked them to take those cars to their own lots.  
5 This Board who sets policy for the department has  
6 not changed that. And so we expect that when  
7 those calls come in based on the resolution that  
8 we passed last week and based on the current  
9 rules that are currently in place that the towers  
10 will continue to tow those cars to their lots and  
11 those cars will be disposed of as per the rules  
12 that are already in place.

13 Again, at some point we got to make  
14 sure that we do not run roughshod over the  
15 Detroit City Charter and over the ordinances that  
16 governs this city. We know that we are in  
17 challenging times right now, but what guides us  
18 in challenging times are the laws and the  
19 precepts that lay out how we are to operate in  
20 this civilized society, and we just want to stay  
21 with that.

22 So thank you for hearing me out on  
23 those issues. At this time we will turn it over  
24 to the Chief's Office and ask Deputy Chief  
25 Benjamin Lee if he could come with his report at

1 this time.

2 DEPUTY CHIEF LEE: Yes, I will. We  
3 have a presentation by the 2nd Precinct,  
4 Inspector Brown.

5 Inspector Brown and I worked Narcotics  
6 together and we both ended up here at the 2nd  
7 Precinct. He was on the midnight shift here at  
8 the 2nd Precinct and I was his lieutenant and he  
9 got serious about wanting to be promoted to  
10 sergeant and lieutenant.

11 I mentored him here on midnights and he  
12 aced his test the first round and on the second  
13 round for lieutenant he didn't have to take a  
14 second test I don't believe and he aced it the  
15 second time around and he is now in charge of the  
16 2nd Precinct; congratulations.

17 (APPLAUSE.)

18 COMMANDER SERDA: Sorry for stealing  
19 the mic. I'm Commander John Serda and I'm in  
20 charge of Southwest District which includes the  
21 2nd and 4th Precincts.

22 I want to welcome everyone here to the  
23 2nd Precinct and I'd like to say that 2nd  
24 Precinct, we like to call it 2nd To None  
25 Precinct, and the reason we are able to do that

1 is because of the great leadership of Inspector  
2 Brown and his ability to create partnerships with  
3 our citizens, our businesses and his officers and  
4 staff.

5 So I'm going to turn it over to  
6 Inspector Brown. He can do his presentation and  
7 introduce some of his great staff that has made  
8 all this possible. Thank you.

9 INSPECTOR BROWN: Thank you, Commander,  
10 thank you, Deputy Chief and thank you  
11 Commissioner and thanks to everybody for coming  
12 here tonight.

13 At this time I would like to present  
14 the Spirit of Detroit award before I do my quick  
15 presentation. This -- later, you want me to do  
16 my presentation first? Okay, I got it.

17 I was going to have a difficult time  
18 with the name. I only know her as Ms. June, so  
19 I'll do it in a second. Do I need to cut the  
20 lights out? Is everyone going to be able to see  
21 this clearly? Yes, okay.

22 Once again, welcome to the 2nd  
23 Precinct. Let's make sure we got everything  
24 going. The 2nd Precinct, obviously the  
25 organization exists here, Commander John Serda,

1 myself Inspector Brown. At this time I would  
2 like to introduce very key staff members here at  
3 the 2nd Precinct. To my right is Lt. Christopher  
4 Coles. He's the second, he's the administrative  
5 guy and he's the guy that gets everything done  
6 here.

7 Crime-wise to his right is Lt. Marty  
8 Stefan. He's our Special Operations guy, he  
9 runs the biggest shift here and he holds the most  
10 responsibility as far as getting the numbers  
11 down.

12 I don't know where she went, she  
13 probably ducked out of here, but I have a  
14 sergeant here who put all of this together, put  
15 it together for the grand opening, put it  
16 together every day. She's responsible for  
17 community relations, she's responsible for force  
18 investigations, she's responsible for Department  
19 of Justice issues, she's responsible for  
20 administration issues.

21 She cleaned the building, she did the  
22 floors, she decorated the building, she put out  
23 the lights and --

24 (APPLAUSE.)

25 INSPECTOR BROWN: If we could clone her

1 two or three times we would be out of this  
2 Consent Decree and we'd be well on our way. Just  
3 real quick, we're 8.2 square miles bounded on the  
4 north by Fenkell. These are just the boundaries.  
5 Bounded on the south by Warren, bounded on the  
6 east by Wyoming and bounded on the west on  
7 Greenfield.

8 As you see, we have five lieutenants,  
9 15 sergeants of which it's about two or three  
10 people that are assigned out to TCRU for various  
11 restricted duty issues. We have one civilian  
12 here and 120 police officers as of Monday's date.

13 The Board asked for our mission, what  
14 was our goals here. And our goals obviously are  
15 pretty simple. Our goal is to reduce crime,  
16 reduce blight and increase investment while  
17 collaborating with key business members and the  
18 community.

19 So we think we're doing a pretty good  
20 job of that. We think our numbers are trending  
21 down crime-wise and hopefully moving into the  
22 next quarter we'll be able to show some  
23 substantial reductions.

24 Thus far this year what gets measured  
25 gets done. We're kind of in the middle of the

1 road right here. We're kind of a little towards  
2 the top and a little bit towards the bottom in  
3 some areas as far as precincts go.

4 Thus far this year we've had 38 fatalities  
5 and about 113 non-fatal shootings. That's  
6 extremely high and we're uncomfortable with that  
7 number and we're not going to settle until we get  
8 that number down to basically zero and zero.

9 But not quite realistic, but we're  
10 actually looking for that number 38 to be  
11 somewhere around respectively 12 and non-fatal  
12 respectively to be somewhere around 40 or 50. If  
13 we're able to reduce those numbers, I'm sure  
14 Deputy Chief Tolbert, I'm sure he'll be pretty  
15 happy with it.

16 This is what we've done. We opened up  
17 the doors here at the 2nd Precinct on June 27 and  
18 we've been pretty busy. We've had 514 felony  
19 arrests, you see the misdemeanors, the juveniles.  
20 We've written over 3,000 tickets and we've tagged  
21 and towed 1,200 and 369 vehicles respectively.

22 So we're getting at it, and initially  
23 when we first opened up 6-27 we had to post for  
24 jobs, so we had to post for about two weeks and  
25 then we had to actually get into the job

1 assignments thereafter, so it wasn't like the  
2 27th we became totally operational. It took a  
3 little while to get operational, so that's why we  
4 see the numbers are trending down now.

5 Where we were at about 13 shootings, 16  
6 robberies or so a month, now our numbers are  
7 going down because we've been here a while and  
8 we're arresting and effecting the right people.

9 My small predictions for 2013, I used  
10 to work with Deputy Chief Tolbert and he used to  
11 sit down with me at the start of the year and ask  
12 for projections and I used to say 5 percent, and  
13 he used to say no. So 5 percent is just target.

14 We're actually looking at being a lot  
15 lower than 5 percent and a 10 percent reduction  
16 overall in Part 1 crimes so we think we're going  
17 to do a lot better than that.

18 Significant arrests. We've had  
19 several, but I'm just going to name two. Our  
20 officers already this year in September  
21 confiscated over two kilos of cocaine. That's  
22 real big. When I was at Narcotics, two kilos of  
23 cocaine, once again Deputy Chief was my boss,  
24 that was a very high seizure and that's very good  
25 for patrol officers to be that diligent while

1 they're on patrol to confiscate -- to make that  
2 type of confiscation.

3 The arrest of the RA at the Dollar  
4 General store. If you see the signs posted in  
5 front of me and behind me, we're very serious  
6 when you look around at the signage posted in the  
7 2nd Precinct. When it says six minutes, six  
8 minutes, we're serious about that.

9 When we had three different shifts we  
10 were trending around eight minutes for days, five  
11 minutes for afternoons and about 11 minutes for  
12 midnights, so we're extremely serious about  
13 servicing this community.

14 Most of the time people when they leave  
15 the community is based on the fact that nobody  
16 comes, that nobody is answering, nobody is  
17 answering the call. Somebody gets there and  
18 gives you a little bit of attitude.

19 If we have any incidents like that in  
20 the 2nd Precinct we want to hear about them.

21 Gun confiscations to date -- pardon me.

22 That was a robbery, a guy went in,  
23 pulled a gun right there at the counter on the  
24 clerk and he didn't get a block and we locked him  
25 up. He didn't get a block. We responded

1 excellently, immediately right.

2 Let me see what else we got here. Our  
3 strengths. The Board requested strengths. I'm  
4 going to say our leadership, obviously our lead  
5 members. I don't know if Robinson showed up yet.  
6 This is a great working environment and we tell  
7 the officers that. This is a great working  
8 environment.

9 We're well aware of the issues that the  
10 City is going through. The Commissioner  
11 mentioned them earlier. It's very difficult to  
12 lead within these circumstances, 12-hour shifts.  
13 I'm currently on the committee that we're going  
14 to investigate if the 12-hour shifts is working  
15 for the officers. The current climate,  
16 everything basically that the Commissioner stated  
17 is very difficult. I mean, every day the  
18 officers come to work and it's something else  
19 that they have to deal with.

20 But the working environment itself, we  
21 try to let them know that we actually care about  
22 them here, that we don't want to double stress  
23 you out. Just like the citizens, we have a B&E  
24 at your home, you come in here, you don't want  
25 the officer to double stress you out. We don't

1 want you to move because you had a B&E, we want  
2 to service you just like the business community.

3 The community here, the business  
4 community -- and we're going to speak about one  
5 in particular business community, business member  
6 in a second, but that's pretty much.

7 Our weaknesses, might be trapped for  
8 some resources. Commander Sahowski is here.  
9 We're waiting to get our elevator fixed. That's  
10 my old Commander, but we're going to get the  
11 elevator fixed.

12 I mean, obviously equipment, those  
13 types of resources, but we can stand a few more  
14 officers, but then we'd have to change our  
15 projections a little bit, so we don't have many  
16 weaknesses.

17 You've already discussed the issues and  
18 they are the issues that encompass the whole  
19 department. We got enough toilet paper.

20 Community collaborations. Blight  
21 Enforcement Group, that's a meeting that we have  
22 every Monday. Every time we go to a community  
23 meeting we hear a lot of stories about vacant  
24 homes, about someone not taking care of their  
25 property. Thus far this year, and we've been

1 here since July 1st, we've written over 400  
2 environmental blight tickets.

3 We're trying to put the pressure back  
4 on the homeowners. We write the ticket, they get  
5 subpoenaed, ticket is generally about \$500, \$750.  
6 They will come out, maybe board it up, maybe  
7 clean it up, maybe cut it up and then we can move  
8 on from there. So that's every Monday at 9  
9 o'clock. It's a quick informational meeting and  
10 we just want to get everybody to come in and hand  
11 this to the aban officer, hand it to the  
12 community officer and then we go from there.

13 Community chat. When we have a  
14 shooting we already know what happened around  
15 that area with the shooting, but our supervisors  
16 respond to the scene and they ask additional  
17 questions, what else is happening over here.  
18 This is where we find out something about vacant  
19 houses, we find out about drug houses. We find  
20 out about truancy. We find out about different  
21 issues when we send them to the scene.

22 After they do a daily incident report  
23 they submit back those community persons and we  
24 contact them and we say, was your contact good  
25 with the officers. We want the contact to be

1 positive with the officers.

2 You see we got on the wall we are  
3 competing for assets with other communities. We  
4 mean that. We don't want people to move to  
5 Southfield, we don't want you to move to Dearborn  
6 and the first thing people say when they get to  
7 Dearborn or Southfield is, "I called the police  
8 and they came."

9 Those officers are ex-Detroit officers,  
10 so how do they motivate them to come in Dearborn,  
11 Southfield, Novi, Sterling Heights, and we can't  
12 motivate them to come here in Detroit. We don't  
13 have that at the 2nd Precinct.

14 Our Saturday community bike ride. We  
15 had some community members come out and we ride  
16 around the neighborhood. It got cold on us  
17 rather quickly too, right.

18 VOICE FROM AUDIENCE:

19 Sgt. Robinson has joined us.

20 (APPLAUSE.)

21 INSPECTOR BROWN: Our Wayne County  
22 Community College criminal justice student  
23 program. We probably had -- and I got to give  
24 Marty all the credit for this, and Lt. Stefan --  
25 we probably had 40, 50 students thus far that

1 literally have to do a log and they come out and  
2 they ride and we put them with Patrol, Special  
3 Operations and they come out and join in and  
4 they're in the criminal justice program, so they  
5 come out and see how it is actually to come out  
6 here and engage the community.

7 Coats for Christmas, that's December  
8 21. We've reached out to -- I don't see any  
9 principals -- we reached out to Noble Middle  
10 School, Flagship Academy, McKenzie, McKenzie  
11 Middle School as well as Drew Elementary School.  
12 We told them to identify eight, 10 families that  
13 they need coats. Well, we got more -- we got  
14 more than we bargained for. We found out that  
15 everybody needed a coat.

16 So -- but that's on the 21st.  
17 Mr. Walsh -- who else am I missing? I know I  
18 seen Mr. Walsh. He provided -- the business  
19 community, Schaefer Storage, he provided monies  
20 for that, donations for that. I'm sure I got  
21 somebody else.

22 Mr. Bozy, I got some other people in  
23 here. I don't want to miss anybody but I can  
24 barely see with glasses on, trust me.

25 The 2nd Precinct officers' lounge,

1 that's what we started downstairs. This is one  
2 of those motivating factors, that we want them to  
3 feel valued here. We have kind of taken a page  
4 out of Quicken Loans, Microsoft, Google. We're  
5 trying to take a page out of their book.

6 We're not trying to bring them in here  
7 and beat them up every day. We're trying to  
8 bring them in here and say you're valued, the  
9 citizens are valued.

10 If we treat them bad here, when they  
11 get out there they're going to treat you guys how  
12 -- very bad -- badder -- is that a word, badder?

13 Gleaner Food Bank. Currently we have  
14 something going with Gleaner Food Bank where  
15 we're requesting that the officers -- I believe  
16 it's between December 4 and December 12, that  
17 they bring in canned goods. So once we get those  
18 canned goods in, we're going to try to support  
19 those programs as well.

20 At this time, it's going to be real  
21 quick. I know he has a disk with him and he's  
22 very, very, very smooth talker, Mr. Samir Badune,  
23 I want to bring him forward.

24 He's the owner of the Metro Property  
25 Group. We talk about investment and we want

1 people to move into this precinct, we want them  
2 to be safe. He came here. The day before they  
3 moved in, before they put the signs up, before  
4 they did anything, he said, "Inspector Brown,  
5 what do you need? I'm here. I want to have a  
6 relationship with you guys" and we said wow, we  
7 actually got a business moving in.

8 So, of course, we embraced them, right,  
9 we put our arms around them and we, you know,  
10 started -- we used to have a gas station sign-in  
11 where we want to officers to go by, visit all the  
12 gas stations. We don't want loiterers around the  
13 gas stations, the service areas, so the people  
14 will feel safe.

15 Well, we've expanded that now. Now we  
16 got that in different businesses. We've got it  
17 in the dollar store, we got it in the Metro  
18 Property Group so I'm going to let Mr. Badune say  
19 something real quick.

20 MR. BADUNE: Thank you for having me  
21 speak quickly here. I just wanted to just give  
22 my experience so far in moving into the 2nd  
23 Precinct, moving our business into the 2nd  
24 Precinct and dealing with Inspector Brown.

25 He has been honestly a breath of fresh

1 air. I mean, we -- just give you a little bit of  
2 background -- we're the largest property  
3 management company in the city of Detroit, manage  
4 over 1,500 homes at this point. And you'll  
5 notice our properties out there.

6 And I know that the reduction of blight  
7 is a big concern for the whole city. We are the  
8 company that uses the BPS system, the steel  
9 grated system so we don't -- a couple of months  
10 ago we stopped using any board-ups on any of our  
11 houses.

12 Actually just had the CEO of that  
13 company come in yesterday and thank us for the  
14 business, but we feel like we can really lock out  
15 squatters and people who are going to come in and  
16 cause crime or anything like that in our area.

17 Commander Brown has been -- since Day 1  
18 he came to our office, welcomed us to the  
19 neighborhood, did the sign-in sheet like you  
20 said. They've been signing in, the officers have  
21 been showing up. I want to thank the officers  
22 for coming by, making sure our employees are  
23 safe, our tenants are safe. Again, being a  
24 property management company we were in Dearborn  
25 Heights initially when we started and we just now

1 in November moved into the city of Detroit.

2 So we didn't want our tenants from  
3 Detroit to have to come to Dearborn Heights to  
4 pay their rent, sign leases, whatever else it  
5 was. We wanted to make it more convenient and I  
6 don't think we could have done it without so far  
7 the support of the 2nd Precinct and Inspector  
8 Brown, so I just want to thank him for that.

9 We are at the former Charter One bank  
10 branch on Joy Road and Manor, so we're -- the  
11 financial institutions left, we're coming in and  
12 we're trying to promote new business and  
13 motownrent.com if anyone is looking for a rental.  
14 Thank you.

15 (APPLAUSE.)

16 INSPECTOR BROWN: I think that -- and  
17 that's our motto at the 2nd Precinct, we are  
18 second to none. Any questions?

19 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Well, I don't  
20 have any questions, but I would like to  
21 congratulate you and all the initiative that  
22 you're doing here and the good spirit I feel  
23 here, it's really great and I'm sure you're  
24 going to do great things in this community, maybe  
25 it can be a model for others.

1 INSPECTOR BROWN: Thank you.

2 (APPLAUSE.)

3 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Obviously just  
4 your approach, your enthusiasm is just catching,  
5 and I know it spreads throughout the community  
6 what you do. You represent without question  
7 community policing at its best. The fact that  
8 you're using what you have here in this building  
9 and making the very best of it.

10 The lounge idea for the officers is  
11 just great, it's just wonderful and it shows  
12 innovation. You know, to take an idea and to  
13 say, you know what, I know that we need to  
14 somehow or another work with the morale of our  
15 officers and that's great, just outstanding,  
16 outstanding work. So we're very proud of you.

17 I do have just a few questions from the  
18 presentation. We talked about getting the  
19 fatalities down, we're going to work on doing  
20 that.

21 Do you have some specific plans on how  
22 you might work on getting that down?

23 INSPECTOR BROWN: Oh, absolutely. The  
24 numbers are trending down now. The fatalities,  
25 that you probably was to divide them up you would

1 see that we're probably somewhere around three.  
2 We're down to one now.

3 We had one in November, so like I said,  
4 it took us about a good 60 to 90 days to get in  
5 here and start effecting some key arrests, one in  
6 November, one thus far in December.

7 The circumstances are not all drug  
8 related any more. We find that most of our  
9 crimes used to be drug related. They're not drug  
10 related. They are friends, they are associates,  
11 so Homicide has an opportunity now to close a  
12 case where when it was drug related it was wide  
13 open.

14 So if we're able to continue at the  
15 rate that we're continuing at now, three  
16 non-fatal shootings a month and one felony a  
17 month, you can see how drastic our numbers will  
18 be improving.

19 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Great. Is  
20 there policy in place that correct the previous  
21 issues as relates to individuals who may need to  
22 turn themselves in, any hours of the day or  
23 night. You know what I mean?

24 INSPECTOR BROWN: Well, there were some  
25 various circumstances -- I should bring Commander

1 Sahowski forward -- when we were at the Southwest  
2 District and it actually didn't occur like that.  
3 It actually was maybe reported a little bit  
4 differently than it actually occurred, but  
5 obviously we will take anybody at any time of  
6 night that's actually trying to turn themselves  
7 in that can continue a crime pattern while  
8 they're out there.

9 So I would say that for the most part  
10 we're going to get them. We're going to get  
11 everybody that we can get in custody in this  
12 precinct. So it's not a whole lot of people that  
13 I can recall since July 1 that's been turning  
14 themselves in, but we like to highlight that one  
15 special case.

16 I know Commander Suchoski recalls that  
17 because he actually handled it, but I don't think  
18 it happened like that. I think it was just one  
19 of those sensational news stories.

20 CHAIRMAN WARFIELD: Yes, sir,  
21 absolutely. Again, don't go too far because we  
22 are going to move into the presentation in a  
23 minute, but again, just outstanding job.

24 As you all have seen, the words that  
25 are said about this man earlier was not

1 hyperbolic in nature, wasn't an exaggeration.

2 This man has just done an outstanding  
3 job and it's been like this throughout the career  
4 that I've known, so thank you just for your  
5 leadership and certainly want to thank Commander  
6 Serda as well for his leadership in this district  
7 and, sir, we thank you. Deputy Chief, anything  
8 else?

9 DEPUTY CHIEF LEE: No, that concludes  
10 our presentation.

11 CHAIRMAN WARFIELD: I'm going to ask if  
12 Commissioner Taylor will begin the presentation  
13 ceremonies for our honoree tonight. This is one  
14 of the parts of our agenda that we love to come  
15 out to the community and recognize those  
16 individuals who've just done an outstanding job  
17 in helping the police do their thing.

18 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Ms. Rhunetter  
19 Key.

20 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Is Ms. Key  
21 here? Give her a hand as she comes on down here.

22 (APPLAUSE.)

23 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: This is a  
24 resolution honoring Ms. Rhunetter Key.

25 WHEREAS, Ms. Rhunetter Key has been a

1 dedicated resident of the 2nd Precinct Roselawn  
2 Community for over 16 years, her commitment to  
3 community service and leadership is exemplified  
4 throughout the community, and

5 WHEREAS, Ms. Key has been instrumental  
6 in building bridges between the community and the  
7 Detroit Police Department always contributing  
8 with efforts to improve neighborhood safety and  
9 quality of life, and

10 WHEREAS, Ms. Key's passionate  
11 participation in community organization has been  
12 a positive force in effectively implementing  
13 security measures and programs which have greatly  
14 benefited her community. Not only is she a great  
15 source of strength for her neighborhood, Ms. Key  
16 tirelessly cares for her children and family.

17 WHEREAS, Ms. Key has been involved in  
18 organizing community events that have helped  
19 provide a structured and safe environment for  
20 youth within and around the Roselawn Community.  
21 Ms. Key exemplifies what it means to be a  
22 positive role model in her community and an  
23 example of what it should mean to be a citizen of  
24 Detroit.

25 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the

1 Board of Police Commissioners speaking on behalf  
2 of the citizens of the city of Detroit and the  
3 Detroit Police recognize the life's work and  
4 dedication to service of Ms. Rhunetter Key. Her  
5 commitment to community, mission outreach and her  
6 spirit of giving back is felt and shared  
7 throughout the 2nd Precinct and the entire city  
8 of Detroit.

9 We thank and congratulate you,  
10 Ms. Rhunetter Key.

11 (APPLAUSE.).

12 CHAIRMAN WARFIELD: We have some more  
13 for you, yes, ma'am.

14 DEPUTY CHIEF LEE: On behalf of Interim  
15 Chief of Police Chester L. Logan, the Detroit  
16 Police Department certificate of recognition to  
17 Ms. Rhunetter Key, resident of the city of  
18 Detroit in appreciation for the following  
19 outstanding service and cooperation.

20 For your involvement in the community  
21 and services to the city of Detroit demonstrates  
22 a spirit and commitment that is worthy of  
23 recognition.

24 Signed, Chester L. Logan, Interim  
25 Chief.

1 (APPLAUSE.)

2 INSPECTOR BROWN: One more. Spirit of  
3 Detroit award. It's presented -- I don't have to  
4 read this basically, but it is a Spirit of  
5 Detroit award basically because of her dedication  
6 and the spirit and her volunteerism.

7 Let me tell you, when we got here, she  
8 showed up about a week after we opened the door  
9 and she said, "What are we doing?" and we said,  
10 "We're not doing anything yet. We don't have  
11 anything." We didn't have chairs in here. We  
12 were still moving in and she says, "Well, I've  
13 been volunteering up here since Commander Virgil  
14 Spike was here." She said, "I've been here 20,  
15 25 years." She said, "We need to do this, we  
16 need to do this, we need to do this, we need to  
17 do this." We said, "Wow." We don't know what we  
18 supposed to be doing, we just got to feel our way  
19 through.

20 So she's been here. The officers see  
21 her out on the street. She comes here every  
22 morning. She actually is the one who organizes  
23 that blight enforcement meeting. It actually --  
24 it morphs into a whole bunch of other meetings,  
25 but she's been here.

1                   She calls me on the phone. She says,  
2                   "I need a key. I need something else to do."  
3                   Where is her son at? He says give her something  
4                   else to volunteer and do please, so we'll  
5                   probably have her on the report desk answering  
6                   the phones. Whatever we need, she hasn't backed  
7                   down from that challenge.

8                   So I don't know her as Rhunetter Key, I  
9                   don't know her as that, I know her as Ms. June  
10                  and most of the time I call her Sacred Heart. I  
11                  said, "What school did you go to?" and she said,  
12                  "Sacred Heart." And I said, "Catholic school.  
13                  You Sacred Heart from now on."

14                  So it's my honor to present to her the  
15                  Spirit of Detroit awards signed by all of the  
16                  City Council members.

17                  (APPLAUSE.)

18                  MS. KEY: I want to thank everyone for  
19                  all the awards and I try to do my best for the  
20                  2nd Precinct and for our community and I  
21                  appreciate everything with the help people given  
22                  me. Thank you.

23                  (APPLAUSE.)

24                  CHAIRMAN WARFIELD: Thank you, Ms. Key.  
25                  Again, I want to thank Ms. Key just for her

1 outstanding work to this community and certainly  
2 we know there are others and as we come back, we  
3 know others will be honored as well.

4 Under old business, again I want to  
5 reiterate, I said under old business and that's  
6 related to the resolution that we passed last  
7 week again reminding us of the ordinances and the  
8 policies regarding towing that is in place.

9 And so there is a sheet of paper that's  
10 going around asking towers to sign it in regards  
11 to this new move and I'm going to ask that you do  
12 not sign it, and that you do not hand it in  
13 because it's in conflict with current ordinances  
14 and with the policies that are currently in place  
15 that this Board, the Mayor and the Chief of  
16 Police have already signed off on.

17 We have not had a public forum on this.  
18 We have not had discussion on this, neither have  
19 we debated or made any decisions about this new  
20 policy initiative.

21 And so we're asking that it not be  
22 signed and not even be passed out because at this  
23 point, at this juncture, it is inappropriate to  
24 do so. The Chief of Police on the record at our  
25 very last meeting stated that he has been at

1 arms-length distance at best as relates to this  
2 new policy and has not made any suggestions that  
3 he supported this one way or another.

4 And so we think it's highly premature  
5 for this type of document to be passed out to  
6 towers asking them to sign it because it would  
7 literally cause you to break the ordinances that  
8 are on the Detroit city books right now. You  
9 would be a law breaker if you followed this  
10 particular policy.

11 And we ask that you do not do that,  
12 please. Thank you.

13 Moving to our next order of business,  
14 our next meeting will be on Thursday, December  
15 20, 2012 at 3 o'clock PM at police headquarters,  
16 1300 Beaubien. Certainly we'd love to see you  
17 all come down there and join us in Room 328-A.

18 Again, 3 o'clock PM and that will be  
19 our last meeting of the year. We will not be  
20 meeting during the Christmas holiday week nor  
21 will we be meeting during the first week of  
22 January which is the New Year week as well, so  
23 this week will be our last meeting of 2012.

24 At this time our agenda calls for oral  
25 communication. If you wish to address the Board

1 of Police Commissioners, you can come to the  
2 podium and the mic right here in the center of  
3 the room, please give us your full name and spell  
4 it for our reporter so we can get proper credit  
5 in our records and if you can abide with our  
6 two-minute time limit so that we can hear from as  
7 many guests as possible, we would greatly  
8 appreciate it.

9 You may come at this time, those  
10 wishing to address the Board of Police  
11 Commissioners.

12 MR. BROWN: Excuse me, My name is David  
13 Brown and I'm the CEO and founder of -- there  
14 used to be a nursing home right there on -- right  
15 across from McKenzie High School. Well, we  
16 grabbed the nursing home and we're a transitional  
17 housing for females with children, address that  
18 population.

19 So I wanted to really announce that  
20 we're in the community and it's going to be a  
21 year long program. First six months is inside  
22 the transitional home, the next phase is three  
23 months which is semi-independent living and then  
24 the last phase is independent living. And it's  
25 going to be a faith-based program as well.

1                   And I need to get in touch with you  
2                   because I like that. So what we're trying to do  
3                   is address the homeless population. As we  
4                   decrease that, we also decrease the abandoned  
5                   homes and things like that as well and it's going  
6                   to be all over the city of Detroit as well  
7                   because we got churches who have come on board  
8                   and supporting us with this whole endeavor.

9                   CHAIRMAN WARFIELD: Certainly,  
10                  Mr. Brown, thank you for coming and announcing  
11                  that to us. We see that you do have some  
12                  brochures in your hands. Certainly we would like  
13                  a copy of that and in that brochure is there a  
14                  number to get in contact with you if someone  
15                  needs your services?

16                  MR. BROWN: Yes.

17                  CHAIRMAN WARFIELD: Okay, great. We  
18                  certainly appreciate that. Thank you, sir. Are  
19                  there others?

20                  MS. JACKSON: You know I couldn't sit  
21                  down and I don't have any complaints.

22                  Kimberly Jackson, president of  
23                  Northeastern District Community Relations. I  
24                  just wanted to wish everyone a merry Christmas, a  
25                  prosperous and happy New Year. That goes to all

1 the officers, the lieutenants, the sergeants, the  
2 Chief, whoever is in this police world because I  
3 take my hat off to them totally.

4 But I'd like to wish them and their  
5 families as well as the Board a very merry  
6 Christmas and a happy prosperous 2013 and I'm not  
7 going nowhere and I will be ready for 2013.

8 CHAIRMAN WARFIELD: Yes, ma'am. Thank  
9 you, Ms. Jackson. Always good to see your  
10 smiling face.

11 Yes, ma'am.

12 MS. BROTEN: Thank you very much. Good  
13 evening, Commissioners. My name is Theo Broten  
14 and I'm vice-president of the Barton & Crowley  
15 Neighborhood Association and it's really nice to  
16 be able to share the same room and agenda with  
17 you having you here this evening.

18 I think it's wonderful that the  
19 Commissioners come out once a month in the  
20 community because as many people know it's not  
21 the most convenient area to have to come and park  
22 in in order to come to the meeting at 1300  
23 Beaubien.

24 And I'd like to let the community know  
25 that when this meeting is finished, that the

1 Barton and Crowley will continue and I encourage  
2 and invite you all to stay if you have the time  
3 and interest and share with us as well.

4 And for all of those here to learn more  
5 about Barton Crowley; thank you.

6 CHAIRMAN WARFIELD: Thank you,  
7 Ms. Broten and certainly we appreciate all the  
8 work that you have done down through the years  
9 throughout the city of Detroit. We thank you.

10 MR. WALDEN: My name is Greg Walden and  
11 I'm from that same street block club and I just  
12 got a question.

13 Do the Board have any input to like the  
14 demolition of some of these houses? I mean, some  
15 of these houses so bad, you can be on the  
16 outside, you can see the sky through the doors,  
17 and we called down to the City and they don't  
18 really get you no time.

19 I'm just wondering is it possible that  
20 you might have something to say because as you  
21 well know, these places can be a place where all  
22 sorts of crime and stuff take place.

23 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: What we can do,  
24 sir, if you contact our office we can make sure  
25 that -- and we have some City Council

1 representatives, staff people here tonight. We  
2 can make sure that we reach out to them and  
3 sometimes hearing it from us elevates it a little  
4 bit quicker, and so we'll be more than willing to  
5 do that. If you call our office, our office  
6 number is 596-1830. Certainly you can ask one of  
7 the staff people, they know that, 596-1830.

8 Give us the address, give us of course  
9 where it's located and a description of the  
10 location.

11 MR. WALDEN: We got about like four or  
12 five houses.

13 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: And we will  
14 send a letter to our City Council partners to get  
15 that -- get more attention on it.

16 MR. WALDEN: Thank you, sir. One more  
17 thing. I think Inspector Brown made mention  
18 about having lawn, grass cutting equipment like  
19 for -- that we might be able to get -- is that  
20 still -- would that still be available?

21 INSPECTOR BROWN: We're going to try to  
22 be involved with Happy Homes and some other  
23 groups that are actually going around doing  
24 clean-up, so we're going to try to be involved.  
25 We haven't secured any equipment yet, but we're

1 close to securing equipment, but we do have  
2 volunteers though.

3 We got manpower and -- but we haven't  
4 had the machinery yet.

5 MR. WALDEN: The reason I brought that  
6 up is because there was some lots I saw where  
7 there was vacant houses a few years ago, somebody  
8 demolished the homes and they just cleaned it up.  
9 They cut the grass. I mean, it looks so much  
10 better and we have a couple of places, you can go  
11 ahead and take care -- once that's done, our  
12 block club, we'll take care of cutting grass, but  
13 the house got to come down.

14 CHAIRMAN WARFIELD: Absolutely.

15 MR. WALDEN: Thank you, sir.

16 CHAIRMAN WARFIELD: Thank you,  
17 Mr. Walden. Also one thing for Mr. Walden and  
18 for Inspector Brown. You might want to contact  
19 Greening of Detroit because they have a lot of  
20 equipment that they either lend out or donate to  
21 neighborhoods often where there is a collective  
22 effort, when there is a collaborative effort  
23 that's already together and they will give you a  
24 lot of the equipment or you can use their  
25 equipment to do that, Greening of Detroit.

1 Thank you. Are there others? Are  
2 there others? All right.

3 Okay, yes, ma'am.

4 MS. MILLER: My name is Kara Miller.  
5 We have a church at the corner of Elmira and  
6 Wyoming and all I can say is since he took over,  
7 Inspector Brown, and Sgt. Wyatt, and thank God we  
8 got Ebony Powell upstairs and I can see an  
9 improvement, a huge improvement, and I know where  
10 it came from. I know who started it and who  
11 finished it and the last time I was before any of  
12 you was when John Melnarsic was the commander and  
13 yes, you worked with him at one time. And this  
14 is the first Thanksgiving we've seen through the  
15 neighborhood from Joy Road all the way down to  
16 our church at Elmira and Wyoming that I actually  
17 saw police officers doing something.

18 What I did do, I thanked him for it  
19 over there and then I called up John and I said,  
20 "Don't ever tell me that they didn't listen to  
21 you before you retired six years ago. Never mind  
22 what they've done on their own."

23 CHAIRMAN WARFIELD: Yes, ma'am.

24 MS. MILLER: Because they've done a  
25 whole lot on their own, so at least I didn't

1 ignore that part. And as far as getting rid of  
2 houses that need to go, they should start right  
3 at Plymouth Road all the way down to West  
4 Chicago. You got your hands full over there.

5 CHAIRMAN WARFIELD: Thank you.

6 MS. MILLER: Because when you leave our  
7 area and you go where McKenzie was at where they  
8 took it down, there's no mess there like there is  
9 in our spot, but they're cleaning it up.

10 And it's been let go too long, but when  
11 you have both precincts together if it's  
12 Southwestern District there's no way in the world  
13 they can get from where they're at over here  
14 clear over to Fort Street and Outer Drive and  
15 down to Mexicantown, that's impossible.

16 But since they got the precinct open  
17 over here now, Number 1, not Number 2, they're  
18 Number 1.

19 CHAIRMAN WARFIELD: Thank you.

20 MS. MILLER: Where is Officer  
21 Robinson? I told her to her face and I'll say it  
22 again, you're incredible, you're incredible.

23 CHAIRMAN WARFIELD: Thank you, ma'am.

24 (APPLAUSE.)

25 MS. SHEROBEI: Hi, my name is Kim

1 Sherobei. I had a question, this is it. I  
2 wasn't sure if I was going to ask it, but I  
3 attended the Hands Farm meeting and I was really  
4 shocked to find that we were -- I was going to  
5 say frisked, but we were wanded. That's the  
6 first community meeting that I've ever been to  
7 where we had to go through -- I mean, it was  
8 hundreds of people there, it was cold, it was  
9 elders there with canes and I'm wondering if  
10 that's going to be a precedent.

11 I know that there's a lot going on and  
12 I found out that -- that's the officers, I've  
13 seen them at City Council meetings, but I did not  
14 know they were police officers. So what is the  
15 procedures? To me, that just seems really  
16 inappropriate.

17 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: I'm going to  
18 ask if Deputy Chief Lee can chime in on that.

19 DEPUTY CHIEF LEE: I don't know exactly  
20 what their protocol is exactly, but I'm sure that  
21 -- and I don't know if they're wanded at the  
22 front door downstairs. I mean, they go through  
23 that wand process down there, so I don't  
24 understand. We can check into that for you and  
25 why they do it a second time upon entering City

1 Council?

2 MS. SHEROBEI: Well, this was an open  
3 -- a public meeting at a church, it was hundreds  
4 of people. We had a line that was -- I don't  
5 know how many people, it was hundreds of people  
6 and it was cold. And I'm just saying that I --  
7 that's something -- I really think it's something  
8 that we need to consider.

9 I understand because in this City  
10 County Building or Coleman Young Municipal, you  
11 have the -- but I just really felt bad. It was a  
12 lot of comments. I just didn't think it was  
13 appropriate, so I wanted to know what the  
14 rationale was. I do know the concerns, but I  
15 don't think that we want to set a precedent like  
16 that. I think we want to be more mindful of the  
17 community, a little more respectful of the  
18 community and we want people to come out. We  
19 don't want to discourage them, we want them to  
20 come out and begin to be active and I did see  
21 people leave, so that was -- it was very  
22 disturbing to me.

23 DEPUTY CHIEF LEE: Through the Chair,  
24 where was that meeting held?

25 MS. SHEROBEI: It was at Grace Baptist

1 Church, corner Jefferson and Conner.

2 CHAIRMAN WARFIELD: We will get an  
3 answer back to you, Ms. Sherobei, and certainly  
4 -- say enough to get myself in trouble, so let me  
5 try and be nice.

6 We ought to -- like you said, we ought  
7 to be respectful of our own folks and should not  
8 be scared of our own people, and, you know, we  
9 will look into that to see exactly why that was  
10 the case because it was a public meeting.

11 And if you want the community to come  
12 out to express themselves, then those type of  
13 barriers I think further incense people and add  
14 more flame to the fire. My personal opinion  
15 only.

16 So -- but we will definitely check into  
17 that.

18 MS. SHEROBEI: Yeah and even encourage  
19 them not to do that.

20 CHAIRMAN WARFIELD: Not to do that,  
21 yes, ma'am.

22 MS. SHEROBEI: And have a happy  
23 holiday.

24 COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Same to you,  
25 thank you.

1 (APPLAUSE.)

2 CHAIRMAN WARFIELD: Are there others?  
3 All right. Don't want to cut off the young  
4 people, not at all. As a matter of fact, only  
5 one time my friend.

6 VOICE FROM THE AUDIENCE: Real  
7 quick, we had a break-in and they showed up, the  
8 police showed up like within five or six. I just  
9 wanted to say that.

10 CHAIRMAN WARFIELD: Amen. Okay, yes,  
11 sir. We are very impressed, we really are. We  
12 all have radios that we turn on and we scan and  
13 listen to the response times, and the 2nd  
14 Precinct really they do an excellent job in  
15 getting out to the folks here in this area, so we  
16 thank God for that.

17 I'm not going to hold up too much more  
18 time. We're going to close that section of our  
19 meeting right now. I do want to make a personal  
20 announcement and this is, you know, we have to  
21 help brother out a little bit.

22 A very good friend of mine, Mr. Arthur  
23 Blackwell, some of you know him, he hosts a radio  
24 program on Sunday mornings from 8 to 9 o'clock AM  
25 and he's asked me to guest host for him.

1                   Now, listen, I've never done this  
2 before, so I'm going to need some nice people to  
3 call in, just to call in on Sunday. I need  
4 Inspector's Brown's fan club.

5                   VOICE FROM THE AUDIENCE: What's the  
6 phone number?

7                   CHAIRMAN WARFIELD: I don't know the  
8 phone number. We'll give it out on Sunday  
9 morning from 8 to 9 o'clock AM. We're going to  
10 talk about certainly a number of events that  
11 happened this week certainly and we'll also talk  
12 about some things that's going on within the  
13 police department, and then at the end I do want  
14 to give -- I wanted to give a response because I  
15 think it's important as we get ready to leave.

16                   I want to give a response to what is  
17 our reaction, what should be our reaction as  
18 citizens to what's going on around us because I  
19 think there has to be a prevailing thought, there  
20 has to be a prevailing goal that we cannot look  
21 at everything that's happening around us as just  
22 throw up our hands and say, "Woe is me" but I  
23 think there's something that can be done on our  
24 behalf and I want to share that on Sunday morning  
25 on Art Blackwell's show, 107.5 AM.

1 All right. I don't do this, but --

2 MR. SCOTT: I know you don't. Ron  
3 Scott, Coalition Against Police Brutality. I  
4 want to say, you know, Commissioner Warfield, I  
5 want to say that you've done an excellent job  
6 this year. I want to say that you've been --

7 (APPLAUSE.)

8 MR. SCOTT: I want to say that you and  
9 the Commission have been one of the better groups  
10 of Commissioners that we've had and as a result  
11 of that you've stuck your neck out on the line,  
12 but you've also done it for the people both on  
13 behalf of the officers, command structure of the  
14 police department, as well as the citizens and I  
15 think we would be remiss if we passed and didn't  
16 say that about all of you. And I know even --  
17 all of you have had your personal issues, your  
18 personal tragedies, and you've worked beyond  
19 those to attempt to make democracy really work  
20 and I appreciate that.

21 The other thing is I want to say, we  
22 will help a brother out. I've been in  
23 broadcasting for about three or four decades and  
24 we do a show right after yours. Bernice does a  
25 show and so does Theo. And we will be willing to

1 form a little help --

2 CHAIRMAN WARFIELD: Appreciate that,  
3 thank you. God bless you. At this time, we will  
4 adjourn our meeting after Mother Smith says  
5 whatever she has to say.

6 MS. SMITH: Bernice Smith, political  
7 activist. I'm a little hoarse, but I couldn't  
8 sit there any longer. I will be delighted before  
9 I go to church Sunday to call and express my  
10 thoughts to you Sunday morning on 105 because I  
11 keep it on my station and other than 12 -- what  
12 is it -- oh, okay, I'll find you, don't worry  
13 about it.

14 But anyway, to you young man, you have  
15 a wonderful precinct here and to your staff, it  
16 is wonderful, wonderful.

17 (APPLAUSE.)

18 MS. SMITH: You can give the other  
19 precincts trouble, you know that. You can. But  
20 I want to tell you, beautiful decorations to this  
21 young lady and it's just been wonderful and a  
22 pleasure to be here at this particular station.

23 I understand that it's newly  
24 constructed -- opened. Well, I haven't been here  
25 before, so I wouldn't know. But anyway, I do

1 want to congratulate you and the help that you  
2 have and the lounge, the lounge downstairs, we  
3 got to tell the other precincts they better get a  
4 lounge too because they're going to be very upset  
5 when I go back and tell them they got a lounge  
6 over there on Grand River.

7 VOICE FROM THE AUDIENCE: A flat  
8 screen.

9 MS. SMITH: All, a screen too -- oh,  
10 Lord. All right, I don't know, they might ask  
11 where the money coming from now, I don't know  
12 now. You get me in trouble.

13 But to all of you, we will be  
14 broadcasting tomorrow morning after 11 o'clock on  
15 Angelo's show and I will make announcement about  
16 this particular meeting and what I've seen and  
17 heard tonight and in regards to the people coming  
18 out and expressing their thoughts.

19 And you my dear Warfield, you keep up  
20 the good work. It's been wonderful dealing with  
21 you and hopefully that you will continue to come  
22 back next year when I run for police  
23 commissioner.

24 CHAIRMAN WARFIELD: God bless you,  
25 ladies and gentlemen. Good night.

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