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12 DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMAND STAFF:
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1 Detroit, Michigan
2 Thursday, September 19, 2013
3 About 3:05 p.m.

4 SECRETARY ANTHONY: Good afternoon,
5 everyone. This is the scheduled meeting of the
6 Board of Police Commissioners, but because none
7 of the commissioners are available today this
8 will simply be an informational forum.

9 My name is George Anthony, I'm the
10 Executive Secretary to the Board of Police
11 Commissioners and I would just like to introduce
12 the staff who are present from the Board.

13 We have present Lt. Tim Leach who
14 represents the Office of the Chief Investigator;
15 our officer manager, Mr. Robert Brown. We also
16 have recording our proceedings Sgt. Alan Quinn
17 and Mr. Dale Rose from Hanson Court Reporting
18 Service.

19 I would also like to introduce Asst.
20 Chief Eric Ewing representing Chief Craig. Asst.
21 Chief, how are you today?

22 ASST. CHIEF EWING: Good, sir. How are
23 you?

24 SECRETARY ANTHONY: Because we don't
25 have any members present we cannot conduct

1 business so I would ask the Asst. Chief if he has
2 any comments he would like to make.

3 ASST. CHIEF EWING: Just very briefly,
4 we're still enjoying a reduction in violent crime
5 across the city. I think currently today we're
6 down -- we're currently down 20 plus homicides
7 year to date and somewhere in the area of eight
8 to 10 non-fatal shootings year to date, so we're
9 actually going in the right direction.

10 We're going to keep going with the
11 things we're doing right now. We feel that by
12 the end of the year we should come substantially
13 lower than we did the year before, so that's good
14 news.

15 SECRETARY ANTHONY: Thank you, Asst.
16 Chief. The next meeting for the Board of Police
17 Commissioners will be Thursday, September 26,
18 2013 at 3 PM here at the Detroit Public Safety
19 Headquarters, 1301 Third Avenue, 3rd Floor Media
20 Room, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

21 Now I would like to offer anyone in the
22 audience the opportunity to speak, oral
23 communications at this time. Anyone?

24 MS. PANNELL: Good afternoon, Sharon
25 Pannell. We're having quite a few break-ins over

1 in my area, Hartwell Schaefer to Central,
2 Plymouth to Joy Road up in there.

3 I talked to Insp. Hall over there at
4 2nd already though, but those young boys is back
5 out.

6 ASST. CHIEF EWING: Is she addressing
7 your concerns over there?

8 MS. PANSELL: She said she was, she
9 was going to take care of it, but I just wanted
10 to put it on record.

11 ASST. CHIEF EWING: I'm going to tell
12 you right now, Lt. Hall soon to be Captain is
13 very conscientious and she will take care of you.

14 MS. PANSELL: Okay, thank you.

15 SECRETARY ANTHONY: Thank you very
16 much. Any other comments?

17 MS. SMITH: Good afternoon, Bernice
18 Smith, political activist. Chief Ewing, isn't it
19 wonderful that you got your hours back, regular
20 hours, I'm so happy and delighted.

21 ASST. CHIEF EWING: I didn't get
22 regular hours back. I wasn't included in that.

23 MS. SMITH: But I'm glad we're doing a
24 part, so give my best to the Chief and tell him I
25 admire him for having the nerve to answer my

1 prayers along with the good Lord. Now next we
2 got to work on your medical.

3 Now what I really am serious about is I
4 spoke about it before you appeared. There is a
5 problem that I need to be solved. It's in regard
6 to a drug house that -- we suspect -- that's
7 across the street from my daughter's residence at
8 Beaverland. The address in question is 9592.
9 The reason why we suspected that now they're
10 dealing in drugs is because of the fact that we
11 see a lot of traffic going over there and plus
12 the fact that the ladies of the night, both
13 races, coming in and out of there early in the
14 morning when my daughter goes to work at the post
15 office.

16 And Tuesday night the incident happened
17 when she came home and her husband pulled in,
18 there was a car that was across the street. It
19 was a pickup truck, silver or gray color. He
20 went in the side door as usual and then when he
21 came back he went back in and he had a gun case,
22 a long rifle type of whatever, it was a case that
23 went in, so we surmised that he was paying --
24 didn't have enough money, so he had to go get
25 something to pay for it.

1 Then later on that night they heard the
2 dogs barking. My son's residence is two doors
3 from this particular residence and he works at
4 Ford at night and he goes in at 5 and he doesn't
5 get off until 6 in the morning. In the meantime
6 he has a beautiful pit bull in the back yard. He
7 was barking and my daughter's dog was barking
8 across the street.

9 And when my son-in-law went out to
10 investigate this particular truck, it wasn't on
11 Beaverland it was on the following street over,
12 Roumell I believe, and he was at -- he had a
13 ladder up at the post, the light post, so we
14 don't know whether he was trying to turn the
15 lights on or whatever the case may be, but that's
16 what they noticed that night and they called me
17 and I got the notes on that.

18 In the meantime, these are considered
19 squatters as far as the club is concerned, the
20 neighborhood club, and they're trying their best
21 to investigate and work and get it out because
22 they have been doing a marvelous job on several
23 other streets.

24 Now, these particular people came from
25 Parkway, they were squatters over there. They

1 were known to be squatters over there and so
2 automatically they moved to Beaverland.

3 So I just want help in regards to that
4 and hopefully that my daughter and her husband
5 would be safe and the rest of the neighbors there
6 in the neighborhood will be safe because they
7 know I am familiar with the police department and
8 that I come here every Thursday and report
9 various incidents.

10 ASST. CHIEF EWING: Did you give this
11 information to Lt. Hall?

12 MS. SMITH: All right, I certainly
13 will.

14 ASST. CHIEF EWING: No, did you
15 already?

16 MS. SMITH: Oh, no, no.

17 ASST. CHIEF EWING: You didn't?

18 MS. SMITH: This Hall?

19 ASST. CHIEF EWING: No, you just said
20 -- I'm sorry, I'm thinking previous. Did you
21 talk to the --

22 MS. SMITH: No one.

23 ASST. CHIEF EWING: We'll make sure
24 that this information will be given to Insp.
25 Brown and Interim Deputy Chief Fitzgerald to make

1 sure this gets taken care of.

2 MS. SMITH: Yeah because we need to put
3 a nip in the bud right quick. We don't need them
4 to feel as though they're comfortable over there.

5 And also through an investigation I
6 found out that the lights are on legal because I
7 have someone down there, they called and told me
8 and they said -- but they can't tell us the name.
9 So I leave that up to the police department to
10 find out the name of the utility people that they
11 have the name in, you know.

12 Thank you very much for listening.
13 Again, congratulations on your jobs that you're
14 doing that I read about and see on TV. I'm just
15 as proud of the police department as ever, but
16 you're going to be better I'm sure.

17 ASST. CHIEF EWING: Absolutely.

18 MS. SMITH: Especially when you get
19 your medical plan back together.

20 SECRETARY ANTHONY: Are there any
21 other?

22 MS. ROMANO: Anna Romano. Good
23 afternoon. I just want to tell anyone in the
24 department I'm sorry for your loss of Rodney
25 Jones, Hot Rod. It was a shock to all of us that

1 knew him and loved him and the community also and
2 I heard that the funeral is Monday at noon at
3 Greater Grace so I wanted to give my condolences
4 to the department and the family.

5 ASST. CHIEF EWING: And with that I
6 just want to say I had the opportunity to address
7 some of him comrades who works TEU which is our
8 Traffic Enforcement Unit and one thing I did tell
9 them, we always talk about how good the officer
10 was when he worked the Detroit Police Department,
11 but moreover than that I can honestly say that
12 not only did we lose a good police officer that
13 particular day, we lost a good person.

14 And everybody in his unit will tell you
15 that he was there for each and every one of those
16 officers there and that was a heartfelt loss for
17 them, so thank you very much.

18 SECRETARY ANTHONY: Is there anyone
19 else who would like to address or would like to
20 speak at this informational forum. Seeing none,
21 I will close this down and say thank you very
22 much for attending and we will see you next week.
23 Thank you very much.

24 (Proceedings concluded at
25 3:14 p.m.)

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